



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



## Minutes of Suffolk NWA Executive meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Park Hotel. Diss

1. Present Tony Spall (Chair), Brian Sivyer (Secretary), Bob Gooch (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of last Executive meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed.

3. Matters arising:

### 3.1 Matters raised at A.G.M

3.1.1 Concern was expressed from members about the lack of detail in crime reports and the time they took to arrive. The Police UK website most recent reports were always two months old. There was also concern about the relevance of requests for information from police using the Police Connect system. It was agreed that this would be brought up at our next meeting with the Community Safety manager. (BS to action)

3.1.2 There was a request from members for a clearer definition of what help was required from the Exec. Committee when asking for support from members. A discussion took place. It was agreed that there was need for somebody to take on the role of Fund raiser. i.e. To apply for grants, access local businesses for support in line with NHW national policy. It was also important to renew the role of Network Coordinator around the County in order to forge local links between Coordinators and the Committee and assist in the development and support of local schemes. These were felt to be the most important. Further discussion was needed.

### 3.2 Street signs.

This was a slow moving and vexatious subject. TS had received support from Peter Aldous MP for Waveney on this matter. As result there had at last been some movement. He had made some further alterations to the paperwork required by Suffolk Highways and was again awaiting a response from them. Further 'prodding' might be necessary. A new Scheme has been set up in Felixstowe and was having new signs as they were able to be placed on private land. It was agreed to trial an adhesive sign to see how they weathered. (TS was authorised to order the appropriate signs.)

### 3.3 P.C.C. meeting at EYE.

BS reported on the meeting and the presence of SNWA. He had made arrangement with the PCCC's office to be present. He deemed it a success being able to meet with local coordinators, hear of local problems, distribute literature and deal with several enquiries about starting new NHW schemes in the area. It was agreed that where possible the Association would endeavour to have a presence at these meetings.

### 3.4 Attendance at Police Public Engagement meetings.

Information regarding these meetings being made known to SNWA was sporadic. Some had been attended in the East and West divisions but we had only become aware of others after the event or when it was too late to organise a presence. It was agreed that this needed to be discussed further with the Community Safety team. (BS to action)



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### 3.5 Police volunteers.

Unfortunately the first volunteer to be authorised to work with SNWA had withdrawn before starting. This was a matter to be discussed with the Community Safety Team regarding earlier involvement in selection process. (Action – to be brought up at next meeting with CS.)

### 4. Treasurer's Report:

BG reported that currently bank account stood at £2,300.20p. However, there were a number of outstanding amounts awaiting clearance. There had been no money received from Patlock for the first quarter of this year. The Association receives a donation of £5 for every Patlock sold in our area.

### 5. Chairman's Report:

Data Protection Statement: It was agreed that we would again look at our Statement. TS asked BS and BG to re-visit the document and make recommendations. (Agreed All to Action)

### 6. Memorandum of Understanding with Suffolk Constabulary.

A revised document drawn up between the Constabulary and the Association was looked at. (Agreed that ALL read and compare with national guidelines and make recommendations as thought fit) It was agreed that a similar agreement was needed with the P.C.C.

### 7. Purchase of business cards and badges.

After some discussion it was agreed business cards and badge be purchased for the Committee. (Agreed TS to action)

### 8. A.O.B.

8.1 TS reported that he had become aware of potential changes to EU regulations coming into force in 2018 regarding Data Protection. He had written to National NHW for guidance.

8.2 TS reported that he was in contact with the Rural Coffee caravan with regard to the distribution of our literature. BG said that they had supported us in the past.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.15pm**