

WOODLEY AND NORTH EARLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of a meeting held in the Maxwell room, Oakwood Centre Woodley

Wednesday 23.10.19

Present: Jackie Rance Chair, Mary Bather ACER, Mike Millard, Brenda Cutler, David Bragg WTC, David Provins, Coling Lawley, Sgt. Phil Ashlee, Keith Baker WTC/WBC, Carl Doran WBC, Ben Graham, Ian and Kate kaggerty, Jeffry Layhe, R. Heather

Apologies : Mike Evans, Jenny Lissaman, Sheena Matthews, Shirley Boyt, Mary Holmes, Marion Shaw, Cedric Langdale

No matters arising from the previous minutes. Jackie Rance the new Chair was introduced by Mary Bather

Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team from Sgt. Phil Ashlee: There has been an increase in burglaries of cash and jewellery between 12 noon and 6 pm, mostly by rear entry. Residents should make sure they have good lighting back and front of homes. Secure locks. Don't leave keys visible. Also increase in theft of motor vehicles.

TVP introducing a Mobile Unit and 4 dates planned for covert ops in Woodley.

A lot of drug use/dealing in Drovers Way. Speeding continues to be an issue, as does cycling across Woodley Precinct. PCSO's cover as much of the area as possible. Police Team now being coordinated at Loddon Valley. Halloween will be a busy night.

Mr. Lawley questioned PC Ashlee about the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch. Police would like people to try and use Thames Valley Alert much more.

Forum committee - Jackie reiterated that the Committee is made up of a Chairperson, a Vice Chair, and a Minute Taker/reproducer is necessary. The Chair has to take the meeting, to watch for people who wish to speak, coordinate the Agenda and generally arrange the procedure. It is essential for there to be a Minute Taker who will reproduce the minutes to everyone. Jackie asked for volunteers. **There were None!**

The website was discussed in brief and for it to be kept up to date, we need a **Volunteer. None was forthcoming.** Keith Baker suggested that "going on Facebook" would be useful for communicating, conveying information, talking, exchanging news and view and it would simply be identified as **WANE.** FB would also help us to hopefully get more people to join WANE. This would need to be managed/administered. A volunteer is required. **None forthcoming.**

Jackie reported she had met with Joyce Stoner of Wokingham Borough Council, who does a huge amount of work within the Community. Woodley Town are holding their usual Carol Concert on Saturday 23.11.19 and The Extravaganza on Sunday 1.12.19 Joyce asked if there could be some volunteers from WANE to stand on the Woodley precinct and hand out leaflets regarding both events in the morning of 23rd November. **No volunteers forthcoming.**

Any Other Business: Keith Baker reported on a "strategy" for Woodley – a Cycling Working Group. Reporting on cycle theft, lost and found – going on Facebook and should be up and running by 26/27th October

Meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday. 20th November 2019.