



BRICKHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

**Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 31 January 2013
At St Mark's Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill.**

32 people attended. The Chairman (Brian Marsh) welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave instructions in the event of a fire.

1. MINUTES and MATTERS ARISING from the AGM held on 9 January 2012: These had been circulated and were accepted as being a correct record; there were no matters arising.
2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT: This written report had been circulated with the Agenda and was approved by the meeting.
3. RETIREMENT BY ROTATION OF THE 2012 COMMITTEE: The retiring members were Trevor Hall, Stephen Hollins, Neil Kinselley, Brian Marsh, Ray Seymour, Anjani Singhal, Clare Watt.
4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2013 COMMITTEE: The nomination and election of the following members was agreed unanimously by the meeting – Dean Crofts, Trevor Hall, Stephen Hollins, Neil Kinselley, Brian Marsh, Ray Seymour, Anjani Singhal and Clare Watt.

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was declared closed.

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**Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday 31 January 2013
At St Mark's Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill.**

32 People attended.

1. MINUTES and MATTERS ARISING from the meeting held on 19 October 2012: These had been circulated and were accepted by the meeting; there were no matters arising.
2. INTRODUCTIONS: The Chairman introduced the following – Jim Playle and Lianne Martindale (BPHA), Jamie Hall (Ranger), Councillors Charles Royden, Wendy Rider and Mark Fitzpatrick.

3. APOLOGIES: These had been received from PcSO Emma Muggridge, Peter Blakeman, Mary Curran. (There was no Police attendance at this meeting.)

4. FEEDBACK ON PRIORITIES: (a) Speeding: No Police operational enforcement checks had been carried out in the last quarter. (There had been one Speed Data collection check in Brickhill Drive by the Police Traffic Management section during November and the result of this – 20% of vehicles driven at 35mph or higher - will mean that there should be 4 enforcement speed checks in Brickhill Drive in each year for the next 3 years. Similar data collection checks had taken place in Avon Drive in February 2011 with 15.8% of vehicles driven at 35mph or above, and in Tyne Crescent in April 2011 showing 19% of vehicles driven at 35mph or higher. Four Police enforcement checks a year are triggered where the percentage of vehicles driven at 35mph or higher exceeds 10%.)

Following a complaint from a resident of Brickhill Drive to the Chief Constable, two Vehicle Activated Signs (sensors) had been set up in mid-December through to mid-January. The purpose of these signs is to make drivers aware of speed limits, but they also collect data which showed that during this period 34000 vehicles had exceeded the 30 mph limit in one direction and 21600 in the other direction. The speed criteria was different, 30mph, against 35mph for Data collection checks, and did not calculate percentages, but nevertheless was indicative of a speeding issue.

(b) Speedwatch: The local co-ordinator reported that the group had had their first speed check operation on Waveney Avenue from 10am to 12 noon on 28th January; the team consisted of only 4 volunteers at present, and to improve flexibility more volunteers would be welcomed. In addition to the roads noted in the Forum's priorities, knowledge of other roads needing surveillance would be appreciated.

5. AGENCY REPORTS:

(a) Police Report: With no police presence at this meeting, the Chairman read a report sent in by PcSo Emma Muggridge which showed Crime figures for the 10 months to date – Total recorded crimes were 212 against 246 for the same period last year, a 14% reduction. These figures included: Violence against the person 43 incidents (down 14%): Sexual Offences 0: Robbery 1: Domestic Burglary 24 (up 33%): Burglary other 11 (down 63%): Vehicle Crime 18 (up 80%): Other theft 55 (up 19%): Fraud and Forgery 2 (down 50%): Criminal damage 53 (down 27%): Drugs 2 (down 83%): Other Notifiable offences 3 (down 50%). The overall number of detections in the period was 50 with a detection rate similar to last year of 24%. **Comment from the floor that a Police presence at this meeting is essential was agreed unanimously.** Another comment – **request that the Committee discuss the matter of crime follow-up and the information given to the person reporting such crime.** Another comment – **that these matters be put to the new Police Commissioner stressing our feeling about the lack of community involvement by the Police.** Another comment – **the new Police Commissioner be invited to speak at the next meeting of this Safety Forum.**

