

South West Wiltshire Community Safety Group Record

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The Chairman referred to this standard announcement at the start of the meeting, and all present agreed to its sentiment.

Area	South West Wiltshire				
Date	20/2/2019	Times	6 – 7.45pm	Venue	Nadder Centre, Tisbury
Present	Cllr George Jeans (Chair, Wiltshire Councillor), John Jordan (Mere TC), Nigel Cooke (Swallowcliffe PC), Karen Linaker (Wiltshire Council), Clare Churchill (Berwick St John, Burcombe, Dinton, Donhead St Mary, Fovant, Quidhampton), Mike Davidson (Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association), Merv Quick (Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association), Sandie Smith (Quidhampton Community Speed Watch), Cllr Tony Deane (Wiltshire Councillor), Jane Mayhew (Burcombe PC), Frank Freeman (Hindon PC), Cllr Jose Green (Wiltshire Councillor), Richard Platts (West Tisbury PC), Michael Neal (Tisbury/Police volunteer), Richard Mitchell (Tollard Royal PC), PC Matt Holland (Wiltshire Police), Cllr Bridget Wayman (Wiltshire Councillor), Cllr Jose Green (Wiltshire Councillor), Anthony Lovell-Wood (Tisbury), Gerry Murray (Tisbury PC), David Childs, Virginia Brockway (West Knoyle), Mary Barlow (Tisbury), Wendy Blake				
Apologies	Sandra Harry, Charles Smith, Pauline Church and PC Lee Pelling				
Agenda Items					
1	Welcome and Introductions/Apologies				
2	Notes/actions from the last meeting on 5 Sept 2018				
3	Updates from Services/Partners				
4	Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association				
5	Community Speedwatch / SID Protocol update				
6	Any other business				

Decisions/Actions from this meeting:

- a. CEM to chase police for written policy re use of dashcam evidence for speeding incidents
- b. CEM to secure the name of the new fire officer and ensure s/he has date of next meeting in their diary
- c. Mike Davidson and CEM to discuss how best to optimise communication of messages re crime and community safety drawing on contact lists for this group and for neighbourhood watch
- d. As a group, further develop work already started by Mike Davidson to encourage greater use of the online system to map local neighbourhood watch schemes and increase use of the neighbourhood alert system, by sponsoring NHW Support & Training seminars in Tisbury, Mere and Wilton
- e. Group agreed to recommend to the area board that it issue a communication to the general public with the best numbers and systems to use when wishing to report speeding.
- f. Cllr Wayman to secure confirmation of the final approved protocol relating to SIDs to ensure all parishes are clear on what is required.

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Apologies

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Actions completed:

- a. Matt Holland confirmed that dashcam evidence can be accepted for speeding incidents. Matt yet to circulate the written policy on this.
- b. Cllr Wayman confirmed schools can request the use of ANPR cameras which can record vehicles parking in inappropriate places, such as white lines and zig zag lines. Schools pay for the camera to be erected in an appropriate place.
- c. Attendance of Fire & Rescue rep has been chased and hope to be at future meetings. Written report in agenda pack of this meeting.
- d. Chairman of Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association ran a community safety event at the Nadder Centre in Autumn 2018.
- e. Mike yet to communicate a list of all active local neighbourhood watch schemes

3	<p data-bbox="363 271 719 304"><u>Service/Partner Updates</u></p> <p data-bbox="363 342 1385 416">Matt referred to the report on the agenda, and added the following extra points:</p> <ul data-bbox="411 454 1385 786" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="411 454 1283 528">• Increasing number of (small) lead thefts from older village residential units. A suspect is being pursued.<li data-bbox="411 533 1385 640">• Increasing of vehicle crime incidents in local beauty spots, would be good for parishes to reiterate the message to visitors to keep their vehicles secure<li data-bbox="411 645 1350 786">• Even if no active community speedwatch scheme in place at a particular site, police will still carry out enforcement work, particularly where reports are received via the Community Policing Team email or via an area board online issue form <p data-bbox="363 824 1321 857">The following key points were made during the ensuing discussion:</p> <ol data-bbox="363 898 1385 2031" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="363 898 1385 1122">a) Richard Mitchell stressed the need for improved cross border working amongst police units re speeding, as some of the community area's speeding issues relate to offenders which reside outside of the county. Matt clarified, letters warning offenders are issued to anyone in the country, but of course the police are unable to make the personal visits that they do within the county boundary<li data-bbox="363 1160 1385 1559">b) Gerry Murray relayed the concern of the general public who may well be unaware of the area board online issue system, as their perception is that the police are not responding, and this risks the perpetuation of a lack of reporting from the public and consequent inability of the police to evidence where speeding hotspots are. Matt reiterated the hard fact that police resources are short and that they can only respond to high priority issues. The PCC's precept increase in 2019/20 resulting in 40 extra police officers was referred to as a potential opportunity for the community police team to deploy additional resources to speeding, which councillors were lobbying for.<li data-bbox="363 1597 1321 1704">c) Group agreed to recommend to the area board that issue a communication to the general public with the best numbers and systems to use when wishing to report speeding.<li data-bbox="363 1742 1385 2031">d) Tony Deane referred to his concerns about drug and alcohol misuse in the area. Others referred to instances they were aware of in various towns and villages in the area, and concern was expressed that, as with speeding, the public perception was a lack of police response, particularly as the police were needing to prioritise more serious drug crime in the county. Matt again reiterated that it was always necessary for the public to report what they see in terms of drug crime, however small, so that the police can build the body of

