

Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council.  
Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at 8.10pm in The Victory Room, Bucklebury Village.

Present: Mr. B. Dickens(Chairman); Mr. P. Brook; Mr. T. Banks; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. A. Stott; Mr. T. Slatford; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mrs. P. W. Frankum; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mrs. H. Carins; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Apologies: Mr. A. Dunkerton.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

Items from Neighbourhood Policing meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

- P1. Tell people to remove anything which may become ammunition.  
It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to ensure that any items which may be used as ammunition for anti-social behaviour are removed e.g. apples. There is an increase in the number of cases of anti-social behaviour on the nights preceding the early morning refuse collection. All
- P2. Distribute cards to all houses in the parish with details of numbers to call.  
There is some concern that a significant number of parishioners are unaware of the police non-emergency number. It was agreed that posters would be put up in prominent places throughout the parish encouraging people to call the non-emergency number with any information they may have.  
There was discussion about the possibility of distributing stickers with the non-emergency number to all dwellings in the parish and to have stickers available in the pubs and shops. An initial budge of £65 was agreed for this. BPC
- P3. Approach parents of suspects and ask if they have any information.  
The Police will be knocking at doors throughout Upper Bucklebury and encouraging people to pass on any information they may have to them. Police
- P4. Investigate possibility of using cameras.  
There are issues with using CCTV evidence when it is taken on public rights of way. These need to be further explored. There is CCTV in several places in Upper Bucklebury.
- P5. Encourage more Neighbourhood Watch Groups.  
A number of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators have come forwards since the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The associated Neighbourhood Watch groups are in the process of being set up and the majority of the parish is now covered.  
Information about the different groups needs to be advertised as widely as possible.
- P6. Letter from Sovereign Housing to their residents.  
Sovereign Housing are understood to have agreed to write a letter to all of their residents which explain clearly the terms of their tenancy should one of their residents be found to be involved in antisocial behaviour. Sovereign Housing
- P7. Report any incident however small.  
It is important that whatever information residents may have is reported, this cannot be encouraged enough. All
- P8. Review actions at BPC meeting.  
BPC will monitor the situation and obtain regular updates from the police.

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P9. Arrange for follow up meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

A follow up meeting has been organised for 7pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in The Oak Room at the Memorial Hall.

P10. Form a Bucklebury group to monitor progress.

It was agreed that a working group of BPC be formed to progress any actions and to liaise with the police and any other external bodies. It was agreed that Mr. Slatford and Mr. Dunkerton should be in the group. Parishioners who are interested in moving things forward would also be asked to join the group. It was proposed by Mr. Dickens that Mrs. Pratt the Clerk; this was seconded by Mr. Banks and unanimously agreed.

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P11. Update from the Neighbourhood Police Team.

Sergeant Paula Morgan forwarded a report in advance of the meeting of visits made to Bucklebury since the initial meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> October.

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, victims of crime were visited and officers knocked on the door of many houses in Upper Bucklebury, posted letters and where possible spoke with residents.

On both the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, shift officers in plain clothes conducted patrols until 4am.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, 6 officers conducted a mixture of high visibility patrols and plain clothes patrols on foot and in vehicles from 6pm until 4am. Stop check were made, but no offences were disclosed.

On 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> shift patrols were in the area. They made one arrest for theft from a motor vehicle after a group of four were searched. Extra resources are planned for the pre-Halloween weekend of 26 to the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Four local residents have put themselves forward as neighbourhood watch co-ordinators. PCSO Sarah Preston is in the process of issuing information packs and visiting each of them.

Since the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October the following crimes have been reported:

- Four criminal damages overnight on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October all caused by stones and rocks.
- One criminal damage overnight on the 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October to a gate at the entrance to a byway (not in the same pattern as the others) 4x4 tracks at the scene.
- On the 18<sup>th</sup> another incidence of criminal damage was reported but there is some question as to when exactly this occurred as the aggrieved was away.

P12. Round Table Comments.

There was a suggestion to put up a reward for information. The Clerk commented that she wasn't sure Parish Councils have the power to do this.

There was some discussion about the use of CCTV and whether if the CCTV cameras are put up by BPC any evidence they gather can be used.

It was suggested that the update from the Neighbourhood Police team should be distributed as widely as possible either to the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators or the web site or both.

There was a general encouragement for people to cast their votes for the Police Commissioner.

The meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

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