

# Calne Community Safety Forum

## Draft minutes of meeting Wednesday 15th January 2020

**1. Apologies:-** Frank Rumble, Kevin O'Daly (Calne BR Royal British Legion), Katie Brown (Local Area Coordinator) Alexa Davies, Matt Perrott, Craig Player, Jonathan Stiddard, Diane Gooch (Dementia Action Champion Alliance), Mark Edwards (CTC)

**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, Steve Carroll (Police), Mark Cook (Police), Howard Marshall (Town Council), Maggie Mitchell (Calne Lions), Karen Boswell (CARP), Kim Street (Community and Business Support Officer, CTC), Gordon Alexander (RBL & CCTV), Garry Jones (Community First Responders)

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting held 15th January 2020 as circulated

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 were noted.

### 3. Matters Arising/Updates

#### “Safe Places”:

Presentation is ready to take to the Town Council and Area Board for the relaunch of Safe Places. Re-state all the Safe Places within the town.

#### Lorrywatch

In progress, awaiting our slot!

#### Hedges and verges

- 105 North Street. Hedge is in desperate need of cutting back, its blocking the path, making it dangerous for pedestrians, especially people in wheelchairs.
- Brook Way and Wessex Close, hedge need cutting back cannot see the street signs.
- Karen advised we all need to use the Wiltshire App to report problems.
- Ross commented could the Parish steward help?
- Glenis to report to Council.
- Shirley commented the new street calming that has been put in at the bottom of Victoria Terrace is great, but people keep parking on the double yellow lines which causes problems.

#### CCTV

Welcome to Gordon, The new CCTV Manager.

- See attached Report from Gordon.
- They have 26 volunteers and footage is saved for 28 days.
- Need to get more shops onboard with 'Shop Watch', Need to launch an initiative.
- Do a flyer to advertise. Police will deliver and Gordon will train up.

## **Footpath**

Roger updated on various points.

- More meetings are required to finalise position of the footpath.
- It is a very important issue to ensure safety for the school children
- Ross will chase next time he is in County Hall
- Money is reserved for the project.
- Pressure needs to be applied.
- Possibly contact the press.

## **4. Emergency Services**

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

Update from Garry Jones

- They were very busy over the Christmas period.
- They had to help support Melksham and Chippenham as they don't have a 24hr service
- They are only supposed to respond to Cat 3 and 4 calls but were called out to Cat 1 and 2 calls over the busy period
- Police thanked Garry for helping a man who had a stroke.
- They were called to a lady who had fallen from her wheelchair in town.
- Karen mentioned that the Council should regularly post up dates of where the defibs are placed around the town.
- Also if you call 999 the emergency services will let you know where the defibs are.

### **Calne Fire station**

- No update.

### **Calne Police Area**

Update from Steve Carroll and Mark Cook

- There has been lots going on, very busy over the Christmas period.
- Ongoing case concerning Class A drugs.
- Arrested a male driving at speed, also for drink and drugs, has been released under investigation.
- Bognor House, has been involved 'Cuckooing' (where drug dealers take over the homes of vulnerable people in exchange for free drugs.) £1000 drugs were found. Closure order has been put in place.
- Theives stole bikes worth £800 from Manor Farm, ongoing investigation.
- 2 Men arrested in Abberd Way, suspicious car, they were drug swiped, arrested for drink and drugs, Vehicle searched, over £1000 drugs were found.
- Repeat offenders, bank accounts can be frozen.
- Castlefields - Three homeless people have been living there.
- Police are patrolling the area.
- They urge everyone to report any suspicious behavior, recording number plates, youths etc.

Everyone at the meeting agreed that the Police need premises where it is private.

Ross commented that at the Police and Crime Panel, the point of premises will be made.

