



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



Minutes of Suffolk NWA Executive Committee Meeting Held at The Park Hotel, Diss 6th July 2017

Present: Tony Spall (Chair) (TS), Brian Sivyer (Secretary) (BS), George Dix (GD)

(Meeting commenced 0945hrs. To be suspended when the meeting with the Constabulary Community Safety team took place at 1030hrs.)

George Dix was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

9. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Gooch (Treasurer)

10. **Minutes of meeting held 9th May 2017**

These were agreed.

11. **Matters Arising:**

- a) Changes to Data Protection - EU Regs. TS reported that having been in contact with National HQ it was realised that these were technical and quite complex. HQ were aware of the situation and would issue guidance in due course.
- b) Coffee Caravan – TS reported that he had not had any follow up with the Director of the organisation. He would keep the matter in hand and try to make contact. The Caravan was a potential point of advertising NW as this had been used in the past.
- c) Badges and Business cards – TS had obtained and distributed these to the secretary, and treasurer at next meeting.

12. **Chairman's Report**

A discussion was held regarding the subject of criminal statistics that was raised by members at the AGM and again at the meeting in Halesworth. The Police UK was always to months out of date and the details on SNT newsletter was probably the most recent Coordinators were likely to get. This matter would be raised with the Community Safety Team. It was felt Coordinators should be encouraged to make use of the SNT Newsletters as much as possible for local information.

13. **Treasurer's report**

Not available. (The committee passed their good wishes to Bob and hoped he would recover soon from a broken arm.)

14. **Report on Area Meeting at Halesworth**

The meeting was addressed by Alan Osborn, Police Community Safety Manager, Inspector Mark Jackson, Locality Inspector based at Halesworth and Tony Spall, SNWA Chairman. The meeting was chaired by BS. 15 members present. A display of products was made available by The Four Towns Crime Prevention Team with the Chairman Eric Sewel present. A range

of subjects were covered including the 101 system, crime statistics, police recording of crime, SNT newsletters and the lack police presence in communities.

7/8 Members of the Executive Committee and defining roles.

There has been a need to define the various role on the Committee. People were familiar with roles such as Chair, Treasurer, Secretary etc but request for further support on the Committee were often too vague.

Other roles identified include Deputy Chair, Webmaster (already covered by TS), Fund raiser, Local Authorities Liaison Officer, Publicity/Press Officer. It was also agreed that more Area Coordinators were required to eventually cover the whole County. The problem the Association has is a lack of close relations with local coordinators and an understanding of the area in which they are situated and any local issues or problems that they may be experiencing.

GD will initially evaluate NW schemes around the Hadleigh area and look to engage with Parish, Town and District Councils to gain support for NW in these areas – as well as establishing the roles of existing or potential Area Coordinators- this is seen as work in progress in relation to this idea, with a view to roll this out across the county.

9. Police Volunteers

This matter was discussed with the Community Safety Team at a separate meeting

10. SNWA Data Protection Statement

TS has looked at our current Statement and has made a few minor modifications. It was agreed that the new statement be used with any future applications for starting up new NW schemes.

11. Street Signs

The failure of Suffolk County Highways to address the problem of erection of new NW signs was a source of embarrassment to the committee. It was hampering the commissioning of the placement of new signs. TS has been repeatedly attempting to engage with SCC Highways with little success. He had redesigned their forms at their request to try and speed up the process to no avail. Peter Aldous, M.P. for Waveney has kindly intervened on our behalf with limited success. TS was asked to approach him again to see if he can again get some response. This, he has agreed to do.

12. Publicity

It was agreed to put this item on a future agenda.

13. A.O.B.

BS brought up the subject of the level of support and contact with Scheme coordinators who did not email addresses. This was passed over to a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 1.30pm. The Executive Meeting was suspended between 10.30am and 12.30pm for the purpose of holding a separate meeting with the Community Safety Team.

Brian Sivyer

Secretary SNWA 11/7/17