

STAMFORD & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Held at Barnhill Methodist Church, Stamford on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 7 pm

PRESENT: Nick Amies – Chair (NA)
Brian Lewis (BL)
Peter Burrows – Treasurer (PB)
Liz Cooke – Minute Taker (LC)
PC Tom Hocking (TH)
NHW Members - Derek Eagle (Forest Gardens), H Stewart (Welland Mews), Rosemary Fraser (Welland Mews), Sue Massingham (Caithness Road), Shirley Pullinger (Caithness Road), Lewis Clayton (All Saints St/St Peters Hill), Caroline Billinger (Berrybut Way), Marian Whiting (Armley Grove), Sue Richardson (Cliff Road), G Parsley (Barn Hill), Richard Barry (Barn Hill), Jim Snelline (Empingham Road), Ann & David Turner (Alexandra Road), Brian Kinealy (Foxdale).
Also - Brian Sumner (Town Councillor)

1. WELCOME by NA and introduction of Steering Group Members and PC Hocking (deputising for PCSO Meela O'Neill – injured).

2. APOLOGIES: Lynn Howells (Campion Grove Co-ordinator)

3. Minutes of last Meeting: Agreed

4. Matters Arising: NA had contacted Reg Burrell just before Christmas and NA read out an email from Reg setting out what he had done to get the money from Crime Prevention Panel account into the NHW account. Still outstanding. NA to follow up.

5. Lead Co-ordinator's Report NA detailed changes to NHW schemes – Tallington and Uffington were now looked after by Market Deeping team; Station Road has closed; one of the Caithness Road schemes does not appear to be going; Warrenne Keep and Somerby Close also closed. New scheme St Peter's Green and All Saints Street area – Lewis Clayton is co-ordinator. About 62 schemes operating in Stamford he thinks.

Lincs Alert is now live if people are on line. Asked that schemes are registered on it if on line and encouraged members to log on as well. Scheme can then be run by Co-ordinators on line. NA would be interested to hear people's opinions. Discussion of what goes out throughout county. A co-ordinator said it can be quite tedious sometimes filtering emails. Discussion about how people use it. All members registered appear to get Alerts. Reminded that households can get cheaper house insurance if registered in Scheme. 37 co-ordinators on line and 25 not. NA said it also gives access to national and county NHW sites. Also said police have said they will give training for NHW members and arrange for Steering Group to have access to put things on for ourselves. A date for this training has yet to be arranged.

NA said there had been 3 meetings of Steering Group since last meeting in March. He had attended 4 NH Policing Panel meetings (as ex officio representative for NHW). Reminded that next meeting is at Daniels Football Ground 3/4/12 at 6.30pm when anyone can go for 1st ½ hr and express any concerns to meeting, then Panel assess and assign 3 priorities for NH Policing Team.

NA had been to 2 County meetings: interesting to hear from other NHW schemes in county, some thriving, others in decline. The County Association in conjunction with Police HQ at Nettleham are putting together some information folders about running Schemes but these have been delayed. NA will arrange for collection of these when ready. NA said Police

hoped to have NHW Information Day at Nettleham on 22/4/12. NA had attended one and found it useful. Information will go out to Co-ordinators and if people want to go will try and organise car sharing and help with expenses.

A meeting by Police at George Hotel on 13/4/11 had not been well attended. Interesting presentation to those there on counter terrorism.

In May 2011 we received a generous donation from Stamford Striders of £220.

6. Treasurer's Report PB gave details of bank account – Expenditure £37, income £220 and balance in Bank on 1/1/12 was £874.63. Still waiting for Crime Prevention monies. Balance is not making any interest. Discussion about this, suggestion Premium Saving Bonds, but have to be in one person's name, PB not sure what position would be with Charity Commission as we are a registered charity.

7. The Future of Association Meeting asked if they wished to continue with it and general feeling was yes. NA said need 4 people for Steering Group. NA, BL and LC said as no takers they would do one more year, PB happy to continue as Treasurer.

It was suggested a name change from Stamford & District to Stamford Town but decided to stay same for time being because of Bank account. Police have 2 areas – Stamford Town and Stamford Area which would align us with Stamford Town.

NA said as we have lost a few schemes and Stamford has got bigger, need to recruit new schemes but needs to be done with NH Policing Team and asked TH to take message to Meela O'Neil (who hopefully returns to work shortly) that we would like to expand.

NA suggested another meeting in 6 months time and it was agreed to have one on Wednesday 20th June 2012 at 7pm at Barn Hill Church again if room available.

8. Publicity Material NA told meeting window stickers now provided by Towergate Insurance, Kettering. He had details of address/email address for people to take down at end of meeting so could contact and get for the areas if needed.

9. Police Briefing TH said non emergency contact number is now 101 (a national number). Local crime – antisocial behaviour, criminal damage in west of town when people seemed to leave vicinity of Danish Invader public house. Told people not to leave car engines running on drive in cold weather as insurance will not pay up if stolen. Youths drinking – congregating at MacDonalds and Bath Row favourite places. Discussion about scrap metal men, asked that vehicle numbers are still forwarded to police. They must have Waste Carriers Licence and police will check them out.

10. Any Other Business NA advised meeting that he had electronically copied all previous newsletters and Minutes. Asked if any person would like a copy on disc for their personal use or paper copies of the same. As there were no takers NA said redundant paper work would be re-cycled.

11. Date of next Meeting for NHW co-ordinators was agreed as Wednesday 20th June 2012. Meeting to take place at 7pm. BL to arrange for the hire of the room at Barnhill.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.