

# Minutes of the Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch Annual General Meeting 2018

in the Village Green Café at The Allendale Centre, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7pm.

1. Introduction: Graham Mallett, Chairman, welcomed everyone. The number of attendees including Committee Members and PCSO Neal Rooke was 26.

Apologies from: PCSO Jess Allen.

2. Policing update plus Q&A: PCSO Neal Rooke. As he was on call, this item was conducted prior to the AGM business.

Neighbourhood Policing Team – the new Investigator role (PCSI) has meant that many PCSOs have been reassigned. Neal now covers Fe/CM/Wim (with a Christchurch PCSO temporarily in Fe). Another PC (Fricker) off the Response Team is coming to Wimborne. Police.uk is the best place to check crime statistics.

Priorities: 1) ASB rising again, as usual in summer. Enhanced Police patrols. Recent offenders are being prosecuted. Plea to the public – please call in at the time to 101.

2) Scams, doorstep crime, rogue traders. Take a leaflet when you leave. See ‘Buy with Confidence’. Visits with Trading Standards Officers are checking on traders on site.

3) Burglaries and shed breaks – these are all collated as burglaries. CPT – speak to Graham.

Questions: – Status of SpeedWatch? Wim & Co amalgamated due to lack of volunteers.

Need checks in West Street. ‘20’ Road markings need repeating. Is ‘20’ limit mandatory? Yes.

– Leigh Park issues? Youngsters on motorcycles with no crash helmets. Neal was there today. Same gang using catapults, injuring animals. Waters Edge garden furniture regularly stolen.

– Two officers speed checked Stone Lane yesterday (Traffic Officers from ‘No Excuse’ team).

– Mopeds on Redcotts - byelaw? New brick entrance isn't stopping them accessing the field.

– Cranborne Road – traffic lights have reduced speeding!

## 3. Chairman's Report

Firstly on your behalf I would like to congratulate PCSO Jess Allen on winning the Dorset PCSO of the Year award in February.

Crime Prevention Team sessions (joint Police Officers/Home Watch reps) have continued almost monthly as needed (12 sessions since March 2017). The Team visits neighbours after crimes have occurred in an area, for awareness and advice. In three cases these sessions have resulted in new groups starting up (Rowlands Hill, Greenhays Rise) or being revived (Ashdene Close).

The retirement of Contacts continues to cause problems when a replacement hasn't been identified. It would be a great help if all Contacts had a nominated deputy, to fill in during absence and/or to take over the group if needed. There is then a much better prospect of groups being able to continue.

We still have a vacancy for a Co-ordinator for the Leigh Road area (currently 4 groups).

We want people to join up to the DorsetAlert.co.uk messaging system – only a small proportion of members are on it.

The Police / Home Watch Surgeries in Wimborne and Colehill have continued, but the location of the Wimborne one may change later in the year.

PACT Panels ('Partners & Communities Together' - Wimborne rep John Shave, Colehill & Stour rep Graham Mallett) have met quarterly. Police, Home Watch, Fire & Rescue, EDDC Officers, local councillors and agencies plus voluntary organisations meet to address issues and agree actions to address them. Some recent examples were given. If you have an issue concerning your neighbourhood you would like the Panel to address, contact your local Councillor or email your rep. (Next PACT meetings are - Colehill & Stour 14/6, Wimborne 27/6).

We are now half-way through our 4 year subs period, and we are hopeful that in 2020 another BTGTF offer (buy two get two free!) will be possible. Given the huge amount of work involved in collecting subs, our aim is to keep subs collection on a 4 year cycle (every 29<sup>th</sup> February!)

Data Protection - new rules coming into force next week mean that we will need new members' consent to hold their data. We will provide Contacts with a form for this on the website and via Coordinators. A draft has gone out to Coordinators today.

PLEASE NOTE - The Ferndown Community Office phone number has CHANGED BACK to 876219.

*As Home Watch is run entirely by volunteers, it only works with YOUR help!*

4. Matters Arising from May 2017 AGM – none.
5. Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts – Treasurer John Poat summarised the accounts, noting the low annual spend. The accounts were approved unanimously.
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner – Dr Ian Dickins is moving away. Ingrid Fido has offered her services. She was appointed unanimously.
7. AOB – Heather Bartlett advised that one of her Contacts was likely to have to give up soon. Graham will assist with an appeal letter to those members.

Meeting ended at 7.50pm.