

COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING SUB BEAT 22
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 17th June 2008

Venue: Moulton Village Hall

Present

Sgt Mike Grady (Daventry Rural North), PCSO Allan Whenmouth, Mr Geoff Clayson, Mr Alan Foster, Mr Clive Hames (Overstone Parish Council), Mr John Clarke, (Boughton Parish Council), Mr Michael Stead (Boughton NHW), Mrs Liz Denny, Mr Bob Midmer , Mr Alan Brooks (Moulton residents), Mr Simon Schanschieff (Northants Police Authority)
Mrs Jane Austin (Clerk, Moulton Parish Council)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Matthew Billingham, Mr Steve Fehnert, Mrs Anne Sharp.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed as an accurate record.

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, 60 enforcement visits have been conducted across the area. 16 visits on this sector have resulted in 19 fixed penalty notices, 1 prosecution and 12 verbal cautions being issued. (see handout for break down of locations)

- **Moulton 20mph Zone** – From the results of the recent traffic surveys it was clear that the 20mph speed limit was being abused. Working together, the SCT team and Moulton parish council have achieved the following:
 - 20mph roundels have been painted at the 5 entry points to the 20mph zone and repeaters on Northampton Lane North and Chater Street. Most of the relining of the village is complete.
 - Overhanging trees, shrubs and hedgerows obscuring road signs have been cut back
 - Approximately 7000 20mph leaflets have been handed out – 2000 via Moulton Scene, 5000 by SCT officers carrying out the ‘education’ phase of the 20mph enforcement initiative – posters have been placed on notice boards, local shops and in Moulton School and Moulton College. An article also appeared in the Chronicle and Echo to raise awareness of the 20mph zone
 - As part of the enforcement phase, 20mph repeater signs, funded by the parish council will shortly be placed throughout the zone
John asked if it were possible for Boughton parish council could purchase 30mph repeater signs. Mike to advise Boughton pc on this.

Boughton – It was felt that the speed survey in Howard Lane had been placed in the wrong position, near to a junction. Mike suggested a site visit to determine a more central position for a survey.

- The Camera Safety Team had visited Moulton Lane and been successful, however the figures remain quite low.

- A request was made for more information re: Boughton Traffic Survey. Mike confirmed it takes place over a period of 7 days, 24 hours a day. Mike to send a copy to the parish council
- **Overstone** – Alan Foster noted that the speeding enforcement visits had taken place around school times and commented that it was so busy at school times it was difficult to reach 30 mph
- Safe driving sessions have now been completed with 6th form students at Moulton School and Moulton College students – It is hoped to arrange this on an annual basis
- Moulton Primary School and Moulton Secondary School have submitted their travel plans to NCC. Both schools are trying to encourage more walking to school, Moulton secondary school is trying to encourage more cycling to school and hope to provide new secure bike racks to facilitate this
- Moulton College is currently updating their Travel Plan and will supply a copy to the parish council late summer – Mike and parish council to visit college in the Autumn term to discuss traffic and parking issues
- Boughton primary school has informed the parish council of its Travel Plan
- Overstone primary school has completed their plan but Geoff stated that the school had refused to allow the parish council to see a copy. Mike suggested that the freedom of information act could be used to obtain a copy if the Parish Council wished to do so.
- Alan Brooks mentioned that Moulton College vehicles were mounting the path in West Street in order to use the narrow access point on West Street. Mike to check pavement and speak to college if necessary.

