

## **Notes of South West Wiltshire Area Board Community Safety Group Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022 via Teams meeting.**

### **Present:** Cllr Bridget Wayman (Chairman)

Cllr Pauline Church

Cllr Nick Errington

Cllr Nabil Najjar

Cllr George Jeans

Tim Martin – Ansty

Tim Mayhew – Burcombe

Ashley Truluck – Broad Chalke

Frank Freeman – Hindon

Steve Banas – Swallowcliffe

Richard Mitchell – Tollard Royal

Sandra Harry – Various Parishes

Clare Churchill – Various Parishes

Acting Sgt Victoria Howick – Warminster CPT (Covers Mere & Tisbury)

Paul Shaddock – Wiltshire Council

### **Apologies:** Salisbury Police CPT

### **Notes:**

1. The Chairman apologised for not preparing any minutes for the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, but commented that as the Police were not present very little could be discussed apart from the usual grumbles about speeding.
2. Vicky Howick, Acting Sergeant, Warminster CPT reported on crimes in Tisbury and Mere areas. In the Tisbury area, there had been hare-coursing reports in the Chilmark/Fonthill area and the Rural crime Team were dealing with this. A bag had been stolen from a vehicle in Fonthill Gifford, there had been a barn break-in and a business burglary. The criminal fraternity were active. In the Mere area, lead had been stolen from Stourton Church roof, a burglary in Mere was connected with a criminal gang connected with Dorset and an arrest had been made. VH was not aware of any drugs activity and ASB was at a very low level.
3. Cllr Nick Errington asked whether catalytic converter thefts had reduced – VH confirmed this.
4. Regarding the Mobile Camera Unit operated by PC Scott Garcia, there had not been much activity locally recently and the Chairman would email him with a request that he visit SW Wiltshire as soon as possible.
5. Richard Mitchell, Tollard Royal, specifically requested attendance of the mobile camera unit as he can now prove that there is speeding through the village; of the 10,000 vehicles a week, three quarters are speeding. RM also complained that it took 3 hours for the Police to attend a fatal RTC – Vicky Howick said she would enquire why this had happened.
6. Cllr Pauline Church reported on issues in Wilton; Speeding (The Avenue), ASB – egg-throwing and minor damage to property, littering and anecdotal information about drug dealing in old St Mary's church.
7. Cllr George Jeans reported that in Mere drugs were being left for collection in the cemetery. There were also reported drug dealing in Zeals with traffic queues between 2am & 4am on an estate and ASB. VH advised that this was very low level dealing as there were only 2 intel

reports. She advised residents to report it on 101 or Crimestoppers if they wished to remain anonymous, but residents do need to report these incidents for the Police to build up their intel.

8. Frank Freeman reminded everyone that crime updates can be received through the community messaging service.
9. Ashley Truluck reported that the new Police and crime Commissioner plans to invest in rural crime prevention and increase the number of Mobile Camera Units to three (North, Central and South). It was generally agreed that once this happened, in the next financial year, we all hoped to see more officer time in our area.

Meeting closed at 1.35pm.