

JOINT ACTION GROUP SUB BEAT 22
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Monday 25th February 2008

Venue: Moulton Village Hall

Present

Sgt Mike Grady (Daventry Rural North), PCSO Allan Whenmouth, Mr Geoff Clayson (Chair Overstone Parish Council), Mr Robin Anderson (Boughton Parish Council), Mrs Anne Sharp (Overstone Parish Council/Neighbourhood Watch), Mr Matthew Billingham, Mrs Liz Denny, Mr Mel Clarke, Mr Bob Midmer (Moulton residents)

Mrs Jane Austin (Clerk, Moulton Parish Council)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Gill Buxton and Mr Alan Brooks.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Robin asked that comments made by the group regarding the use of police time to encourage completion of the concern cards be emphasised. Members of the JAG felt that it was a low priority, not a good use of police time and should not be carried out. With this amendment the minutes from the meeting held on November 19th 2007 were agreed as an accurate record.

Mike then gave a brief reminder of the remit and purpose of the JAG meetings. Members of the group are representatives of the community and should attend meetings with an open mind and not bring personal issues to the group. The agenda was to set priorities for the following 3 months

3. Report of progress on priorities – PS Grady

Mike summarised progress made on the 3 policing priorities identified at the last meeting:

1. Speeding

Since the last meeting, 118 enforcement visits have been conducted across the whole sector. On this area, 31 enforcement visits have been conducted resulting in 18 fixed penalty notices, 10 warnings for speed, 1 prosecution, a vehicle seizure and 2 section 59 warnings. 41 tickets have been issued by the casualty reduction department from offences on Moulton Lane, Boughton. This equates to just 2.7 offences per hour. (See attached breakdown of speed enforcement visits)

- **Moulton Traffic Surveys** - carried out in Nov 07 (term time) and Dec 07 (holiday comparison). Northampton Lane North and West Street identified as the worst areas for speeding. The second traffic survey showed little difference in speeds, but showed a significant reduction in numbers of vehicle movements during the holiday period, between 13-14000.
- **Boughton Survey** Humphrey Lane is not suitable for the equipment and considered not an area where vehicles can speed. Howard Lane, no offenders and 13,000 vehicles passing. Moulton Lane 17% 4857 over 35mph threshold, 85% 36mph 27,735 vehicles passing.

Boughton Peak traffic flow is at 8am and 5pm. 12 recorded speeds of over 60mph, 4 of which were between 09.00 and 10.55, 2 during the early evening, the remainder were overnight.

- **Moulton - Liaison with NCC Highways/Meeting with Atkins** – Agreement has been gained to lower all ‘20mph’ signage at the 5 village entrances, paint 20mph roundels at each entrance and at intervals along carriageway. Agreement also gained to repaint **all** of the lines throughout the village due April 08. Once this is complete SCT Team will begin a phased period of education followed by enforcement.
- **Travel Plans** - Moulton Primary School and Moulton Secondary School are currently writing Travel Plans and have been given a copy of the traffic surveys. Moulton Parish Council and SCT Team will be assisting with the coordination of these travel plans and advising where appropriate. All schools will have to produce a travel plan by 2010. It was suggested that Overstone and Boughton Parish Councils could assist their primary schools with a travel plan.
- **‘Safe Driving’ sessions** have been conducted by PC Keith Millard of Northants Police Collision Investigation Dept with all students at Moulton College and sessions with Moulton Secondary 6th Form are to be carried out shortly.

2. Youth Nuisance/Underage Drinking

- Moulton Parish Council are to organise a **‘Street Football’** scheme shortly at Moulton Sports complex at Mike’s suggestion.
- Moulton Parish Council are to focus on **Youth Provision** this year with assistance from SCT and in particular, PCSO Allan Whenmouth
- Some Anti social behaviour has been reported in Moulton **Public Gardens** during weekdays in term time on the new play equipment. At Alan’s suggestion 3 wooden benches are to be placed at top of Gardens for Secondary school/college students to eat their lunch and not misuse equipment. Parish Council to write to the school and college informing them of the complaints and asking the students to use the benches.
- Allan has also suggested that the parish council install a bike rack to improve security and change the signage to read ‘no unauthorised alcohol’ to deter drinking in the Gardens.
- **Playing Fields, Brunting Road** – Anti social behaviour has been much reduced thanks to Allan’s suggestion of removing the benches from that area.
- Calls re Anti Social Behaviour have been significantly reduced across the whole sector WD22 from a peak of 34 last August to 8 in January 08. Moulton has reduced from 26-7, Overstone from 5-4 and Boughton from 5-0.
- Moulton Sports Centre has been experiencing a problem with youths using their sports pitches without permission, Allan has recently moved them on and work with some individuals has meant they are no longer in circulation.