(b) Rangers: Jamie Hall began by explaining the changes which took place last April – there are now 4 Community Rangers (Borough wide) and another two who are mainly enforcement officers (Borough wide). They are now a response based

service and operate to calls and requests anywhere within the Borough. He then reported that in Brickhill there had been 2 reports of abandoned vehicles; no reports of car sales on the roadside; no broken street lights reported; one community clean-up had been organised; 1 report of dog fouling; 12 reports of fly tipping with 2 enforcement activities; 1 report of general litter; 2 reports of graffiti; 6 pot holes reported and repaired; 1 report of damaged street furniture. Parking enforcements had been as follows – 2.5 hours enforcement, 18 visits with 7 tickets issued. Jamie said that there will shortly be a 6-week enforcement on dog fouling with patrols in Manton Lane and Brickhill Drive.

(c) BPHA: Jim Playle explained that following the re-structure, BPHA's ASB team was disbanded and the role now sits with the Neighbourhood Officer who will deal with all tenancy related issues. Unfortunately BPHA no longer offers any youth provision. General ASB issues in the neighbourhood should be reported to the Police on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency; alternatively to either the Borough's ASB team (01234 276037) or Environmental Health Team (01234 267422). If an issue is BPHA tenant related Lianne Martindale (Neighbourhood Officer) should be contacted (0330 100 0272).

6. **COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** Councillor Royden reported that both the Chief Constable and the new Police Commissioner had attended a meeting of the Borough Council; The Council is now having to undertake far more enforcement activities than previously and having to take over some former Police duties. He said that the Pot Hole Squad is likely to be very busy following the recent bad weather. 20 mph limit in Tyne Crescent will come in shortly and a number of roads will have verge enforcement signs erected to prevent parking on verges and footpaths by issuing penalty notices. He recommended that people log onto the Council website to view the full Borough Council report.

7. **PARISH COUNCIL:** Mark Fitzpatrick (Chairman) reported that a communication had been received from the new Police Commissioner stating that he wants to engage with Parish Councils but this will be on a general basis not an individual one. The budget has been set for the next financial year with £500 allocated to cover the Forum expenses. A relief litter picker is needed (only a few hours a week) and someone required to cover maternity leave for the Parish Clerk. A proposal had been made to plant perennial wild flowers and this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. A new project "Youth Innovation Zone" has been started with Dean Crofts and various activities have been planned. More play equipment is to be installed on Waveney Green for toddlers. Biogen want to let people know when they are spreading waste on fields so that everyone is aware of the smell. On 3 February from 10 am – 12, it is hoped to plant berberis on the allotments – help needed.

The ongoing question of whether the Woodlands Estate is in Ravensden or Brickhill parish continues and the Borough Council is initiating a consultation process – information on this will be included in the next Brickhill News. A great deal of discussion followed about the position of the Woodlands Estate within Parish boundaries and future possibilities.

8. OPEN FORUM: There is a problem with youths riding motorbikes and motor scooters along footpaths on the Woodlands Estate – suggestion made that cameras be used and photos shown to Police/BPHA for action. It was also recommended that when reporting a crime or ASB a Crime or Reference number be obtained and a request made at the same time where feedback is required. Question asked regarding how a decision is made about which items to include on Ringmaster and which addressees receive the messages. (Chairman will enquire). Question asked concerning regulations on dog walking/fouling, etc – there is no change (please read notices). Complaint about grass verges being ruined with vehicles driving over – residents need to meet council criteria and obtain a majority of neighbours to enable enforcement.

9. ACTION PRIORITIES: Agreed that these remain as before –

Speeding in Avon Drive, Brickhill Drive, Tyne Crescent, Wansbeck Road and Waveney Avenue, and
Recruitment of Speedwatch volunteers.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 2013.