

**COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING SUB BEAT 22**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009

**Venue:** Moulton Village Hall

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**Present**

Sgt Jacqui Harris (Daventry Rural North), Anne Sharp, Geoff Clayson, Barry Oliver, Ian Wagstaff (Overstone Parish Council), John Clarke, (Boughton Parish Council), Michael Stead (Boughton NHW), Bob Midmer, (Moulton Parish Council), Steve Fehnert, Mel Clarke, Matthew Billingham, Liz Denny, Alan Brooks (Moulton residents), Claire Corbin, Community Safety Officer, Daventry District Council  
Jane Austin (Clerk, Moulton Parish Council)

Claire explained that part of her role was to advise on membership of Community Panels, assist with setting of Community Priorities and develop and support Community Projects.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Chris Boyce (Boughton NHW) and Mr Simon Schanschieff (Northants Police Authority)

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Agreed as a correct record.

**3. Report of progress on priorities – PS Harris**

Jacqui summarised progress made on the 2 policing priorities identified at the last meeting:

**1. Speeding**

S.C.T. had carried out speed enforcement on a maximum of 3 locations as agreed by the panel at the last meeting and a week of action had taken place in all 3 villages. 2 new cameras had been purchased for SCT use.

Jacqui asked if any parish councils were interested in taking part and promoting Community Speedwatch. Overstone and Boughton are not pursuing the scheme at this time. Jane to check with Moulton pc. Claire to progress.

**Moulton**

Speed enforcement had taken place on Northampton Lane North (as agreed at last meeting) and more recently Overstone Road. Bob asked for the statistics for each location. Jacqui explained that a breakdown of information was not available at this time.

Alan asked if speed enforcement could take place between 12.30pm – 1.30pm on West Street as this was lunchtime for the secondary school and college.

Jane reported that 600 '30mph' bin stickers had been ordered by the parish council and would arrive tomorrow. The bin stickers would be distributed to residents of Boughton Road, The Grove and Overstone Road - the main approach roads into the village.

**Boughton**

Speed enforcement carried out on Moulton Road, Boughton as agreed last time. In addition, PCSO Allan Whenmouth had carried out checks on speed in Church Lane. The incorrect location of the speed camera on Howard Lane was raised. Jacqui to take this up with Casualty Reduction.

## **Overstone**

Speed enforcement carried out on Sywell Road as planned. Figures not available. Geoff asked about additional 30mph repeater signs. Jane to check situation with Nick Gore, NCC and report back to Overstone pc. John confirmed that Boughton pc had agreed to purchase additional 30mph repeater signs for Moulton Lane. Jane stated that if Overstone pc felt that engineering works were needed then a site meeting should be requested with NCC. In response to Geoff's question re: other villages' engineering works, Jacqui said she would approach them to ask how the work was completed.

## **2. Youth Nuisance/Underage Drinking**

### **Overstone**

Several issues were reported by Overstone pc members: evidence of drug usage and petty vandalism at the Church of God. Quad bikes and mini mopeds at various sites throughout the village and joyriding on access roads. Jacqui stressed it was important to report what was seen to build up evidence and mentioned Anti Social Behaviour Diaries – residents living near problem areas could complete a diary to better inform police of anti social activities.

Jacqui mentioned the youth provision work that is currently being developed in Brixworth – Jane requested information for Moulton and also reported that a start date for the planned youth club was imminent, the street football project had been very successful at the sports complex and there were plans to develop the sports provision over the next few months.

Jacqui detailed her vision for the SCT and stated that part of that vision is to focus on fear of crime and crime reduction. It is hoped that Crime Reduction Roadshows, working with agencies such as DASH (Daventry Area Safety in the Home) will be arranged on a rolling basis. Jane reported that DASH events were already held annually in Moulton and Moulton pc, in partnership with DDC and the Library Service had already arranged a comprehensive Information day, which would include DASH, Care and Repair and Crime Prevention advice on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Publicity for these events is also sent to the smaller surrounding communities.

Jacqui informed the panel that all members of the SCT were currently completing a Community Engagement document which would hold all Key Contact Information for groups and organisations within each village. Barry from Overstone pc asked how he could be updated with crime information. Jacqui explained the ringmaster email system and would look into getting Barry added to the contact list for this.

Jacqui hopes to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch Schemes within the area and recruit more members. Boughton has a very successful NHW scheme and Moulton and Overstone relaunched their schemes last year with the help of Bill Dredge and PCSO Allan Whenmouth

Jacqui described the 'Footprints/Handprints leaflets that the SCT are distributing and that NHW and pc members would be asked to help leave these cards around the communities. The idea behind this being to manage the fear of crime and give communities the 'feelgood' factor so residents can feel good about where they live. The SCT members would be producing a regular newsletter, blog and podcast. Geoff mentioned a meeting he had attended recently where there had been a discussion re: Parish Constables. Some confusion over this – Jacqui to research.

## **4. Update on community concerns statistics**

Each SCT officer had been requested to complete one interaction sheet per shift. These were now being entered onto a new spreadsheet. Although not many had

been received, the priorities from the residents remain the same – Speeding, Parking and Youth Nuisance. Jacqui passed the figures around the meeting.

#### **5. Priorities Discussion/Agree for next period**

After some discussion it was agreed to set the priorities as follows:

- 1. Speeding/Parking**
- 2. Youth nuisance**
- 3. Fear of Crime/Crime Reduction**

Some concerns were raised by the panel at the use of the term ‘fear of crime’ - it was felt that the area was a relatively low crime area and fear of crime was not evident, using the term may increase the fear. Jacqui suggested the panel members searched the internet for information on fear of crime and the social and psychological effects on a community.

#### **6. Actions raised/allocated**

As minuted above.

Alan mentioned the increasing number of cars parked on grass verges. Jacqui suggested Alan made a note of the registration number, passed the information to the SCT and she would write to the owner. PCSO Allan Whenmouth to place ‘footprint’ cards on these cars.

Geoff mentioned a yellow van that had been parked outside a row of cottages on Sywell Road for several months. Jacqui to investigate.

Parking on verges outside Overstone Primary School was also mentioned. Geoff to contact SCT

#### **7. Any Other Business**

None

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

To be advised