

**STAMFORD & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

Held at Barn Hill Methodist Church, Stamford on 26th February 2014

PRESENT: Nick Amies – Chair (NA)
Brian Lewis (BL)
Peter Burrows – Treasurer (PB)
Liz Cooke – Minute Taker (LC)
Kirsty Taylor PCSO (KT)
Inspector Burnett

Co-ordinators: Lewis Clayton (All Saints St/St Peters Hill), Marian Whiting (Arnley Grove/Woodhead Close), Mrs S Massingham (Caithness Road), Mrs S Pullinger (Caithness Road), Bill Anderson (Adelaide Street), Ann Johnson (Barnack Road), Derek Bell (Luffenham Close), Caroline Billinger (Berrybut Way), Sue Richardson (Cliff Road), Geoff Lidbetter (Deputy for Vence Close), Richard Berry (Barn Hill).

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – NA welcomed everyone, introduced the Steering Group Members, Kirsty Taylor PCSO standing in for David Vines, and Inspector Burnett. He also explained the reason for the meeting (NA and LC were standing down).

2. **Apologies** – Mike Turner (Foxglove Road), Peter Dykes (Argyll Way) and Brenda Brown (Peterhouse Close).

3. **Minutes** of the last meeting on 22.01.14. had been distributed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

There had been an error in the email address for Gillian Fleet for window stickers which should be nhw@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Debbie Robinson's presentation re Home Fire Safety – as no phone number on the referral form she had sent a number of cards to NA with the phone number on them 01522 582222 (Team number).

The funds from the old Crime Prevention Panel account still not received.

5. **Future of Association** - at the AGM in 2012 a Constitution for Stamford had been agreed which set out how many members of the Steering Committee there should be, therefore nominations sought for Lead Coordinator and also for Secretary. Derek Bell (Luffenham Close) was nominated by Bill Anderson and seconded by Marion Whiting for the Lead position and was unanimously voted in. Bill Anderson (Adelaide Street) was nominated by Geoff Lidbetter and seconded by Caroline Billinger and unanimously voted in as Secretary. PB and BL were staying on Committee as Treasurer and fourth member respectively. The future of the Association was assured.

6. **Police Briefing** – Inspector Burnett said 2 main things happening at moment (a) theft from vehicles (most were unsecured) of satnavs, etc. said to remind neighbours not to leave anything on display, and (b) burglaries – seem to be getting in at back of houses and when people away. Suggestion - get neighbours to draw curtains at night and to leave lights on timers. Said there is a vehicle recognition programme and if people see any suspicious vehicles to take numbers and contact police. Said crime in Stamford is up slightly but down in rest of area.

Inspector Burnett thanked Co-ordinators for all they do to help police and also thanked NA and LC for all their work over the last 3 years for the Association.

KT in reply to questions re burglaries said they seemed to happen in some cases between 4.30 pm and 8.30 pm so asked people to be alert especially at these times. Also said car fobs are helping car break-ins as some people think they have locked car but fob did not work. Use them near cars.

NA thanked his fellow members of Steering Group for their work over the last 3 years, and Marian Whiting thanked them on behalf of Co-ordinators, especially NA and LC.

Meeting closed at 7.18pm.