

Cleobury Crime Meeting Notes

26th September 2016

Present

Vicky Turner (Shropshire Council)
Sarah Price (Bespoke Care)
Matthew Sheehan (Chairman)
Kit Smith (Resident)
James Griffiths (Resident)
Steph Weldon (Resident)
PCSO Michaela Kitt (West Mercia Police)
PCSO Max Jones (West Mercia Police)
Mike Cotton (South Shropshire Housing)

Graham Oliver (PCC)
Andy Goold (Social Club)
Toby Kirkby (CMPC)
Andrew Vanderhook (Resident)
Julia Prescott (Cleobury Primary)
Adrian Slatterly (Resident)
Geoff Hainsworth (CMPC)
Gordon Lines (Resident)
Pete Blackburn (Resident)

Apologies were received from:

Insp Rob Thomas, Jim Reynolds, Carmel Mayfield and Phillip Dunne MP

1. UPDATE ON SMARTWATER

Rock Parish Council have been in touch with Matt they have concerns about the movement of crime from Cleobury to Rock

Kit has been in touch with his insurance company (NFU) seeking a reduction in home insurance, it is currently with the underwriters

Small businesses on the High Street have had Smartwater packs but discussions about the small businesses off the High Street and their eligibility for a free pack and if could promote for Small Business Saturday (3rd December 2016)

ACTION: Kit to update group on progress with insurance

ACTON: Matt to chase Gary on a definitive answer of which insurance companies offer reductions for Smartwater areas and to also check about the businesses having one of the packs and how best to register them.

2. SPEEDING CONCERNS

The Safer Roads Partnership (SRP) came to the community day and brought the speed cameras.

Options for Cleobury Mortimer are being discussed at the October (SRP) meeting—here they will identify the area and check that the area meets the requirements. If it does, then speed surveys will follow with the speed mean average reported back to the SRP.

Cleobury could develop its own Community Speed watch project run by volunteers trained to do surveys and a letter (not a penalty) going to any drivers caught speeding – any areas of concerns are then picked up and enforced by the police. Need to be mindful that the volunteers can received abuse from drivers whilst conducting the surveys (this is what happened at Clee Hill)

ACTION: To update on outcome of SRP meeting at next Crime Reduction Meeting.

The group are keen to look at the root cause of the problem and other ways to deter speeding through the High Street.

Suggestions to consider include:

- Open white gates at either end of the town to give the illusion that you need to slow down
- Permanent flashing speed lights in the High Street
- AMPR cameras
- Mirrors or other measures for pulling out of the Industrial Estate on to the Tenbury 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

ACTION: Parish Council representatives to take the option of gates to the Parish Council for consideration.

3. PARKING CONCERNS

Main concerns include:

- parking on pavements and causing obstructions
- parking of zigzags
- parking at the primary school

Suggestions and possible solutions:

- short sharp shocks – speed penalties and parking penalty notices given out
- Ornate bollards by the Manor House
- Apply to be a clearway
- SNT enforcement day
- Putting LED lights on the crossing to make it more visible

It was generally acknowledged that people do not report inconsiderate or illegal parking – ring 101 and report anything that you see – the matter may not be dealt with immediately but will log the concern for that area and enough calls and complaints will trigger it as a hotspot.

Regarding parking issues at the Primary School residents are being asked about the possible conversion of part of the grassy area to be made into additional parking. Parish Council and SSHA are speaking to residents

ACTION: Max and Michaela to send through ‘Ring 101’ advertising material to be included in the Clarion

ACTION: Matt to arrange for Parkright to make regular visits at differing times of the day and evening and to look at Bovis covenants

4. UPDATE ON CCTV

Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council congratulated and thanked the CCTV working group for all of their hard work and persistence with upgrading the CCTV system.

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.

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.

Julie queried the range of the camera that covers the playing field and was assured that the cameras were not being monitored and access would only be given to the police if an incident had been reported.

5. ASB CONCERNS

Since the last meeting there has been a dip in ASB around the Sports and Social Club – initially cars realised that if they were directly underneath the cameras they couldn't be seen - looking now to see if the cameras can be pointed down too.

St Marys Place residents are very pleased that the CCTV is there and that they are covered.

The Sports and Social Club are replacing their halogen outside lights (easy to smash) for LEDs

6. MOBILE POLICE STATION / POLICE UPDATE

Thanks were given for the support given by the Mobile Police Station unit who are also working with the business links from Cleobury Country on rural and cyber-crime concerns.

As well as bringing the unit the PSCO's have also been doing patrols around Cleobury when their rota allows

Stats from Inspector Thomas – there have been 55 reports so far this year, compared to 131 reported for this time last year.

The Dog Unit has done 2 training days in Cleobury Mortimer around the Sports and Social Club, playing fields, rugby pitches and Lacon Childe – word has soon spread around the town of their presence. It could be repeated again around Christmas including going into the school whilst the pupils are there. Offers are coming in from other people /places as new places for the dogs to train.

Thanks were given to Andy Goold for organising this.

7. COMMUNITY ACTION DAY 2017

Following the success of the event on the 20th August there will be an annual Community Day to promote Cleobury Mortimer and the businesses and local groups within the parish.

This will be organised and run by a sub group – volunteers needed.

ACTION: contact Matt if you want to be part of the day

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Vulnerable resident in Mortimer Gardens has been receiving nasty phone calls, residents have been asked to be extra vigilant
- Hate Crime week is 8th – 16th October
- Internet safety is linked to the mobile police station

ACTION: Matt to email the police campaign calendar with the notes of the meeting

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Phillip Dunne
- Inspector Thomas
- Speeding & parking
- ASB on school carpark

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 9th December. Market Hall, Church Street, Cleobury Mortimer.