

**Woodbridge and Melton Safer Neighbourhood Team Meeting
Held at Shire Hall Market Hill Woodbridge
On Thursday 21st June 2007 at 2pm.**

Attendees: Chris Gilmore (Chair) Suffolk Constabulary, Penny Austen-Brown (Woodbridge Town Trust/ Woodbridge TCM), Liz Newman (Rochford House), Les Binns and Chris Walker (Woodbridge Town Council), Diana Dann (Melton Parish Council) Caroline Robinson, Lesley Beattie and George Rose (SHHA), Ben Redsell (SCC/SCDC/WTC Councillor), Malcolm Knapp (Just 42) and Guy Richardson (SCDC Community Safety Officer)

Apologies; Mac Miles (WTC), Stella Rea (WTC), Dave Gardner (St John's Church) and Dee Patel.

1. Minutes of last Meeting: Not taken as this was Introductory Meeting for Members to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
2. **Police Report by Chris Gilmore**

Comparison of period from April 1st to 17th June 2006 with 2007.

2006- 192 offences occurred within SNT area, 41 of which were in Melton, Ufford and Pettistree Parishes.

2007- 151 offences occurred including 10 burglaries, 44 offences of criminal damage, 17 motor vehicle crimes and 6 other criminal damage offences. These are broken down as follows:- 96 in Seckford Ward, 26 in Farlingaye which has shown an increase, 15 in Kyson and 14 in Riverside.

This is a 16% increase.

The Nightsafe partnership had recently met and banned 11 persons from Woodbridge Town Centre for varying periods. The Suffolk Coastal Licensing Partnership carried out an Impact Day involving the Cross PH. There were a number of minor breaches of its licence and the Fire Service will be considering a prosecution for overcrowding as there 109 persons in the premises when the limit is 60.

There was then a discussion about the Angel PH which was is owned by the same licensee after complaints to the Town Council. These persons were to be encouraged to report the incidents to the Licensing Dept at SCDC as the Authority for reviewing the conditions of the Licence. There is damage to toilets.

Action: WTC to write to SCDC.

3. Items for Discussion

Elmhurst Park;

As result of a number of reported incidents of Criminal Damage and ASB in the Park, the following actions were agreed:-

- SCDC and Police to investigate use of covert CCTV.
- WTC/ Police to ensue Park Ranger can use Shopwatch Radio.
- WTC and Crime Reduction Officer to carry out a survey around target hardening.
- Increased foot patrols by Police and the recording of amounts of alcohol seized.

Pytches Road:

With the opening of the new Woodbridge Primary School there has been increase in the number of vehicles allegedly speeding in this road. A speed check was carried out by PC 361 Howard, a very high proportion of vehicles were travelling in excess of the speed limit and were advised.

Actions:

- Speeding checks by Police to continue.
- Enquiries by CDRP to see when Learn and Live Project will be available in Woodbridge.
- Cumberland Street was identified as another hotspot which is to be monitored particularly during school run.
- 20mph Zone to requested from SCC.

Graffiti

An increasing amount of Graffiti has appeared in the Town.

Actions:

- SHHA undertook to clean all areas affecting its properties
- GR to contact SCS re cleaning of other public areas. Private Property is charged at £40 per sq. metre.
- Just 42 have a Graffiti related Project running during summer holidays.
- Trading Standards to be contacted re: test purchases for paint suppliers in the Town.

Parking around Woodbridge Primary School.

Parking around the school is being addressed by SCC Road Safety Officers and this could also be affected when the new Surgery opens as there is limited parking at those premises.

Seckford Heights: There are boundary issues at Seckford Heights is in Martlesham Parish Council area but is in Woodbridge (Kyson) district Council Ward.

Action: to be resolved at Level 2 SNT Meeting.

Melton Playing Field

There have been reports of low level drug taking and ASB.

Action: increased Patrols and Anti Graffiti measures to be considered by CRO and Parish Council.

4. **Any other Business:** New Members were suggested - Seckford Trust and Schools.

5. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th July at 2pm at Shire Hall.**