

# Calne Community Safety Forum

## Draft minutes of meeting Wednesday 20th November 2019

**1. Apologies:-** Karen Boswell, Alexa Davies, Gordon Alexander, Matt Perrott, Craig Player, Jonathan Stiddard, Stephen Carroll, Gary Jones, Diane Gooch (Dementia Action Champion Alliance), Howard Marshall, Maggie Mitchell (Calne Lions), Frank Rumble.

**Attendees:-** Cllr Glenis Ansell (CCSF Chair), Tamzyn Long (CCSF Secretary), Roger Appleby (Resident), Mike Brandwood (Neighborhood Watch), Shirley Harper-ONEILL, David Evans (Cherhill Parish Council for introducing Neighbourhood Watch in Cherhill), Cllr Ross Henning, Kevin O'Daly (Calne BR Royal British Legion), Les Long (Calne Lions), PCSO Abbie Osbourne, PC Kye Thompson.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting held 20th November 2019 as circulated**

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2019 were noted.

### **3. Matters Arising/Updates**

#### **“Safe Places”:**

Waiting for “Ice Cards” (contact Geraldine Bentley)

Get in touch with Public Health Specialist Richard Francis.

Can see the scheme is working as school girls went to a safe place and reported a man in town seemingly taking photos of them, police were called. It turned out to be innocent.

#### **Lorrywatch**

Glenis to message Lauren Clark to see if there is gap for us to join.

#### **Hedges and verges**

No Update from Matt Perrott

#### **CCTV**

Update via email (copied and pasted) from Gordon Alexander, CCTV Manager

- Vehicle watch, we have had 3 vehicles that have gone through the narrow part of Curzon street, Wood street. And vehicle registrations and companies logo have been taken down and logged.

- We now have a 360', 24 hour recording capability at Sainsbury's covering the Phippen and Sainsbury's entrance, this is 4 cameras 3 of which are fixed to cover key areas.

- The trial of the Remote deployable camera has been successful and we are in the process of mounting the camera on too various types of mount to facilitate different types of environment.

#### **Footpath**

Roger updated on various points.

(see extra information from the meeting with the school attached in this email)

- CCSF have started putting things in place.
- Most of the path is dangerous.

- The diversion for footpath is in place.
- Work needs to be done within a year.
- Negotiated new path with Bowood Estate Manager.
- Concerns about it going through wooded area
- New path is in open land, could possibly become a cycle route
- Safe route for school children.
- Needs a new bridge, field can be in danger of flooding.
- Field is in bad condition.
- Ross to send Lord Shelbourne a letter
- Invite Marcus Lee to CCSF
- Mike Cook is very helpful
- Highway Authority have a responsibility for the path.

### **Calne Emergency Plan**

- Been published in Calne Connection.
- Living document is constantly updated.

## **4. Emergency Services**

### **Ambulance and Calne First Responders**

Update from Garry Jones via email

- It's been a busy month with a complete mix of calls.
- 2 new recruits undergoing training.
- A big thanks to Thomas's garage for doing the winter service on the responder car for free.

### **Calne Fire station**

- No update.

### **Calne Police Area**

Update from PSCO Abbie Osbourne and PC Kye Thompson

- Closure of the current Poilce station 6th Jan 2020.
- New temporary base at Calne Leisure Centre
- It will be manned as much as possible.
- Ross commented: It would be good to have the times they will be there.
- There are 3 PCSOs in Calne
- You can contact them via email
- They have a space in Chippenham Police station for anything that would need to be locked up. Knives etc.
- Les suggested Colmans Farm for a more permanent base.
- Glenis to send concerns to Mark Luffman
- CARP reported a man living rough and dealing drugs in Castle Walk, police are dealing with it.
- A man from Calne has been jailed for 4 years.

### **Street Pastors**

- In progress

## **5. Neighborhood Watch**

- Calne watch now has 3 members
- Everyone needs to join the Community Messaging.

- Colmans Farm Group growing.
- Lorrays taking a route through Abberd Way is dangerous.
- When is link road going to happen?

**Report From Maggie** (copied and pasted from email)

During the two weeks in October when we had non stop rain, Persimmon in their idiotic wisdom, decided to pump water from the enormous pond, constructed to take water from the houses being built on the fields, into Abberd Brook! I and my neighbour actually witnessed the pumping sessions.

I understand from Ian Thorne that they are permitted to do this at times when the Brook is low. However, when doing this on one very wet Sunday the Brook almost burst its bank not far from the bridge close Wyvern Avenue. This is a potentially dangerous situation and could have a knock on effect to residents insurances, if this practice is allowed to continue.

In fact, a resident in Heron Close, whose garden backs on to the Brook recently lost a house sale due to the purchasers being unable to obtain insurance for flood reasons.

**Reponse from Ian Thorn** (*Glenis sent him a message*)

*To follow up (copied and pasted from email). I have written to Persimmon (the only way to get an answer) regarding the pumping of water from the pond.*

*I did speak to a developer, unrelated to the Persimmon site, who said that it was sometimes necessary to pump during high water levels to avoid water rising into nearby gardens if the water table is high. I have no idea if this was the case here.*

*Will come back when I hear from Persimmon.*

**Reponse from Andy Baulf** (*copied and pasted from email*)

*Reference your email, Clr. Ian Thorn, Clr. Glenis Ansell, Tamzyn Long & Maggie*

*I feel that all residents of Wyvern Ave., Brook Way, and Heron Close should refer to the Environment Agency flood plain map which outlines the areas where we all live as susceptible to flooding. This is not to say that it will flood but this is the guide lines that most insurance companies refer. For example, NFU will not touch us, I have tried three times and they just don't get back with a quote. Direct line do but are costly, the Co-op are good and I have cover for buildings & contents for under £200... But...in the event of a flood, this area will be uninsurable. We might get a payout once but you can forget it there after. Frank's threatening letter to W.C. on legal action if this area flooded would need to be a concerted joint effort by all of us would be possibly very costly.*

*This brings us to the retention pond pumping by Persimmon that Maggie reported. I believe this happened when they were carrying out maintenance and should not be a regular occurrence. You may probably have noticed that retention ponds are a feature of all the new housing estates around Calne. There are pros & cons for these ponds but they are there to act as immediate reservoirs in the event of a deluge, as happened on 21st, Dec. 2013, a prolonged downfall is another matter as the retention pond will only retain till they are full. Note: I have a full set of photographs of the 2013 deluge showing the level in the brook from the town centre to our house.*

## **6. CIL, S106 and Calne Community Area Board matters**

- Need to speak to BART (Bristol Rivers Avon Trust) about flooding of the Brook and rivers.
- Link road from Calne to Chippenham could stop some extra traffic.

## **7. Highways - condition of roads and pavements**

Issue of the New development at Derry Hill/Studley

- 50mph is too high for a busy road and when there is a crossing
- Should be 40mph.
- Cat G - Ross to write to Chairman.
- Write to Derryhill Parish Council.
- Diversions on Lyneham roads causing long delays
- Buses having problems on the small roads.

David Evans, commented.

- London Road, rain water drains are very deep and can cause damage to car tyres.
- He has reported to Wiltshire Council as his car was damaged.

## **8. Next meeting – Wednesday 15th January, Harris Room, Calne Library 9.30am**

## **9. Dates of meeting for 2019-20**

15th January 2020

18th March 2020

## **10. Other Business**

Things that were discussed at the end

- Police records from Mark Cook
- Les Long - From Calne Lions to help fund a defibrillator.
- Where can a defibrillator be put in town?
- Moving forward we need to get more defibrillators spread around town.