	<p>evidence required to take the necessary action. In addition to 101 and the CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk email, Matt reminded all of the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111, this having the added advantage that reporters can remain anonymous. The group noted that this topic was likely to form a themed debate at future South West Wiltshire Area Board meeting.</p> <p>e) Mary Barlow from Tisbury raised the concern of speeding tractors and other heavy/large agricultural vehicles through rural areas and small villages. The Chairman referred to the report submitted by the NFU (see attached to these notes).</p> <p>f) The chairman mentioned the £6k fund of health and wellbeing monies which the South West Wiltshire Area Board had earmarked for older peoples isolation projects, and encouraged all members of the group to consider developing bids for the benefit of their local groups and communities.</p>
4	<p><u>Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association</u></p> <p>Mike Davidson provided the following updates:</p> <p>a) The Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association continues to develop formal partnership working with Wiltshire Police and the PCC</p> <p>b) Continuing to increase the number of people involved in neighbourhood watch schemes, in particular working with schemes in Mere currently</p> <p>c) Relunched a new website and now have a new volunteer to keep the site up to date www.wiltshirenhw.org</p> <p>d) Action: Although ran the engagement event in the autumn last year at the Nadder Centre, with the aim of encouraging greater use of the online system to map local schemes and increase use of the neighbourhood alert system, Mike would like to repeat the events perhaps in Mere and Wilton, with the support of this group</p> <p>e) Action : Mike will attempt to ensure that lists of contacts, whether managed by the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch scheme or by local community safety groups, can be shared and best used to optimise communication amongst all through Wiltshire Messaging at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk</p>
5	<p><u>Wiltshire Council Highways Service - Community Speedwatch / SID Protocol</u></p>

	<p>The chairman presented the SID protocol document which Wiltshire Council Highways Service had re-circulated to all CATGs and Community Safety Groups. He acknowledged that the protocol had raised concern amongst parishes, many of whom owned and managed their own SID. However, he clarified that the key points to note were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council is the Highway Authority, and as such, parish councils need to adhere to its protocols and advice otherwise insurance claims could be challenged in any ensuing legal process • Bridget, as Cabinet Member will challenge the service regarding the issue as to who is able to erect a SID (3.4 of protocol), and for how long the SID needs to be in place (3.1 of protocol) • Parish Councils need to ensure their SID is added to their asset register for the purposes of insurance • Wiltshire Council does not give permission for new poles, only sockets for SIDs <p>Action: Cllr Wayman to secure final amended protocol to ensure all are clear on what is required.</p>
6	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>(a) Ginny Brockway raised the issue of the recent snow storms and how this had impacted upon A303 Chaddenwick Hill, Mere, with a local farmer using his own vehicles and fuel to clear and keep the route safe. The following note below was sourced by Cllr Bridget Wayman following the meeting and emailed to Ginny :</p> <p><i>As I believe I explained to you, the A303 is a strategic route managed by Highways England, not Wiltshire Council, and we have no jurisdiction over any farmers deployed in snow clearance or otherwise on the A303. However, I gather that generally local farmers are not engaged by Highways England, but you may wish to make them aware of the good work carried out by Keith.</i></p> <p><i>During times of severe weather our control room does have contact with Highways England's control room, but as we had no knowledge of Keith Harris's operation we could not make them aware of the conditions or his presence.</i></p> <p>(b) In addition, following the Chairman's reference to the issue of local farmers seeking funds for blades or ploughs for their vehicles to assist in snow – Cllr Bridget Wayman requested the following to be added to the meeting notes:</p> <p><i>Last week George enquired of our position if Mere PC funded the purchased a blade/plough for use on a tractor that one of the</i></p>

	<p><i>local farmers had available, and would we object? Simon Rowe responded positively saying no, we would not object and, to actively encourage the purchase, offered help in advice over the selection and guidance in price. There might also be the possibility to apply for a Scottish and Southern community grant and information to point them in this direction was being sent.</i></p> <p><i>He further went on to explain that we would pay for snow clearing using the blade on the tractor providing the farmer signed up to county scheme and we were aware of its area of operation around Mere. This is normal practice and captured in parish Snow Plans allowing the winter team to exercise a degree of coordination across the county in extreme weather.</i></p> <p><i>It was also explained that at the moment all the farmers ploughs are allocated and there are no spares. The situation might change after the audit and full review of strategic deployment currently being undertaken is completed.</i></p>
<p>Recommendations to Area Board</p>	
<p>1</p>	<p>That the CEM issue a communication to the general public with the best numbers and systems to use when wishing to report speeding.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>The Community Safety Group further develop work already started by Mike Davidson to encourage greater use of the online system to map local neighbourhood watch schemes and increase use of the neighbourhood alert system, by organising more community safety events in Tisbury, Mere and Wilton</p>