

## **Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st August 2018**

**Present:** Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Dan Glading, Norman Taylor, David Allan, Lorraine Allan, Ben Gibbons, Anthony McQuiggan.

**1. Apologies:** Bob Hendrie, Bob Clarke, Gill Smith, Stephanie Scott, Jenny Chandler, David Stevenson.

### **Special meeting to discuss the future of the NAP**

This meeting had been called in response to AM's earlier request to discuss the present/future role of the NAP, given the changing circumstances since NAPs were first introduced at the instigation of the police.

RB had circulated some notes with his thoughts on the subject and spoke to these; he felt changes were needed. BC had also emailed his thoughts, indicating that he felt NAP meetings were still valuable as a discussion group amongst interested parties.

This led to discussion on the topic of police presence at meetings. Although they have a policy of no longer attending any NAP or Parish Council meetings, they do sometimes attend Neighbourhood Watch meetings and the GBENA has had regular contact with the police. It is hoped that when the two community special constables that the Parish Council have agreed to fund are in post, we will have contact with them and be able to communicate information, including areas we feel it is important they should cover. However, CS reported that the police are making slow progress with the formalities of recruitment.

#### Points raised included:

1. Are we having any effect? People now communicate in new ways with the police, e.g. by social media or via Neighbourhood Watch.
2. Do we have the ability to put intelligence together? Could we process the information we get from the police in order to identify problem areas and feed back information from the community?
3. Input from the YMCA's work with young people up to 18 is valuable for early intervention, but there are more problems with influencing the 18+ age group.
4. Input from more groups, with the right people engaging, would enable building up a fuller picture of the community and its problems; for example, CHP, other councillors, schools (particularly secondary schools) and representatives of sports groups. We need wider community involvement of other partners.
5. We could play a role in encouraging people to report more incidents/problems to the police.
6. Our focus should be on how to achieve less crime and a better community.
7. Purse snatching is currently rife in The Vineyards. There was discussion about the possibility of putting up posters warning about this and other issues that might arise, without worrying people to the extent that they stopped coming to

The Vineyards. However, DA warned that some of the shops were unwilling to display such notices.

8. DA said a lot of information could be gained by having someone going round the shops and talking to owners.

9. Do we have a role to put forward initiatives, for example in education about crime prevention in cooperation with organisations such as Age UK?

### Discussion of aims

Suggestions for overall aims included:

- Trying to reduce crime
- Increasing community safety
- Identifying trouble spots.

When we have reached agreement on aims and role, we should involve other agencies.

AM felt we needed achievable goals and needed to decide whether we are 'doers' or facilitators.

### Agreed actions

1. The next meeting would be in a slightly different format, possibly less structured, and other bodies would be encouraged to resume attending (such as CHP, Age UK, Spencer Clarke).

2. Members to email RB with notes of organisations/people they think he should communicate with about attending meetings and participating. He will collate these and report back.

3. RB wishes to resign as chairman, but would continue with admin matters such as checking dates and booking rooms.

4. We should consider LA's suggestion of having an increased number of smaller meetings of relevant people for particular subjects.

### **9. Date of next meeting**

7.30 pm, Wednesday 26 September 2018.

CS 4.8.18