## **Street Pastors**

- In progress

## **5. Neighborhood Watch**

Update form Mike Brandwood

- Everyone needs to join Town Watch. Only 3 members.
- In the process of doing a Self Assessment
- Still pushing community messaging.
- David Evans invited Mike to their first NW meeting in Cherhill
- NW next meeting 19th March 7.45pm, Colmans Farm

Response to previous question from Maggie regarding the Abberd Brook Flooding- Minutes dated Wednesday 20th November 2019

*Response from Mark Edwards, Head of Business, Calne Town Council*

*"I have just discussed with our construction team and groundworks contractor who have confirmed we currently only have one pump on site which is only being used to dewater the excavation around the construction of the new culvert across the Abberd Brook. - This pump was used very briefly this morning to remove the rainfall that fell over the weekend to enable works to continue within the excavation area.*

*All works associated to the attenuation ponds are now complete in line with the approved SW strategy and flowing as proposed. There is therefore no need for us to pump out excess water from the pond. "*

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

- No update

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

- Heron Close pavements are in bad state.
- Finamore Gardens, drains and paths in bad state.
- Maggie mentioned the yellow lines down Abberd Way need redoing. Police say they will all be done around town at the same time. Other areas are in need too.
- London Road Drain is bad.
- Matt Perrott to look into all the roads.
- Ross urges people to use the My Wiltshire App to report. Once it is reported it has to be fixed.

Responses to previous questions - Issue of the New development at Derry Hill/ Studley - Studley Cross Roads - Minutes dated Wednesday 20th November 2019

*Response, Mark Stansby Senior Traffic Engineer, Highways to Cllr Ross Henning. I am sorry for the delay with this update.*

*As I previously stated, whilst I am assigned as the Traffic Officer for the Calne CATG, this role does not cover direct involvement with Developer-lead schemes which are handled by our Highways Development Control (HDC) team. I have made enquiries with them about this and also discussed matters with my immediate colleagues.*

*Notwithstanding the development of the garden centre site, there has been little change directly affecting the A4 route. The location remains rural in nature with no additional vehicular accesses being introduced onto the A4 and all of the new*

*properties set back from the highway behind an established boundary fence, with sight-lines maintained to the required standard.*

*The setting of speed limits is covered by the Department for Transport Circular 01/13 and Section 7 covers Rural Speed Management. This length of the A4 is considered to be part of a high quality strategic road which once formed part of the national Trunk Road Network. In 2009, as part of a County-wide review of speed limits on all A and B class roads, the mean speed recorded for this section was 57 mph and no changes to the speed limit were recommended. The Circular discusses the importance of setting speed limits appropriate for the conditions in order to achieve good compliance. Essentially, the criteria for a 40 mph limit is not met here due to a lack of frontage development and access points.*

*The decision to pursue a 50 mph limit to accommodate the provision of a signal controlled crossing was viewed as a good compromise by HDC and this should help to regulate speeds along this length. Other safety features have also been provided including street lighting along the main carriageway, new footways and additional warning signs.*

*An independent Stage Three (as built) Safety Audit has been undertaken and a draft report has been produced, (copy attached). The report makes no mention of the new speed limit. I am informed by HDC that the issues raised in the report are being addressed by the Developer and progress of this will be monitored.*

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David Evans, comments from previous meeting.

- 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.

*Response from, Matthew Perrott. Highway Engineer  
Wiltshire Council Local Highways team have visited the site on numerous times to undertake repairs however 1 gully is still outstanding, due to park vehicles causing an obstruction and repairs are unable to be undertaken. I am meeting the contractor later this week to take this issue forward.*

## **8. Next meeting – Wednesday 18th March, Harris Room, Calne Library 9.30am**

### **9. Dates of meeting for 2020**

20th May 2020

15th July 2020

16th September 2020

18th November 2020

Harris Room, Calne Library 9.30am

## 10. Other Business

Things that were discussed at the end

- Mens Shed are being evicted. They are in the process of moving but have no premises as yet!
- The new Youth Club that is starting up!
- Town Council are securing all green space in Calne.
- Old Dixons building becoming the Art Centre.
- Karen mentioned a problem with youths in King Edward Close. Anti Social Behavior, Youths on scooters playing chicken with cars, very dangerous. Police are monitoring it and speaking to parents, police mentioned using mobile camera.
- Karen thanked the companies that have been dropping off wood chip to Castlefields for the new path.
- We should have pot hole of the month, post to the app. Homework.
- Code for the toilet in the library 1958