



POTTERS BAR, RIDGE, SHENLEY AND SOUTH MIMMS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CSP) MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2016, Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar

Attendees:	Councillor John Donne (Chair)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Zoe Keyte (Minutes)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Hertsmere Borough Council
	PC Jon Singleton	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Councillor Pervez Choudhury	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Peter Wayne	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Tracy Birks	Methodist Church, Shenley & Birchwood Youth Outreach Project
	Alistair Maclean	Resident
	Michael Arnold	Resident
	Tony Davies	Resident
	Councillor Paula Goodenough	South Mimms Parish Council
	Paul Wilson	Resident
	Joan Tubby	Resident
	Philip Tubby	Resident
	Paul Redhead	Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue
	Christine Eaton	Churches Together Potters Bar

Apologies for absence:	John Godfrey	Resident
	Sergeant Noel Buckley	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Joy Stovell	Resident
	Councillor Anthony Spencer	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Cynthia Barker	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Mike Sibley	Resident

1.0	<u>Welcomes and apologies</u>
1.1	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and all those present introduced themselves.
1.2	The Chair explained that he would be chairing this meeting in the absence of John Godfrey and he wished him well.
2.0	<u>Minutes, actions, matter arising and the Chairman's update from the previous meeting (10 February 2016)</u>
2.1	The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and no further updates were required.
3.0	<u>Community Safety Partnership (CSP) update</u>
3.1	Valerie Kane gave an update to the group.

3.2	Valerie told the group about the forthcoming visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to Hertsmere. He will have a number of arrangements on the day including meeting with the councils Chief Executive, Hertsmere's Chief Inspector and opening the 'Think U Know' training held at the council which is aimed at keeping young people safe online.
3.3	Valerie explained that fly tipping is high in the Borough and County at the moment. They recently carried out an operation which targeted waste carriers to clamp down on fly tipping. 19 vehicles were stopped in total; they dealt with three drivers, sprayed Smart Water on one and prosecuted two people. There is an image on the front of Hertsmere News' summer edition which shows the waste carrier truck of the two persons prosecuted, being crushed as a result of their offences.
3.4	Valerie reminded residents to report any fly tipping to 020 8207 7480 and to make sure that if they are ever having waste removed from their property to; ask to see their waste carrier's license, ask for a receipt and never to pay cash in hand. If your waste is found as a fly tip, it can be tracked back to you and you may be prosecuted. Therefore it is important to keep a receipt and check that the waste carrier is properly licensed.
3.5	A resident asked how they would know what a legitimate waste carrier license looks like. Which the group agreed was a valid point.
3.6	ACTION: Valerie to ask Environmental Health to see what we could do. <i>UPDATE: Hertsmere Borough Council's website has been updated with what a real license looks like along with further information on how to make sure your waste is disposed of properly. The web page can be found here:</i> https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Environment-Refuse--Recycling/Street-Cleansing-Maintenance/Flytipping.aspx
3.7	Paul Redhead also told residents they could use Trading Standards approved traders list. This can be found here: http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/business/tradingstandards/fgthome/
3.8	A multi-agency workshop called 'Ending Harmful Practices' which Councillor Meenal Sachdev and the Shiva Foundation ran was held at the council in May. The workshop focused on female genital mutilation (FGM), domestic abuse and honour based violence (HBV) within the BME sector. It looked at how to spot the signs, where to signpost people and how to support victims. Approximately 65 practitioners attended and it was a very informative.
3.9	A resident mentioned that they had people knocking on their door trying to scam them. The police reminded them to contact the police on 101 (non-emergency) to let them know. They work on intelligence in order to catch these scammers.
3.10	Valerie reminded residents to remain vigilant when it comes to scams and tell others to be vigilant as well. The 'scammers' are becoming cleverer and are constantly finding new ways to con people.

