

Babergh East, Police and Parish Forum

Hadleigh Locality

Meeting Minutes: 11th April 2018, Hadleigh Swimming Pool.

Trott Ward addressed the meeting outlining that the format was for all Parishes and parishioners to attend the forum, this was our chance to bring forward any issues in your local areas, which can then be brought and discussed with the Local SNT team, and taken forward for action.

Present

Trott Ward, (Brantham) Chairman
Bill Davies (Stratford St Mary)
Adrian Rust (Pinewood) Secretary
Dave Busby,
Sgt Jo Miah, Suffolk Police Hadleigh SNT
Inspector Kevin Horton, West Ipswich

Apologies

George Dix, Pinewood
Sue Carpendale
Sue Thomas

Attendance: 10

Matters arising from Minutes from Meeting 14th February 2018. None

Report From Inspector Kevin Horton,

Insp Horton outlined the current status in the South Suffolk Area over the last 12 months (AGM).
Priorities remain around vulnerable, young and elderly people.
A third of the demand on the service is non police related and is around mental health issues.
Investment in IT in body cameras for the offices which is helping.
Continue to streamline the service to meet the demand.
Managing demand with a balance of front line service and still looking after 49 parishes.
SNT team have a new member starting shortly.
Emergency response is at 92% within the 20 minute window.
County lines, still a main priority and SNT also have to help at times.
Theft from vehicles and vans, A12-A14 corridor, operation Winston is on going, organised crime groups targeting tool crime.
Burglary, Claydon, Barham, Blakenham, a group from West Ipswich locked up.
Domestic abuse, violence, child exploitation: still an issue of what happens behind closed doors
Missing people/children, still a large drain on resources and a weekly occurrence

SGT Jo Miah

Monthly Priority Setting Meeting.

1. Bikers at Bobbits Lane remain a priority, working with new land owners Pigeon Investments and Greenways Countryside Project, keen to get the area redeveloped. PC Garrod had been pushing this through with a meeting held on Friday 16th February at Wherstead village hall, currently 15 bikers had been issued with

section 59 notices not to return or vehicles would be seized.

Signs are due to be installed any day now and Neil Johnson will take over this priority.

2. Anti social behaviour. Priority remains in Hadleigh 14-17 year olds, Hadleigh, Claydon and East Bergholt School reporting any absentees to the police daily.
3. Hadleigh. Drug issues, intelligence lead operations happening shortly

Over the last twelve months:

- The speed reduction camera vans and speed enforcement days had been very successful and would continue to be carried out and supported:
- Community engagement weekdays had been well supported, a help to sort many issues.
- Neighbour disputes take up a timely amount of our time.
- Domestic abuse and vulnerable people are also a timely drain on our resource

Insp Kevin Horton - The Future

The review of the service remains on going due to the financial restraints of still having to save £3.2 million in 2018-2019 and £7.6 million in 2021-2022.

These are all on top of the existing savings made and with 999 calls up by 23 %.

Up on crime and the reporting of crime.

Community safety team is being disbanded. Public protection unit is being civilianised, and the way business support is being streamlined.

SNT support team is under review and other departments will be reviewed until the end of the year.

Wednesday 20th June, Hadleigh Town Hall. Crime commissioner and the Chief of Suffolk Police Gareth Wilson are holding a forum from 7.00- 8.30pm

Trott opened the meeting to attendees

Resident Hadleigh: For 2 years, concerned over drug issues in Hadleigh and had come across the forum SNT website.

2 weeks ago there was a gathering of youngsters at the entrance to the church, a smell of cannabis was evident as he walked past, on his return the youths were gone but evidence of drug use was evident on the floor.

On another occasion came across a youth staggering down the street in Hadleigh again smelling of cannabis,

Real concern of the misuse of drugs in Hadleigh generally, where do they get their money from, and why no stop and searches carried out.

Sgt Jo Miah: No PCSO's available after 6 pm due to work patterns and cost. Drug use in Hadleigh had increased in the last few months. Special constables being brought in and an operation on intelligence was imminent on various addresses. Unfortunately the smell of drugs was not enough to allow a stop and search in line with current regulations.

David Wood, Tattingstone: Concern on the amount of vandalism on the Shotley peninsula. People don't report it as they don't believe anything will be done, especially after 6pm, nothing seems to happen but this is affecting people's quality of life, taxes going up but nothing to show for it.

Chris Sawyer Holbrook Parish Council: Lots of egg throwing at windows and cars, vehicle crime and keys taken.

Insp Horton: There was a car crime group which came in from outside the area. As for other items, we have no reports. It is very important that these issues are reported either by calling 101 or reporting it online to enable the police to prioritise and even link crimes within different areas.

Rural villages are affected by the crimes which reduces their quality of life as these are different crimes to those in the towns. There is a black golf being tracked at present being linked to some of the incidents.

John, Elmsett Parish Council: Random break-ins, out buildings, vehicle crime, apathy in village, someone creeping around at 3 am, nothing gets reported as they believe nothing will be done

Wherstead: People seen driving up to the church at night, reported, police response was very good but the people had left

John Hinton, East Bergholt: The changing of 4 groups to many individual teams?

Insp Horton: All teams under review but joint daily briefings, response teams, evidence teams, enquiry teams

Why do police costs go up but numbers are down?

Gordon Watkins, Flowton: Red Ford car with people looking suspicious, got bags of nettles, when asked what they were doing they were going to boil them

Sheep loss a few weeks ago, another has been lost but no remains found, eastern Europeans?

21 thousand officers have left the force but crime is on the increase.

The Pit also needs looking at again (Investigating)

John Hinton East Bergholt: Sign knocked over in village, been reported, do police report missing signs, still awaiting post to be renewed.

Victor Acker: Why do PCSOs not work evenings?

Insp Kevin Horton. Cost basically, the decision to save money and they cost £¼ million per year to have them on shift pattern. Community support offices however do work shifts.

Mark, Holton St Mary: Any speeding day of action due, camera van has been around.

David Busby, Belstead: A very limited budget but I think we would all like to see more police around, the negative cost of the PCSOs is just adding to more front line policing.

Scam phone callers doing the rounds, trying to gain access to computers again, also Nottingham knockers have also been reported in areas

Mike Watling, Copdock and Washbrook: Old A12, speeding cars racing and revving, possibly doing a circuit after meeting at Tesco's Copdock in the evenings

Meeting Dates 2018

Wednesday 15th August - Elmsett Village Hall

Wednesday 10th October - East Bergholt Sports Pavilion

Wednesday 19th December - Brantham Leisure Centre

Trott Ward thanked Hadleigh Swimming Pool for the use of the venue

Next Meeting

13th June 2018

Shotley Village Hall, The Street, Shotley, IP9 1LX

7.30 pm start – all welcome

All parishes and parishioners welcome to attend. As you are all aware, the police teams are unable to visit all 49 parish council meetings every month, so please bring any issues to the bi-monthly forum meetings.

Can all 49 parishes arrange to attend the meetings or send someone on their behalf, this is your chance to voice issues and hear of any other issues in neighbouring parishes which could effect your parish