

COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING SUB BEAT 22
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 27th January 2010

Venue: Moulton Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies

PCSO Allan Whenmouth, Sgt Mike Grady (Daventry Rural North), Geoff Clayson, Barry Oliver, (Overstone Parish Council), Anne Sharp (Overstone Parish Council), Michael Stead (Boughton NHW), Bob Midmer (Moulton Parish Council), Gill Newton (Northants Police Authority), Clare Smith (Community Safety Officer, DDC), Jane Austin (Clerk Moulton Parish Council)
Barry Oliver chaired the meeting.

2. Apologies were received from John Clarke, Charlotte Mackaness, Matthew Billingham

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed as a correct record.

4. Report of progress against priorities and Report on Community interactions

The SCT had recently carried out a successful operation called 'Not in my Neighbourhood'. Brixworth would launch the operation at Easter. Barry asked if consideration could be given to running the operation in other villages i.e. Boughton/Overstone. Allan explained that the operation needed the co-operation of the head teachers in the areas to use the School Junior Road Safety Officers. Allan to liaise with schools.

Allan presented the crime figures for beat WD22 (attached).

Barry asked if the one of the reasons burglaries were up on the area was due to the campaign to promote 'smartwater' in Northampton. Mike replied that it could possibly encourage the criminal element out of Northampton and reported on Operation Guardian – an operation aimed at targeting burglary, robbery and car theft over 2/3 high impact days in specific areas. Operation Pilfer specifically targets metal thefts.

1. Speeding:

West Street – 5 visits since last meeting. No tickets issued. 20mph sign on Boughton Road has been missing for some time it has been street doctored several times. Jane to report to MWGSP. Lunchtimes identified as problem time.

2. ASB:

34 Patrols carried out since last meeting. No major issues highlighted. 2 individuals have been issued with an ABA (Anti-social behaviour agreement).

3. Parking:

Moulton- 8 tickets issued on Pound Lane/Boughton Road. Warning notices also placed on offending vehicles.

Letter to be sent from the Community Panel to Moulton College raising concerns with student parking and inviting Moulton College to join the Community Panel.

5. Tasks raised and allocated

It was agreed that prevention of burglaries would become the policing priority for the next 3 months.

Operation Guardian leaflets (Burglary Prevention) to be distributed throughout the 3 villages. Parish Councillors/Neighbourhood Watch members to help with distribution. SCT to visit Overstone Car Boot Sale with UV torches to check goods for Smartwater to identify stolen property – letter written to Arrowmsith (landowner) from Community Panel re: possibility of stolen goods on land

6. Any other business

Michael Stead raised the issue of cold callers/suspicious characters in area. Incident identified as a 'grade 2' priority i.e. police officer on site within 60 minutes. Claire mentioned the Doorstep Action Network (D.A.N.) -dedicated hotline number to verify identification of caller. Claire to distribute promotional material to villages. It was noted that the DAN notices were difficult to attach and some assistance may be needed.

Smartwater only available free of charge in 'high crime' areas. Boughton to hold an open meeting shortly – if a high proportion of households take up smartwater there is potential for press coverage.

Gill Newton informed the meeting that £25,000 was available from the proceeds of crime fund. Groups were invited to submit an application for projects that would help older, vulnerable people feel safer in their own homes. More details were available on the Police Authority website. Applications submitted by early March.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th April 2010 @ 7pm, Moulton Village Hall