4.0	<u>Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service update</u>
4.1	Paul gave an update to the group.
4.2	Paul went through the fire figures briefly with the group. Hertsmere is doing well; there is only a slight increase in percentages.
4.3	They have only had 1 call outside of the mobilising time and this was only by 10 seconds. The mobilising time is the time that it takes the crew to get to a location after an emergency call is made.
4.4	Paul also spoke about Move Safely which is an initiative aimed at giving fire safety advice to new home owners/tenants. Landlords are offering new tenants advice and key rings promoting fire safety in the first few days in their new home. This is a time when there is a greater risk of fire due to homeowners being unfamiliar with their new surroundings, stacking boxes by fire exits and failing to check if their smoke detector is working.
4.5	Safe and Well visits have been introduced to Hertsmere. They are replacing what used to be 'home fire safety check service'. It will be a 3 month pilot aimed at over 65's in Hertsmere. They will be able to offer fire safety advice, nutritional advice, promote physical activity and help to prevent slips trips and falls.
4.6	There is also the new CHiPS initiative that is being rolled out in Hertsmere. It is the Community Horse Patrol project. The fire service, partnered with local stables will issue high visibility jackets to riders and their horse for when they are out doing their hacks. They will be the eyes and ears of the community and will have a direct contact with the police, fire service or council if they see anything suspicious. They will help to combat fly tipping, ASB, animal welfare and more. The initiative has already been a success in St Albans.
4.7	A resident asked how they are to report something or know if something has already been reported. They were advised to just report it anyway to the appropriate agency and there is a website called fixmystreet.com where residents can report incidents of graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs and street lighting. Fix my street will show if the issue has already been reported.
4.8	Councillor Peter Wayne asked if the Safe and Well pamphlet was available online. Paul told Peter that it wasn't, but residents are able to book a visit online via Hertfordshire County Council's website . Or contact Paul Redhead paul.redhead@hertfordshire.gov.uk about booking a visit.
4.9	The Chair asked if HFRS were still fitting carbon monoxide alarms.
4.10	Paul explained that there was new legislation from the government stating that all landlords must provide the carbon monoxide alarms in their properties. They have some they are able to fit but they recommend people install their own or contact their landlords due to limited stock.
4.11	There is an open day at Potters Bar fire station on 21 st August, 10am-4pm, there will be flyers available soon. At the event there will be a demonstration of the fire stations new drone which will help to look for missing persons, to identify cylinders in fires and more.

4.12	ACTION: Paul Redhead to give 100 x open day flyers to St. Giles school.
5.0	<u>Hertfordshire Constabulary update</u>
5.1	PC Jon Singleton gave an update to the group.
5.2	Jon went over the police figures with the group. Please see attached. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been no change in Shenley • There has been a decrease in South Mimms • The 'Violence against the person' figures could look worse than they are. A threat can be recorded under this as well as children being approached. There are also incidents that happen at the Priory, violence to nurses must be recorded as this.
5.3	Jon told the group that there had been a burglary spout. Recently, they tracked down a blue VW golf that had been linked to a number of local burglaries. The police had put a message out on OWL which a resident saw and rang to say they had seen the car. They then tracked it using cameras to a property and arrested the offenders, they are now in prison.
5.4	There have also been a number of Range Rover thefts in Shenley – though most have been recovered.
5.5	Police led initiatives that have been carried out in the area recently include; Safer Streets, OWL sign-ups, Operation Raj (targets fly tipping, rogue traders, distraction burglary) and continued community engagement events.
5.6	Sergeant Noel Buckley wanted to remind residents; don't leave things on display in your car or any bags in view. This is simple advice but they are seeing a lot of this recently.
5.7	A resident asked who issues number plate warnings. Jon told them that a PCSO can take down the registration number and send it to the DVLA.
5.8	Jon praised the good work of PCSO Cheryl Lavell and PC Paul Francis. Recently there was some offensive graffiti painted in the Wylyotts underground car park. They managed to identify the offenders, who were under the age of 18 and then contact their parents sending them a fine for the price it cost the council to remove the graffiti. The youngsters were also made to send an apology to the council.
6.0	<u>Local Issues</u>
6.1	There were no local issues to report.
7.0	<u>Date of the next meeting</u>
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 19 October 2016, 7pm