

Notes of the Community Safety Working Group Meeting Barbour Institute 17th February 2020

PRESENT

Parish Council

Georgina Blackhurst, Neil Matthews, Ann Wright (Clerk)

Other

PCSO Jon Hurst, Tony McGrath, Graham Spencer, Carol Weaver

Welcome & Apologies

Apologies were received from John Ramsden, Jonny Kershaw & Graham Marsden.

To note notes of last meeting held 23rd September 2019.

The group noted the notes of the last meeting.

Review of Community Emergency Plan

i) Finalize plan to be submitted to CW&C.

It was noted the plan is based on a CW&C model document; the following points/actions were noted:

- That Ruth Stevens of the Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team be asked to submit the plan once approved to the emergency services (Police, Fire & Ambulance).
- The Village Surgeries group had requested a paper copy.
- It was noted the Parish Council's insurance company details need to be updated.
- It was noted the Local Risk Assessment had not changed.
- PCSO Hurst to confirm the wildlife officer.
- It was noted the Emergency Controller was listed at the Council Chairman and the deputies were identified as the Vice-Chairman, it was agreed this needed to be confirmed at the next Council meeting.
- The Control Centre was identified as the Barbour Institute and The Vaults at St Albans as the alternative control centre both emergency bags will be stored at these locations.
- The following roles were noted:
 - Communications Team Leader – Tony McGrath
 - Administration – Clerk
 - Plans Team Leaders – Georgina & Bob Blackhurst
- It was noted that alternative key holders need to be identified for St Albans.

Cllr Blackhurst confirmed she would amend the plan which will be circulated with the March Council agenda for approval before submission to CW&C.

ii) Review Contents of Emergency Bags

It was noted the emergency bags have the following contents:

- Local area map, scale ruler & compass
 - It was agreed to request updated maps from Ruth Stevens.
- Two torches (batteries separate)
- Candles & matches
- Radio (wind-up)
- A4 note pad and pencils
- High visibility jackets x6
- Identity badges x20
- Copy of the Community Emergency Plan
- Emergency Log sheets x12
- Small emergency first aid kits
- List on contact numbers x20

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iii) Agree Locations of Bags

Bags to be stored at the Barbour Institute and The Vaults, St Albans, exact locations to be confirmed.

Highways Matters inc. Speed Limits

It was noted that all the matters had been forwarded to the Highways engineer for updates however no update had been received, it was noted this would be included on the Council's March agenda and it was proposed that if an adequate response had not been received from Highways that the matter be escalated to the CW&C Chief Executive and a meeting be requested to resolve these issues, it was also proposed that neighbouring Parish Councils were included in these actions as it was understood they also have a number of outstanding highways issues.

School Transport

The working group was not aware of any issues regarding school transport at the moment, although it was reported CW&C are still looking into this matter, it was agreed to review the situation again in the new school year from September.

Police & Homewatch

i) Rejuvenation of Area Coordinators

It was noted when Homewatch had been originally created in Tattenhall there had been coordinators for each area or street, today however there is only the one coordinator. It was noted that Mr Marsden does an excellent job managing what is one of the biggest Homewatch areas in Cheshire. It was agreed that Georgina Blackhurst and Carol Weaver meet with Graham to discuss the future sustainability of the scheme.

ii) Police Issues

PCSO Hurst reported that speeding continued to be an issue around the area, he confirmed he will continue to monitor parking in the High Street particularly at the crossing point of Church Bank. It was noted that vehicles had been parking on the pavement behind the bollard outside The Bear and Ragged Staff.

Residents' Safety

i) Church Bank & Rosemary Row Junctions

The Clerk reported she had requested updates on both of these issues from Highways and that the Bolesworth Estate had confirmed that they were waiting for Highways to design and implement improvements to Rosemary Row.

ii) Dangerous Pathway across the Park

It was confirmed the flooding on the path across the Park had been reported to Highways.

iii) Other Issues

The poor visibility from Barbour Square was discussed especially when turning right, it was agreed to raise this matter with the Bolesworth Estate.

It was noted the Give Way sign at the junction of Newton Lane and Tattenhall Road had turned in the wrong direction.

It was also noted the Harding Avenue, Chestnut Grange junction markings have not yet been corrected.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

NEXT MEETING

TBC

Ann Wright 18/02/20