



Cleobury Crime Meeting Notes 9th December 2016

Present

Graham Oliver (PCC)	Vicky Turner (Shropshire Council)
Matthew Sheehan (Chairman)	Toby Kirkby (CMPC)
Kit Smith (Resident)	Andrew Vanderhook (Resident)
James Griffiths (Resident)	Steph Weldon (Resident)
PCSO Michaela Kitt (West Mercia Police)	Geoff Hainsworth (CMPC)
PCSO Merrick Liston (West Mercia Police)	Gordon Lines (Resident)
Pete Blackburn (Resident)	Jon Bodenham (Resident)
Jim Reynolds (Clarion)	Gwilym Butler (Shropshire Cllr)
Tank Waddington (Resident)	Mick Simpson (West Mercia Police)
PCSO Liam Jones (West Mercia Police)	PC Ann O'Leary (West Mercia Police)
Gillian Davies (Resident)	Brian Davies (Resident)
Phillip Dunne MP	

Apologies were received from:

Andy Goold (Social Club), Julia Prescott (Resident), Debbie Brown (CMPC), Mike Cotton (SSHG)

PHILLIP DUNNE MP

Phillip congratulated the partnership and the town on being so energised and behind SmartWater – making Cleobury a pioneer across the West Midlands – he was very impressed and deemed it an outstanding success – he is trying to encourage other areas to follow Cleobury's lead.

Although disappointed to hear about the ram raid at the ATM he is pleased with the new CCTV

He informed that John Campion (Police Crime Commissioner) has announced the introduction of cameras to police tunics in 2017 and Phillip was keen to hear what the police officers thought of this –

The views of the police attending the meeting were – that it was a good thing, the way forward, good for both sides and also a good deterrent.

Phillip also mentioned that the turn out for this meeting was remarkable – and that it is very rare to get such a good turnout to a voluntary meeting.

UPDATE ON SMARTWATER

Other Parishes have now become Smartwater areas including, Hopton Wafers, Arley and Rock. Hopton have used some of the Cleobury stock of kits – this leaves 100 kits for new residents to Cleobury

Phillip Dunne would like to see this rolled out in Ludlow – members of Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council are happy to go to talk to Ludlow Town Councillors about their experience.

Kit updated the group on progress with NFU insurance:

Kit has now convinced NFU that his risk has been reduced and this has resulted in him getting a 15% reduction in the cost of his house insurance premium when he renewed.

Kit's tips for others when talking to their Insurers about balancing the risk are:

- Smartwater – crime is down, people are feeling safer and approx. 20,000 personal items within Cleobury are now marked with Smartwater.
- CCTV – 12 new high resolution cameras
- Traffic and speed – risk has reduced
- Police presence – including work with the dog team, police mobile unit
- St Marys Youth Project and the work that they are currently doing with families as mentoring and intervention as well as running the Hub drop in youth club after school.

International evidence and data shows the benefits of mentoring and the importance of taking the time to listen, showing an interest and giving a kick up the backside when needed.

What we need to do so that more can benefit from insurance discounts:

- Spread the word
- Approach insurers individually to put your own case
- Best to do it at renewal time
- Collect data so that you are able to give insurers key facts and precedence's
- Build in sustainability so that the discount continues for future years
- Persist!!

ACTION: GB speaking to NFU agent and will raise with them

ACTION: Let Matt / Crime Group know how you get on

ACTION: Prepare a paper on the impact (based on facts) that Smartwater has had on the town

ACTION: TK & VT to update the Youth Partnership on the work of the Crime Group and vice versa

Thank you Kit for your persistence pursuing this matter.

ACTION: MS to provide up to date statistics and any evidence to support using Smartwater

SPEEDING CONCERNS

From the Safer Roads Partnership meeting it was decided that the High Street cannot be made a 20mph zone as is impossible to police.

Some progress has been made on suggestions to reduce speeding

- Open white gates at either end of the town to give the illusion that you need to slow down – **Matt is getting quotes**
- Permanent flashing speed lights in the High Street – **ACTION GB looking if any spare ones at Shropshire Council as an alternative to buying a new one**
- AMPR cameras
- Mirrors or other measures for pulling out of the Industrial Estate on to the Tenbury Road
- Community Speed Watch scheme – still being considered, but being mindful to the problems / backlash in other areas for the volunteers involved
- New crossing – **Shropshire Council and Cleobury PC working on the positioning and style of the new crossing and utilising the money from the Tuffins / Coop development.**
- Consider traffic calming measures in Childe Road

The best deterrent is fear of the likelihood of being caught

ACTION: Matt to speak to Glyn Shaw (Shropshire Council) about signage and mirrors

UPDATE ON CCTV

Chief Inspector Sarah Challoner is tasked to look at the role of CCTV volunteers and will share the policy when it is completed. All Cleobury CCTV monitoring volunteers have their own passwords and individual keys and as it is still in its infancy where possible will attend in twos.

Looking forward, the working group will continue and look at future phases of CCTV which could include a camera in the monitoring room and looking for funding for further cameras.

MOBILE POLICE STATION / POLICE UPDATE

Concern from the group regarding rumours that the Rural Crime Unit may go in March 2017 – rural crime could be run through local police Safer Neighbourhood Teams. – more will be known on this in January

ACTION: GROUP to send letter to Police Crime Commissioner

ACTION: GB to send letter on behalf of Shropshire Council to Police Crime Commissioner

POLICE STATISTICS AND UPDATES



Here is a brief summary of the crime information for the past two months:

	September 2016	October 2016
All crime	60	56
Anti-social behaviour	20	21
Bicycle theft	2	1
Burglary	9	7
Criminal damage and arson	5	2
Drugs	0	0
Other crime	2	0
Other theft	2	2
Possession of weapons	1	0
Public order	2	2
Robbery	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0
Theft from the person	0	1
Vehicle crime	4	2
Violence and sexual offences	13	18

Please visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/6ealpO/> for more information including outcomes for these crimes and contact information for your local policing team

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Consider your own Cyber Crime Risks follow this link <http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk/cyberessentials/docs.html>
- Mick has an advertising trailer which could be placed at the approach to Cleobury with road safety information on - one side road safety information and We Don't Buy Crime on the other.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Future of mobile police station and Rural and Cyber Crime unit
- The tone of the Warwick survey
ACTION: Group to write showing broad concerns about the survey
- Safer Road partnership presentation
- Cyber Crime
- Concerns about car boot sale

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th February 11am at Sport and Social Club