

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6th March 2019

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Gill Smith, Bob Villa, Anthony McQuiggan, David Stevenson, Dan Glading, Norman Taylor, David Allan, Lorraine Allan, Sarah Daniels, Bob Hendrie.

1. Apologies: Bob Clarke, Stephanie Scott, Liz Ahmed, Trevor Miller, Maureen Miller.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes of the last meeting (5 December 2018) were agreed.

LA had received a reply from Gerry Parker in response to an email, in which she tried to clarify things said by the police officers at the last meeting. There is apparently some confusion about reporting antisocial behaviour, whereby it seems that if you do so more than once about the same person, you appear to become the perpetrator; this was denied by Gerry Parker.

Active Citizens: we had received no further information from the police, and so it was agreed we would take information from the police website to include in the June issue of the Great Baddow Times. The initiative itself could be discussed at the next NAP meeting, although it was noted that we are already having difficulties recruiting any special constables for Great Baddow, despite the Parish Council agreeing to fund their expenses.

3. Youth Café

SD reported that the youth club was still going really well, with 35 young people regularly attending the 10-13 sessions and 7-15 attending the 13-17 sessions weekly. Sessions included discussions on gangs, keeping safe, child sexual exploitation and knife crime. There are a few young people aged 14-16 who are connected to gangs and who turn up briefly every few weeks. They do now have respect for youth workers, although they did not originally, but cannot be seen to be too involved with them. Some previous gang members attend and are able to talk to other young people from their experience. Young people from the younger age group are very confident talking to youth workers, which is promising.

4. Speedwatch

RB had been contacted by Mary Whiley, the coordinator for Speedwatch, giving all the criteria (*see details attached*).

A minimum of 10 volunteers is necessary, with a commitment to a certain number of hours a week for the group. NT said that Galleywood currently has more than 10 and they devise their own programme of activity. DA reported that we have 6 volunteers so far and that we will continue with publicity, for example in the next issue of the Great Baddow Times. It was noted that Speedwatch in Galleywood was organised by Neighbourhood Watch.

5. Meadgate Drug Dealing & Local Police Related Problems

DA reported that there had been two arrests in Meadgate the previous day. BH reported that some drug dealing was still ongoing and DA said there were reports of dealing in Whitehouse Crescent. Police were also attending Readers Court the evening of the meeting. DS said there was no blatant dealing in Barnard Road at present and AM confirmed that it was now rare to find vehicles dealing there.

Some thefts are still occurring in The Vineyards.

BH noted that his doorbell that senses movement in his drive was catching people walking past. While he was adjusting it, it caught two drug dealers!

NT reported that there has been a large increase in use of stop and search in Galleywood since last October, with findings including drugs and a few knives.

AS commented on the recent slight increase in police numbers, but DA pointed out that so far this did not result in many extra per shift. More are being recruited.

GS reported that she, Liz Ahmed and Stephanie Scott had met Gerry Parker in November and they are in regular contact.

CS reported on her recent experience of reporting an incident online. She received an almost immediate email and text message in response asking for more details and when dialling 101 to discuss this, the phone had been answered within a couple of minutes.

9. Date of next meeting

29th May 2019.

CS 11.3.19

Annexe – Speedwatch criteria

(Supplied by Mary Whiley, Community Speedwatch Coordinator)

Criteria for new groups:-

- Number of volunteers required : Minimum of ten, ideally more, as we recommend that monitoring takes place in groups of three.
- Commitment of volunteers : There are no restrictions and we ask volunteers to do whatever they feel comfortable with. Each group works their own rota depending on availability of volunteers.
- Coordinator : Each group will need a dedicated person to coordinate them. This person will be responsible for the equipment, the volunteers and ensuring log sheets are completed and returned to the police for processing.
- Sites : Ideally there should be a minimum of two sites within the community. These should be in a 30mph or 40mph zone. They must be evaluated and approved as being suitable for CSW activities. Sites must be visible, consideration must be given to the safety of volunteers and motorists when choosing sites. There must be a safe place to stand off the road which does not obstruct any pedestrian right of way. If there are no pavements you may be able to use a village green or wide verge. Access to that site must be safe, do not expect volunteers to walk along the road or put themselves at risk at any time. Where can volunteers park if they have to drive to the site? You don't want them parked

in the line of vision? Signage needs to be placed approximately 100 meters in each direction and in a suitable location.

- Equipment : We can loan a device subject to funding where groups fulfil the criteria (we do however, currently have a waitlist). Hi-Vis jackets, signs and training will be provided.

- Monitoring : We would expect a minimum of two hours monitoring a week whenever possible.

This can take place at any time during day light hours and subject to weather conditions. Volunteer safety is paramount and we ask you not to carry out monitoring during poor visibility or slippery road conditions.

- Objectives of CSW : To educate road users to speed restrictions and the effect that their speeding is having on local communities. All offenders recorded by CSW are processed by Essex Police and the car details are checked on the police system. A letter is sent for the first offence and second offence and on the third instance they are added to a tasking list to be dealt with by Essex Police Casualty Reduction department. Information provided may also be used for police intelligence.