



## BRICKHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Thursday 13 January 2011

At Brickhill Baptist Church

40 people attended.

- **Chair opening remarks:** The Chairman, Ray Seymour, welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the following guests – the main speakers Elaine Delmar & Jackie Layne from the Probation Trust, Community Payback Scheme, Peter Conniff (Chairman of the Bedfordshire Police Authority), Pc Andre Tringham & PcSO Rob Bonforte, Angela Williamson (Environmental Enforcement Team), Charles Royden and Wendy Rider (Borough & Parish Councillors), Peter Blakeman (Parish Councillor), Mark Fitzpatrick (Chairman of Parish Council), members of the Committee.
- **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 15 April 2010:** These had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.
- 3 **Chairman's Annual Report:** This was printed, in full, on the reverse of the Agenda: there were no questions and the Report was accepted by the meeting
- 4 **To receive the retirement by rotation of the 2010 Committee:** all members of the Committee have agreed to continue in office and the meeting accepted this.

This brought the Annual General Meeting to a close.

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### **Minutes of meeting of the Safety Forum which followed the AGM**

- **APPROVAL of MINUTES** of meeting held on 14 OCTOBER 2010: These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- **MATTERS ARISING:** These are covered under item Feedback on Priorities.
- **FEEDBACK on PRIORITIES:**
  - (A) School Parking and Parking on grass verges; Charles Royden reported that the new CCTV vehicle enforcing parking restrictions was now in use with good results; signs and lines are now in place in Kennet Rise and these will be enforced.



(B) Andre reported that the anti-social behaviour on Woodlands Estate had shown a reduction (probably because of the bad weather), but this area, Carron Road and Goldcrest Way will continue to be monitored.

4 POLICE REPORT: Andre reported that for November there had been 5 abandoned vehicles and in December just 1; there had been 2 neighbour disputes in November and 2 in December; there were 14 nuisance calls in November and 19 in December; and just one report of vehicle nuisance in both months, there were 2 reported burglaries in November and none in December and thefts from motor vehicles were 5 in November and 1 in December; reports of criminal damage were 4 in November and 8 in December; other burglaries (not houses) 4 in November and 4 in December. Charles Royden asked whether the reduction in finances is likely to affect the police presence we presently have in Brickhill? Andre replied that the main reduction will be the proposed loss of his locally based Police computer causing him considerable loss of time in Brickhill.

The Chairman introduced Peter Conniff, Chairman of the Bedfordshire Police Authority, who told the meeting that there will be no cuts made to front-line policing; he provided a written report entitled "Meeting the Financial Challenge".

#### 4 AGENCY FEEDBACK:

(A) Angela Williamson gave the following figures – 2 abandoned vehicles, no clean up required, 3 cold calls reported, 6 calls received by Dog Warden, 3 reported cases of fly tipping, no complaints of general litter, 6 reports of graffiti, 3 fixed penalty notices in relation to parking enforcement. There was a question concerning cold calling which was adequately answered by Angela.

(B) Charles Royden and Wendy Rider reported on the following – 60 broken street lights, 98 potholes, 3 broken or damaged street signs (now repaired).

(C) Karen Wilkinson (BPHA) reported that her role was to work with young people especially those on Woodlands Estate and Carron Road. 29 young people were now involved in trying to provide suitable activities to help these youngsters to develop. A Community Planting Day is planned in March to get trees planted on the Woodlands Estate.

(D) Mark Fitzpatrick (Chairman of the Parish Councillor) reported that there had been a public meeting about the No 10 bus route with two factions for and against with a meeting shortly with Stagecoach. There is likely to be delegation of services from Borough Council to Parish Council in relation to Waveney Green and the Community Centre. The sustainable Community Plan is on-going; Brickhill in Bloom contest will run again this year. Unfortunately The Bird in Hand pub is to close. The Mayor came to Brickhill in December.

5 COUNCILLORS: Charles Royden reported on the problems caused by the recent heavy snowfalls; an unmanned road crossing is being put in place on Waveney Avenue; 2 new teams have been set up to fill in potholes quickly (teams having trailers of hot tar for immediate use). The problems with the No 10 bus route have already been mentioned – the main problem being that the planners of the Woodland Estate did not allow wide enough roads for a satisfactory through bus route. The next surgery is on 22 January at the Avon Drive shops. The Chairman thanked Charlie for ensuring car parks were safe and usable during the snow and Neil Kinselley thanked him for the fact that bin collections continued throughout the bad weather.



6 GUEST SPEAKER: Elaine Delmar from the Probation Service, Community Payback Scheme explained the workings of this system for offenders. Her colleague – Jackie Layne, (Project Manager) gave an overview of the types of projects completed. A question from the floor concerning supervision of offenders was thoroughly answered.

7 OPEN FORUM: The issue concerning the traffic lanes at the Brickhill Drive/Manton Lane lights was raised.

8 ACTION PRIORITIES: These were agreed as –

- The on-going and developing issue with anti-social behaviour in the Carron Road area.
- Anti-social behaviour on the buses – policing.
- Cycling without lights.

9 DATE of NEXT MEETING: This to be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 14 April 2011 at the Brickhill Baptist Church.**