

## **Notes on Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Wymondham Police Headquarters**

### **Representatives from D1 Parish Councils were invited to attend the bi-annual meeting at OCC.**

Inspector COLBERT opened the meeting by outlining the core objectives of the Force and gave details of the recruitment campaign currently in progress, together with information regarding THRIVE, the future of mobile working, trials regarding CCTV from shops etc, all of which are designed to speed up current practises, thereby allowing officers more time.

Information surrounding some of the current Operations in progress was also provided, including ongoing work with low level drug users to try and prevent escalation.

### Response Officers

The role of the Responses Officers was outlined, descriptions of the various grades allocated to CADs, and advised that not only did they respond to grade As and Bs, each officer had their own crime workload.

### Beat Managers

The role of the Beat Manager and their links to their parishes was outlined, together with a brief description of the roles of the SoNOS and OPT teams.

### PCSOs

Complaint from one councillor regarding non-attendance of PCSOs at Parish Council meetings. Sgt Fox and PC Squires explained that this was no longer feasible due to cuts in PCSO numbers. Sgt Fox advised that there used to be 14 PCSOs for D1 and now running at 5 full time and 1 part time. Parish Councillor was very annoyed that these cuts had been made “without consulting them” and wanted to know who this could be taken up with.

Slides showing crime statistics were displayed. Query over whether there was a rise in car theft despite vehicles supposedly being more secure. County of Norfolk has relatively low crime figures.

Query over whether it was possible to put a “cost” on an incident, i.e. how much does a particular crime cost in real terms.

### Crime Statistics

Hethersett Parish Council is unhappy with the crime statistics being provided as they do not adequately reflect events and are out of date. Requested similar information that used to be provided by Admin on a monthly basis (\*Sally explained to Adrienne Quinlan that these figures could no longer be provided in that format since the introduction of ATHENA).

However, comments from other councillors praised PCSOs and would prefer them to be available during school times and not at council meetings.

### Homewatch

Homewatch is now obsolete and only 43 have signed up to the new initiative. Parish Councillors were asked to suggest joining.

### Speedwatch

There are currently only 15 community speedwatch schemes in the whole of South Norfolk. Speedwatch requires a minimum of 6 people signing up to the scheme, which is an excellent way of providing proof of problem areas in the village.

Inspector Colbert confirmed that it is not possible to identify drivers of lease vehicles.

Parishes could also apply for funding for 50% towards the cost of SAM2 machines, which could be used to record and report speeding. Patterns could then be analysed and areas of concern patrolled.

### Speeding

There is an ongoing campaign targeting recognised problem areas in D1 parishes.

20 mph limits are not enforceable and it was generally felt that they do not work unless all other traffic calming measures are used in conjunction. Traffic Managers need to visit the area to produce a report on what additional measures would need to be implemented.

### Respect Zones

Issues with ASB (parking, litter etc) should be discussed with Beat Managers to look at education and prevention. Possible use of signage.

### OPT

An overview of the roles and responsibilities was provided by Sgt FOX, together with information regarding work with partner agencies to tackle ASB issues within parishes. OPT works closely with Beat Managers and Engagement Officer (PC SQUIRES).

### Control Room

A visit to the Norfolk Constabulary Control Room took place, followed by break-out discussions with relevant parish Beat Managers.

### Feedback

Councillors were offered the opportunity to provide feedback from the meeting and have a say in the structure of upcoming meetings.

The following were received:

- Requested more information on local issues that might affect all parishes
- Updates of any trends that might affect all parishes
- New initiatives to be made aware of
- How can parish councils take advantage of any funding initiatives
- Keep up the good work!
- Updates on local priorities and new initiatives
- Continuance of regular briefings
- E.mail delegates to ask for any issues/topics that are of concern or they wish to discuss.
- To keep the up with these useful meetings.
- Provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation

General consensus from discussions was that the evening was a great success and much appreciated.