

Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Neighbourhood Panel Meeting.

Venue: Conference Room, Hurstpierpoint Village Centre.

19th April 2018.

Present:

Tony Lank, (PC) Joel Havicon, (PCSO), karen Iles (PCSO) Patrick Haworth. David Roots, Jeff Bagley, Alan Vandersluis, George Hill, Annette Squire, Trevor Evans, Hazel Lane, Terri Cave.

Apologies. – Amanda Rankin, Soma Mukherjee, Ben and Barbara Awcock, Mike Cheetham, Stephen Paul.

The meeting was opened by Mr Patrick Haworth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

Mr Haworth informed the meeting that a new Service Level Agreement [SLA] with West Sussex Police was in the process of being finalised and is currently sitting with the Chief Constable Giles York, awaiting to be signed off.

Mr Haworth also advised that new Neighbourhood Watch [NHW] signs were on order which will be displayed in various parts of the village.

Joel Havicon [PCSO] informed the meeting that hopefully we were receiving more messages from the police relating to local incidents. The police have allocated three officers from the Mid Sussex prevention team to this task with their areas covering Mid Sussex and Crawly,

He also advised the meeting that Katy Bourne [Police and Crime Commissioner] for Sussex, has allocated more funds and staff to improve the efficiency of the non-emergency [101] incident reporting number.

The NHW website was encouraging the sharing of alerts. It was agreed that local coordinators would share the information that was relevant to their areas.

Joel advised on the local crime data [please see attached]. The meeting asked Joel on any update on the recent knife attacks in the village. Joel informed the meeting that due to lack of conclusive evidence including many hours of trawling through CCTV footage and extensive local policing, the case[s] have been closed.

Joel reported on the recent damage done to vehicles and property on the suspected use of catapults, they are following leads but once again information coming from the public is limited and inconclusive.

Joel was asked that if you had a private CCTV on your property are you obliged to have a sign stating that a CCTV was in operation on your property. The short answer was yes, you do need to have a notice informing the public that a recording is taking place. You should also inform

your neighbours that you are recording. More information can be found on www.gov.uk. Use of domestic CCTV. In reality it was acknowledged that this doesn't always happen.

Joel reminded the meeting that it was important that all incidents are reported as soon as practicable by either telephoning the non-emergency number of 101 extension 535266, unless of course it is an emergency then ring 999. Incidents can also be reported on-line but to be mindful that the website is not manned 24/7 and this may cause a delay in the incident being brought to the attention of the officers on the ground, However, the address is:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/>

Mr Lank addressed some issues of concern relating to road traffic problems currently being experienced in the village. Operation Crackdown can be used by the public to report occurrences on parking issues or anti-social driving, it will take you about 5 minutes and you will need the following information, car registration make and colour, details of location of the parking issue or anti-social driving, there is an on-line map to assist pin point the exact location. You can report these incidents on www.operationcrackdown.org

Mr Lank informed the meeting that the Parish Council are in consultation with West Sussex Highways Agency discussing the implantation of double yellow lines in some areas of the village. The issue of Traffic Regulations Orders [TRO] was being discussed, where one TRO could be in place and in effect cover more than one road in the village trouble spots as has been previously reported, please see priority 1 on the table below.

Speeding in the village and Sayers Common was discussed. Mr Bagley raised concerns of problems of speeding traffic coinciding with the school bus pick up and drop off times in Sayers Common. Mr Lank suggested that a Speed Indicator Device [SID] could be installed at these problem points, although not an out and out deterrent but these devices do provide important and informative data to the users. Mr Lank said he would contact Mr Richard Speller , Area Manager of West Sussex Highways and discuss the problem. The setting up of a resident speed watch was discussed, which could be linked to a community speed watch website. The speed watch team would consist of groups of three volunteers from the community. These groups would receive police training on the use of the equipment and on how to report repeat offenders, this could also be linked to operation crackdown. Mr Bagley said he would liaise with the police and a local resident who has knowledge of the systems reporting procedures.

The existing Priorities for NHW were discussed and a new priority was agreed upon, please see the table on the next page.

/Table of Priorities:

It was agreed to continue with the previous priorities pending another meeting with Joel in attendance.

PRIORITY 1.	Nuisance vehicles as above, Western Road with Cuckfield Rd & Nursery Close, Cuckfield Rd itself, junction of Hassocks Road and Highfield Drive. Hurst Rd. College Lane /Wickham Hill Outside Clive Millers shop..	Responsible for action. PCSO Joel Havicon.
Action 1.	Patrols of these areas for nuisance or inconsiderate parking	PCSO Joel Havicon.
Action 2.	Notice or leaflets to be left on vehicles parked within 10 metres of junctions to advise/educate drivers.	PCSO Joel Havicon.
Action 3.	Speed Watch. To set up a speed watch team, train and put into operation.	Jeff Bagley
PRIORITY 2.	Promote Neighbourhood Watch.	Responsible for action.
Action 1.	Continue to promote NHW and encourage new schemes via social media	David Roots/Amanda Rankin.
Action 2.	Raise awareness of NHW and recruit new coordinators. Arrange for the supply of NHW street signs.	Patrick Haworth.
Action 3.	Vigilance on Anti Social Behaviour and promote reporting	PCSO Joel Havicon and NHW team.

The meeting closed with the next meeting being on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 1845

David Roots.

24 April 2018.