- There have been 38 dedicated patrols in Moulton. After several reported incidents at the Obelisk Centre, patrols were increased but no problems witnessed.

3. Parking on pavements, illegally or on junctions

- BlueBell Park Pound Lane, Moulton successful police operation carried out by SCT Team to alleviate problems for residents of cars blocking access to their homes. Many positive comments received.
- Overstone Road Moulton – parking problems opposite the new housing development were immediately improved following a joint letter from Moulton Parish Council and SCT Team
- West Street and High Street Moulton – a letter drop to residents asking them not to park outside the college or on the pavement has been largely successful. There are still a few offenders and there have been 19 warnings and 10 fixed penalties issued.
- Dove's Lane – no parking for disabled vehicles. Permission has been gained from the Working Men's Club in High Street for a resident to use their car park when accessing the library or Crowfields Common.
- SCT have discussed with the secondary school the possibility of opening up the car park area at the top of Pound Lane at school opening and closing times for a trial period to ease congestion.

Report on other SCT/community initiatives since last meeting

- Launch of **Pubwatch** –**Pubwatch** is being launched in March and will cover licensed premises in Moulton, Boughton, Sywell, Holcot, Brixworth, Pitsford, Spratton and Chapel Brampton
- Relaunch of **Neighbourhood Watch**. There is a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 12th March at Moulton Village Hall. Representatives from Moulton and Overstone are attending. Residents from Boughton are also welcome. Mike asked the JAG members to support this initiative, attend the meeting, either volunteering themselves to represent their street or actively approach friends and relatives to volunteer as street coordinators. Jane to supply posters to Anne for advertising in Overstone.
- **Launch of Police/PC Surgery** PCSO Allan Whenmouth holds a Police Surgery in Moulton Library every 3rd Saturday. This is proving very popular with residents. Jane to supply Overstone and Boughton parish councils with posters advertising the dates of the surgeries.
- **Moulton Parish Council website** has a page dedicated to the SCT team and Home Security Pack information provided by Northamptonshire Police. Jane to forward details to Boughton parish clerk for possible inclusion on their website.
- An **Environmental Audit** has been carried out in Moulton at suggestion of Mike. Allan attended with Emma Yoxen from DDC. As a result of the Audit the litter bin emptying schedule has been increased to twice a week in identified problem areas during term times.
- SCT Team now has an additional Special Constable, Steve Miller, now working across the area on Saturday nights

4. Update on community concerns statistics

- 76 responses had been received from Moulton School 6th form
- Mike asked JAG members to encourage completion of concern cards or ask residents what improvements they wish to see within the SCT policing remit
- Concern cards were being distributed to Moulton primary school this week
- A fair number of concern cards had been received back from Moulton and Boughton which have increased the overall totals. Speeding is still the No. 1 issue with Parking and Anti Social Behaviour as no's 2 and 3 and now. Litter is also appearing on more concern cards.

5. Priorities Discussion/Agree for next period

- It was agreed to leave the priorities for the next 3 months as:
 1. Speeding
 2. Parking
 3. Anti social behaviour/under age drinking

6. Actions raised/allocated

- Mike has arranged a meeting with John Spencer, Casualty Reduction Officer, NCC in June at Brixworth Community Centre. JAG members and parish council representatives will be invited to attend and ask questions relating to highway matters. **Questions should be sent to Mike or Jane prior to the meeting so answers can be given on the night.**
- SCT to continue with current actions
- JAG members to support Neighbourhood Watch and help recruit street coordinators and encourage completion of concern cards.

7. Any Other Business

- Geoff mentioned that 2 men had been spotted in Overstone woodland in a white transit van carrying guns
- Mel mentioned a large bin had been placed in the layby between Moulton and Boughton. Jane to check with DDC why its there

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th June 2008 at 7pm in Moulton Village Hall