

WIMBORNE & COLEHILL HOME WATCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

In the Village Green Café at The Allendale Centre, on Wednesday 11th May 2016 from 7p.m.

- 1 Introduction: Graham Mallett, Chairman, welcomed everyone and said he was pleased to see such a good number of attendees. There were 31 attendees including Committee members and PCSO Ros Fricker.

Councillor & Mrs J.Burden, Councillor Bartlett, and Mr. Oliver had to go to another meeting at 7.30 but the meeting remained quorate.

Apologies from: Jill Beech, Alison Francis, Sue Pearson and Peter Shenton.

- 2 Chairman's Report:

Our priority this year has been to maintain Home Watch coverage - in particular in finding replacement Contacts for current or lapsed groups, where we've had some success especially in C1 – thanks Joan. We also have a couple of new groups, though we have lost several groups that had lapsed and nobody is interested in restarting.

Deputy Contacts - it would be a great help if all the Contacts had a nominated deputy, to fill in during absence and /or take over the group if needed. Then there is a much better prospect of continuity.

Following the division of the Wimborne HW area into smaller groups, we now have 3 Co-ordinators in Wimborne but we still have a vacancy for 'Leigh Road & off'.

A special thank you to John Lake who has just retired as a Contact in Venator Place, he was also 'Wimborne 1' Coordinator for 6 years.

We still need people to join up to the Dorset Alert messaging system – the coverage is nowhere near the coverage we had with Ringmaster.

Police Surgeries in Wimborne and Colehill are continuing, and an occasional surgery in Leigh Park.

PACT Panels (Wimborne rep. John Shave, Colehill rep. Graham Mallett) – meet quarterly.

Speed Watch has started in Colehill, and has re-started in Wimborne.

We have about 2/3 of the subs in – please chase up your members when Update goes out at the beginning of June. We took a decision to keep subs collection to a minimum hence the 4 year membership period at this time, but please keep inviting new neighbours to join - just £2 - as the annual income for new members is also significant - £122 last year for example.

Officers: I took over from John Shave as Chairman last year, to enable the Watch to keep going, but I'm open to offers if someone would like to volunteer! Similarly, Keith Baker stepped in when the previous Treasurer left, initially for a year, so we will need a new Treasurer too.

- 3 Matters Arising from May 2015 AGM: The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising and as there weren't any, the minutes were proposed by John Shave, seconded by Keith Baker, and adopted unanimously.
- 4 Financial Report: The Treasurer, Keith Baker, highlighted the main items of income & expenditure. He asked if there were any questions regarding the balance sheet and as there were none it was proposed that the Accounts be adopted by John Shave, seconded by Henry Bartlett. The accounts were adopted unanimously.

- 5 Appointment of Independent Examiner: The Chairman said that Ian Dickins had agreed to undertake the work again for the coming year. The appointment was proposed by John Shave and seconded by Joan Taylor. He was appointed unanimously.
- 6 Ratification of the Constitution:
As copies had been made available, the Chairman highlighted the 3 main changes:-
8j) Meetings to be held 'as required' instead of '4 times a year'
9a) Frequency of Newsletters to be determined by the Committee rather than fixed at '4 times per annum' (in practice, as ads are paid for two at a time, the Chairman intended that *Update* would be published 4 times a year for the foreseeable future).
10h) a quorum for the AGM and EGMs should be set at 15 members instead of 20.
The ratification was approved unanimously by a show of hands.
- 7 2015 - 2016 Funding: there were no requests/suggestions for any funding, so the Chairman stated that the Committee would consider any requests which arose during the year.
- 8 Election of Treasurer: The Chairman proposed that as no one had volunteered to relieve Keith Baker from the position of Treasurer for the forthcoming year, he be re-elected. This was approved by a unanimous show of hands.
- 9 Policing update plus Q&A: PCSO Ros Fricker was in attendance. As she was available at the beginning of the meeting, this item was conducted prior to the AGM business:
She gave the meeting a detailed account of crimes committed in the neighbourhood (the stats currently exclude the Colehill Hayes area that became part of Colehill last year): 3 burglaries, 10 non-dwelling breaks, 6 criminal damage, 6 bicycle thefts, 11 thefts from vehicles, 9 incidences of unsociable behaviour, 5 thefts from property, mainly from sheds and garages, some of which were not locked and she emphasised how important it is to ensure the security of one's property and never to leave keys in an unlocked vehicle. It seems that the most vulnerable items are cycles, power saws and tools. 3 reported incidences of fraud, and cyber fraud is increasing. 48 welfare/highway and non-injury RTC calls. Cases of Domestic Violence come under a separate heading and are treated very seriously.
Ros asked if there were any questions, there were numerous reports by the Members regarding speeding in West Street which has a speed limit of 20 mph and in various other areas. It was reported that there had been one Speed Watch session in West St – at a time (8.30am) when traffic was at a standstill anyway! – More sessions were needed. It was suggested that a SID showing the speed of vehicles could be erected in the street but it seems that is not an option. Also traffic calming was needed here and in West Borough. It was thought that requests should be directed initially to County Council.
The issue of monitoring the weight restriction in West St was discussed.
Also the need for large tractors to use this street was queried.
Cycling on pavements, and proceeding the wrong way up one-way streets, was discussed. Fly tipping at Leigh Park was also raised.
A local charity shop volunteer raised the issue of volunteers taking large amounts of cash to the bank (a week's takings in this instance). Ros will contact the manager concerned.
Ros made a note of all the complaints and information and stated that she would bring the problems to the attention of the relative authority.
- 10 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.
(Attendees were invited to have tea/coffee if they wished, because due to access to the room being delayed, it had not been possible to have refreshment prior to the meeting).