

**Woodbridge and Melton Safer Neighbourhood Team Meeting
Held at Shire Hall Market Hill Woodbridge
On Tuesday 25th July 2007 at 2pm.**

Attendees: Mac Miles (WTC), Penny Austen-Brown (Woodbridge Town Trust/Woodbridge TCM), Liz Newman (Rochford House), , Debra Down (Melton Parish Council) Karen Robinson, (SHHA), Ben Redsell (SCC/SCDC/WTC Councillor), Malcolm Knapp (Just 42) and Guy Richardson (SCDC Community Safety Officer), Karle Howard(Chair) and Mark Thompson (Suffolk Constabulary)

Apologies; Stella Rea (WTC), Dave Gardner (Nightsafe) and Dee Patel. Chris Gilmore (Chair) and Keith Bartlett (Suffolk Constabulary)

1. Minutes of last Meeting

Matters arising – Penny Austen Brown stated that the speeding problems in Cumberland Street also occurred after 7pm.

Ben Redsell stated that the removal of Graffiti on commercial premises was discussed at the Town Centre Management Group.

2. Minutes were formally agreed.

3. Police Report by Karle Howard

The figures since the last meeting until 23rd July show an increase in recorded crime for SNT Area which is mainly due to increased activity by the officers and the targeting of hotspot areas and persons known to be active in the community from 80 offences in 2006-7 to 106 on 2007-8. Overall detection rate 33%.

When broken down into the four wards the figures area as follows:-

Farlingaye – 10 including 4 burglaries, 3 thefts, and 1 criminal damage.

Kyson – 10 including 2 burglaries, 4 assaults, 1 possession of controlled drugs and one criminal damage.

Riverside – 7 including 3 thefts, 2 vehicle crimes and 1 burglary

Seckford- 45 including 9 burglaries, 18 criminal damages, 4 assaults and 4 thefts from shops.

Nightsafe

There are at present 21 persons banned from town centre premises under the Nightsafe scheme with a further 4 persons about to be considered by the banning committee. Following the Action Evening at the Cross PH the fire Service have called for a review of the licence.

Elmhurst Park

Since last meeting patrols have been asked on a daily basis to target ASB and the confiscation of alcohol within the Park. Officers have attended on 28 occasions and alcohol has been confiscated on 12 occasions. A number

of young people have been encountered and have admitted to climbing on toilet block. Letters have been sent to their parents. A person has been charged with attempted criminal damage following the ignition of an aerosol.

ASB

A total of 17 youth nuisance letters have been issued since last meeting. Most relate to incidents in Town Centre. Home visits have been made to those who have received more than one letter. One £80 Fixed penalty notice was issued to a male urinating on the Shire Hall.

A street briefing was held in the Market Hill area following concerns raised by local residents of increase of ASB and disorder in recent weeks. This was well attended and there will be increased patrols on Friday and Saturday evenings. Following the disorder in Market Hill at end of June resulted in 4 persons being arrested. All have been dealt with formal and given Nightsafe bans.

Parking in Town Centre

Enforcement continues and 13 fixed penalty tickets issued in last week.

Speeding

Speed enforcement has also conducted on a regular basis with Pyches Road being targeted. 3 fixed penalty notices have been issued and 11 verbal cautions have been given. The highest recorded speed was 50mph. School warning signs may be in wrong location. Yarmouth Road Melton has also been targeted with 2 fixed penalty notices and 12 verbal cautions have been given, Highest recorded speed being 43mph.

Discussion Points:

Members expressed concerns that the Smoking ban may now be causing problems particularly outside Angel.

The Angel PH and Street meeting were discussed

Karle Howard stated that Operation Omelette to tackle Criminal Damage in Woodbridge and Leiston had commenced. This will be supported by funding from the CDRP for publicity material etc.

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 from last were agreed:-

- SCDC and Police to investigate use of covert CCTV. - a camera will be in place shortly
- WTC/ Police to ensure Park Ranger can use Shopwatch Radio.
- WTC and Crime Reduction Officer to carry survey around target hardening – survey has been carried and action being taken by WTC to prevent climbing on buildings.
- Increased foot patrols by Police and the recording of amounts of alcohol seized. (See Police Report)

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. Over 30 vehicles were identified but the speeds travelled were not high enough to prosecute.

Actions:

- Speeding checks by Police to continue. (see Police Report)
- Enquiries by CDRP to see when Learn and Live Project will be available in Woodbridge. – will be available Sept/October
- Cumberland Street was identified as another hotspot which is to be monitored particularly during school run and after 7pm to continue.
- 20mph Zone to requested from SCC. – Mac Miles read letter from SCC.
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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.

Ben Redsell stated the SCC assessment states that traffic calming measures had been opposed by Melton Parish Council and Melton Grange residents and there is no need for 20mph School zone as the entrance is in Love Lane therefore funding unlikely to be forthcoming

Graffiti

The increasing amount 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 – order placed for 49 Pembroke Avenue with SCS
- Just 42 have a Graffiti related Project running during summer holidays.

- Toilets by Boating Lake, Station Car park and Theatre Street, all affected. **Action** – SCS to be contacted by GR.

Seckford Heights: There are boundary issues as 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 on 7th September.

Melton

It was suggested that 'Bell Inn/Kesgrave' Project be considered at the Horse and Groom as a diversion for the problems on Melton Playing Field.

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

Bicycle for SNT – Ben Redsell stated that he was prepared to fund one for SNT – **Action:** GR to write letter.

Cycle lights: Woodbridge Town Council would be supplying cycle lights to match the Cycle locks supplied from BCU funding with the Police. Cost £600.

SNT Surgeries – being held at Costa Coffee in Thoroughfare and Farlingaye High School.

4. **Any other Business:** The recent problems that have started at the new Castle Street play area were discussed.
5. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th September at 4pm at Shire Hall.**