2. Youth Nuisance/Underage Drinking

- Since the last meeting, 49 dedicated Anti Social Behaviour patrols have taken place resulting in 27 stops/stop searches being conducted
- W/e 23-25/5 A special police operation, Operation Quarry took place, following a disturbance in High Street Moulton the previous weekend. It appears to have been an isolated incident. Moulton Leys are experiencing youth nuisance problems at the moment and police presence has been increased to deal with this. However, this action tends to move the problem down into Moulton village. Both SCT teams are working together to prevent this from happening.
- **Moulton Area Pubwatch** is now fully launched and has 12 members inc 4 Moulton pubs, working men's club and 3 stores (Yogi, Moulton Co-op, Moulton Village Stores). An extraordinary meeting was called in response to the disorder on FA Cup/Festival Saturday. One individual has been excluded and issues such as serving drunks, smoking out on the streets were all covered. Lots of positive suggestions came from the meeting with the aim of avoiding the same thing happening next year. 18th Birthday parties were discussed with most venues in the area not accepting bookings for them.
- **Street Football Scheme** – the pilot scheme is proving successful with reasonable numbers attending. It is hoped this will continue and maybe extended to include different sports. PCSO Allan Whenmouth has been very supportive of this and has spoken to the youths attending to discourage them

from visiting the sports complex at times when they have nothing booked. Youth nuisance has ceased at Moulton Sports Complex since Street Football began.

- **Public Gardens-** Allan Whenmouth suggested placing benches in the Public Gardens to reduce the amount of young adults misusing the play equipment. Since the benches have arrived there has been a significant reduction in calls re: youths sitting on the play equipment preventing younger children from using it. The benches are suffering from some graffiti, but this is removed as soon as spotted. John asked what the procedure was for graffiti removal. Jane to contact DDC and report back. (see attached sheet for answers)
- The signage has been changed to read 'no unauthorised alcohol' to discourage drinking. A 'no alcohol' zone was discussed but there is insufficient data to warrant introducing one
- PC Gary Wright has recommended the use of prikka-strip on the boundary fences to prevent youths climbing in during the evening once the gardens have been locked
- There have been recent problems with vandalism at the Football Club in Brunting Road. Gary has recommended trimming the hedge around the pavilion to 1m height to make the area more visible. This will be discussed at the next parish council meeting in July.
- Moulton Parish Council and PCSO Allan are to attend a presentation of youth work carried out in the village by Moulton Parish Church hosted by Rev Peter Breckwoltdt and Kaushal David, Youth Worker at the parish church centre tomorrow night.

3. Parking on pavements/illegally or on junctions

- Since the last meeting, 6 Fixed penalty notices and 35 warnings have been issued
- High Street 3 fixed penalties, West St 3 fixed penalty notices, Jeyes Close 1 warning, Bluebell Park 4 warnings, Pound Lane 25 warnings, Overstone Road 1 warning, Stewart Close 4 warnings.
- Moulton Parish Council and Mike have met with Andy Leighton and Nick Gore from NCC to discuss additional yellow lines in Pound Lane. PCSO Glyn Lewis has placed Police 'No Parking' cones on one side of the road, keeping the highway clear for buses - this has proved to be very successful
- The priority junction system in Cross Street was also discussed and a Highways Safety Audit will be undertaken to see if a change of priority would improve the junction
- A second letter from the parish council and SCT team has been sent to Overstone Road residents asking to refrain from parking on grass verges and blocking drives in Inniskilling Close and to park responsibly instead
- Complaints from residents in Stewarts Close re: college parking on grass verges
- From September, the secondary school will be issuing parking passes to staff and pupils for the MSC/village hall car park to deter college students parking there

- Alan Brooks asked why the area in the school grounds at the top of Pound Lane that is marked out as a car park could not be used as one. Mike has already approached Trevor Jones, the headteacher, regarding this but he cannot allow parking there on health and safety grounds as pupils use the area to access the school

