

STAMFORD & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Held at Barnhill Methodist Church, Stamford on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 7 pm

PRESENT: Nick Amies – Chair (NA)
Brian Lewis (BL)
Peter Burrows – Treasurer (PB)
Liz Cooke – Minute Taker (LC)
Meela O’Neill – PCSO (MO)
Inspector Gary Stewart (GS)
24+ NHW Co-ordinators

APOLOGIES: Sally Picker (SP)
Brian Kineally
Jean Gough
Vicky Dennis
Bill Anderson

- Minutes of last meeting November 2010 – None
Recap of what happened at last meeting.
Introduction of new committee
Thanks given to Don Mackenzie and Ann Johnson (AJ) for all their hard work on previous committee.
- Presentation to A J by Insp Gary Stewart of Certificate of thanks for all her work from The Chief Constable. AJ thanked previous chairman and helpers with the Newsletters.
- GS thanked people for attending and help from general public the police receive. (GS had to leave meeting at this point).
- NA told meeting of organisation changes - Loss of Community Safety post, SP now in new post; Support from police in future – will be at local level; After meeting at Nettleham on 9/2/11 support will be from Nettleham ie Gillian Fleet supported by Sharon Horne, also a police sgt will be involved. Insp GS has responsibility for Stamford and he has appointed MO as our single point of contact (SPOC).
 - Committee renamed Steering Group (SG) with NA as leader, no one else was interested in helping SG. Said in the future would need volunteers to take over.
 - Identification of active schemes – informed meeting of those identified so far and asked all present to complete list going round room.
- Treasurer’s report – PB gave details of bank account, balance is now £668.63. SP had mentioned at November 2010 meeting that Reg Burrell (RB) had some funds available for NHW from the Stamford Crime Prevention Panel (now defunct) and NA is in process of sorting this out with RB which will help pay for rooms for meetings.
- Communications – Newsletter has now ceased, long discussion about this.
MO will forward her mobile no. to Co-ordinators by email and also gave to people at meeting (07939997387).
Watchline/Ringmaster will continue for future, prefer people to have email if possible.
Neighbourhood Alert – has been used by Notts and now Lincs and Leics have bought it. Should be live in next 6 months.
Also new national NHW website –www.myneighbourhood has been replaced with www.ourwatch.org.uk. For those not on line it was suggested use the computers at Library.
- National crime mapping can be seen at www.police.uk – see local crimes in your local area. MO described what crimes are in each category.
- MO spoke of the Neighbourhood Panel/Forum - MO and her colleagues run a panel and open forum – no general public at last meeting. Next meeting 12.4.11 at Queen Eleanor School at 6.30 pm – 1st 30 minutes open to public for their input. 1 place on panel for NHW, meeting asked if anyone would like this place, no takers. NA will attend.
- MO said had not been involved with NHW before, was on a learning curve. Will always find out answers for anyone if does not know when asked. Is looking into number of non-sent messengers on Watchline. Discussed recent crimes. Said Debbie Bowen from Police Station hoping to set up Community Garden on Uffington Road allotments and would like people to be involved, can contact MO and she will pass details on.

- 0300 111 0300 is new non emergency contact number with police. Not many people seemed to know this. MO showed the latest monthly poster from police which will be around Stamford. NHW changes on it. Hoped to have open meeting at George Hotel in Conference Room on 13.4.11. at 7pm. Would be a speaker and refreshments would be supplied, NA asked co-ordinators to attend and talk to other members of public. MO left Home Contents log and other literature for people to take. It was suggested photos helpful in log.
- People were also reminded that to get incidents logged on Incident map need Incident number from police.
- Question asked about funding – hopefully this will be light in future. Also suggested perhaps an A4 sheet instead of newsletter – MO agreed could be combined as NHW and police particulars. No one prepared to take on doing Newsletter again.
- Discussion about sending information to people, especially Tallington and Uffington. Hopefully this will improve but people not on line will still have problems. If no response from people when new systems on line they will be taken off system. It was suggested the meeting at The George would be a good place for people to advise each other of how they operate their schemes.
- Next meeting – suggested within next 6 months when new communication system in progress. It was suggested the 3rd Wed of month would be a good time.
- Meeting closed at 8.19pm with NA thanking people for coming.