

WINGERWORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2016

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff in the chair with PCSO Mike Coates and PC Sarah Dolby with seven Parish Councillors and seven members of the public.

Apologies: Sgt Les Rawson, PCSO Hannah Disney and three Parish Councillors.

1. Opening of the meeting

Cllr Diana Ruff welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially PC Sarah Dolby who was new to these meetings.

2. Report on Policing in Wingerworth

In the past four months there had been 35 crimes in Wingerworth including 16 thefts and burglaries, 12 vehicle related, five assaults and one each of possession of a bladed article and of possession of cannabis. During that period there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour.

After an earlier query about a possible increase in crimes in areas subject to part night street lighting, it was reported that there were no statistics available for Derbyshire but that a search on the internet had produced two studies that showed no increase and even a decrease in crime rates elsewhere in the country.

Weather conditions had restricted the use of the speed gun during the past four months but it was intended to make more use of it during the spring and summer months. There continued to be problems with parking near the two schools.

3. Public Forum

A resident had raised concerns about the bad state of both the road and the pavement on Longedge Lane which endangered safety for both drivers and pedestrians and especially anyone on a mobility scooter. Another resident had complained about regular dog fouling by the entrance to the Deer Park school which wasn't cleaned up and which was hazardous to health. PCSO Mike Coates offered to raise this with the school which he was due to visit. It was suggested that there was a need for a dog bin by the entrance to the footpath running down from New Road to Tricket Brook.

There was a request for the Police to be present at the annual Wingerworth Family Festival on 14 May 2016 when the organisers could provide a small stall for people to meet with local officers. The Council had A4 sized stickers with 30 mph limits for sticking to wheelie bins which were available free of charge and it was suggested that these could be made available at the Festival.

4 Suggested Policing priorities going forward

It was agreed that the Policing priorities for the period leading up to the next meeting of the SNT should be to:

- work with primary schools in Wingerworth and discuss traffic issues around the school run times;
- work with the school and carry out patrols during school run times;
- implement the school road safety campaign following agreement with the schools;
- run a Community Speed Watch initiative involving local councillors and residents working alongside the Police,

5 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6 July at 7pm at the Parish Hall.

6 Any other business

There was no other business.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.