Report on other SCT/community initiatives since last meeting

- 1 x warning for riding off road motorcycle in Sywell Rd Overstone.
2 warnings for motorcycle nuisance in Overstone Woods.
Geoff mentioned that a motorcyclist was still riding up the centre of Sywell Road after school and another youth was riding a motorbike without registration plates or wearing a helmet. SCT to monitor. Mike confirmed that individuals riding a motorbike on the road needed insurance. Anyone found to be in contravention of highway regulations pertaining to motorbikes were given a warning the first time with the bike being confiscated the second time. Mike also confirmed that police officers were unable to pursue motorbikes
2 warned re mini motorcycle nuisance in Crow Fields
Mike reported that a lot of work had been undertaken in conjunction with the Firearms Department and local landowners in Overstone. Some individuals shooting on the land do have shooting permission and the correct licences. Permission to shoot had been granted by Overstone Golf Club to a number of people in order to clear vermin.
- 1 x Fixed Penalty Notice for over 7.5t truck Northampton Lane North
- Casualty Reduction Evening – held last week at Brixworth Community Centre. Mike explained that he had organised the meeting with a panel from Northants Police and NCC Casualty Reduction Department present to answer questions from parishes that Mike was unable to answer. Over 40 questions had been received from the Daventry Rural North parish councils and Community Panel members. Minutes will be distributed to all parishes and attendees will be asked to complete a feedback sheet. If the feedback is positive, the Casualty Reduction Evening will be held in other areas of the county
- A Policing Update and summary of recent JAG meetings were included in the current issue of the Moulton Scene - all residents should now be aware of policing priorities and ongoing initiatives
- The 3 weekly PCSO and parish council surgery held in Moulton library is now well established and is regularly attended. Dates of the surgeries are also advertised on the Boughton parish council website
- Crime figures are now featured on Moulton Parish Council website
- The SCT information page/Home Security Information pack have been added to the Boughton parish council website

- Neighbourhood Watch has been relaunched in Moulton and Overstone – more street contacts needed. Allan Whenmouth to hold a meeting soon with all street contacts to provide training and talk about crime prevention
- The SCT team has been using a police computer installed in Moulton Village Hall for 12 months – this has cut down travelling time between Brixworth and Moulton/Boughton and Overstone and has increased Allan's time out on the beat

4. Update on community concerns statistics

- A lot more concern cards had been received since the last meeting, SCT team are collecting interaction cards from residents and cards are completed at the surgery in the library
- Geoff mentioned cycling on the pavement as a problem in Overstone. SCT to monitor
- John Clarke, Boughton and Alan Brooks, Moulton, both felt that there was an increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling through the villages. Mike asked them to record the registration number, the day and time and report it to the SCT. The SCT will then telephone the company operators, who were generally cooperative
- Representatives from Boughton and Overstone both commented on the noticeable increase of visible police presence in their areas and the positive effect this was having.

5. Priorities Discussion/Agree for next period

- After some discussion it was agreed to leave the priorities as now:
 1. Speeding
 2. Anti social behaviour/underage drinking
 3. Parking

6. Actions raised/allocated

- SCT to continue with current actions

7. Any Other Business

- John remarked that the white lines in the middle of some roads in Boughton had virtually disappeared. Although it had been reported through Street Doctor, no action had been taken. Mike suggested contacting Richard Woodhouse, Reactive Maintenance Manager at May Gurney
- Mike will request that Howard Lane in Boughton be retested with the survey kit in a more central position if possible. All agreed that Humphrey Lane was not a problem.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th September 2008 in Moulton Village Hall

Graffiti Removal

- Land or buildings owned by Parish Council – pc responsibility
- Highways ie Street name signs/lamp posts/road signs – Street Doctor – important to specify nature of graffiti. If its racist/offensive the response time will be quicker.
- Privately owned buildings/land – residents/owners responsibility
- DDC has **no** resources at the present time to deal with graffiti

Utility companies are responsible for removing graffiti on their property:

- Central Networks (Electricity substations) – reactiveworks@central-networks.co.uk
- Royal Mail post boxes proactive.monitor@wspgroup.com
- BT boxes/telegraph poles/junction boxes – faults@bt.com or telephone 0800 800 151, option 2, then option 8,
- BT phone kiosks customer.serv.payphones@bt.com or telephone 0800 800 151

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