

Coffon Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Minutes of Coordinators Meeting 22nd October 2009 (Following PACT Meeting)

Chair: Katie Wardle

Apologies: Jo Lloyd; Garry Turland; Barry Bond; Hazel & Anthony Atwell; Martin Linford; Mavis & Barry Drew; Pete Judd.

The meeting welcomed Sarah Amato (new coordinator for Group7).

Attendance: 25 (names recorded on attendance sheet)

Item	Subject	Action
1	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: (1st October 2009) These had been received and were agreed. Thanks to Mel Clarke, Bromsgrove Police; Sharon & Mark Imrie and Keith Duncan for prompt printing and delivery</p>	
2	<p>Matters Arising: Ruth Dugdale is now the Lead Coordinator for Group 2; Bob Nash is a coordinator on Groveley Lane. These appointments now make it possible to proceed with the long awaited updated Alert Communication Packs. Please inform Carol Barrett immediately if there are any changes to your contact details.</p>	<p>Subcommittee aim to provide updated alert packs for Dec meeting.</p> <p>Inform Carol of contact details immediately</p>
3	<p>Incidents: No "alerts" since the last meeting, however there has been concern over recent reports in the press regarding telephone scams. Two members had recently received a suspicious call from a company called Direct Response. Both members sensibly reported the call and it was checked out by the company & Police. Happily on this occasion it was not sinister; it was concluded that it was a new employee sounding hesitant & unsure which had made him sound suspicious! Another telephone scam, brought to our attention by the police, involves a company claiming to be from your credit card trying to reimburse you after alleged fraudulent activity. They have your name, address etc – but require your 3 digit security code. Do not give this information – your real company has these details. Also a timely reminder with the dark evenings, "Trick or Treat Night"; Bonfire Night; not to leave Christmas shopping in cars and to please report</p>	<p>Be vigilant – do not give any information over the telephone – remember your credit card company already have all your details!</p>

	anything suspicious.	
4	<p>Police Update: Provided by PC Jayne Willetts & PCSO Kevin Tudge. (Incidents since 1st Oct 2009)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CID Continue to investigate the incident of postal bag theft from our local postman. - Cofton Church Road – dealt with an incident involving people in a taxi disturbing a local resident. - 3 men, from a white van, arrested in Cofton Lake Road when they were found hiding in a garden. They had all been drinking, as none would admit to being the driver, they were all charged with drink driving. - Focus store continues to have problems with youths; emptying the skip in the car park etc. These are thought to be youths from West Heath/ Longbridge area. - Some enquiries ongoing following a serious physical assault on a male youth outside Fentons. - 20th October – reports of a suspicious transit van in the area – this van had come from Lancashire and thought to be part of a distraction burglary attempt. Well done to the residents who reported this – a possible crime averted. <p>Our police team are working closely with local schools re: Anti Bully week (in November) and preventing local shops (and parents) from selling eggs & flour to anyone under 18 over the Halloween & bonfire night period; Remembering the Firework Code. They have arranged a Free Halloween Pirate Party on Sat 31st October – in order to keep youths off the streets and to avoid incidents of antisocial behaviour. Well done for all these initiatives.</p>	<p>Please report any incidents of antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>Sat 31st October – Free entry to 11-17 yr olds – Pirate Fancy Dress party 5-9pm, Rubery Youth Centre. All welcome.</p>
5	<p>Treasurers Report (Emily) There are still outstanding subs. The meeting was reminded that 2010 subs will be due in January, so please collect them!</p>	
6	<p>AOB: -Following the crime experienced by Peter our postman (when his postbag and bike were stolen), CHNW had lots of messages of concern</p>	

	<p>and support for Peter's welfare. As a small gesture of our appreciation for Peter (and all that he does for CHNW and within our community), the meeting presented Peter with a gift of a book token (after welcomed advice from Peter's brother). We expressed our relief that Peter had not been physically hurt in the incident.</p> <p>-Reassurance for local Dog Owners -PC Jayne Willetts wished to quash recent rumours that there was a risk to Dogs in Cofton Park. <u>There have been no incidents of dogs being poisoned locally & no problems with local establishments.</u></p> <p>- Local Checks for Electoral Role – Householders who have not returned recent Electoral Role forms are having visits from council staff (including Saturdays & Sundays) to check details. Please check for official ID.</p> <p>- Rubery NW AGM Wed 18th November.</p> <p>- Police Surgery Oct 28th to be held at Rednal Cafe, Edgeware Rd.</p> <p>- A member reported that staff at the police call centre, based at Hindlip, Worcester, still do not know where Cofton Hackett is. PC Willetts advised that the public need to make it clear to staff your address, postcode and that you live within Bromsgrove to avoid confusion to the call staff who direct calls over 3 counties.</p>	
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting: (There is no meeting in November) <u>Tuesday December 1st</u>, 8pm, Rednal Social Club. This will be followed by our Annual Skittles Event</p>	<p>All welcome – please come prepared! Sharon to arrange facilities at the club.</p>

Remember the Firework Code. Under the Fireworks Regulations Act 2004:

Many people enjoy professional firework displays, but remember:

- Irresponsible use of fireworks can pose a danger to other people & property.
- Fireworks can scare people, especially the elderly, and frighten animals.
- People under the age of 18 are prohibited from buying fireworks or being in possession of fireworks in a public place.

- Fireworks must not be let off after 11 pm (extended to midnight on 5th November)
- Children must always have adult supervision at firework and bonfire displays.

Ref: West Mercia Police

Dates for CHNW meetings 2010:

January	Tuesday 5 th
February	Thursday 4 th (Joint PACT meeting)
March	Tuesday 2 nd
April	Thursday 1 st
May	Tuesday 4 th
June	Thursday 3 rd (Joint PACT meeting)
July	Tuesday 6 th
August	Thursday 5 th
September	Tuesday 7 th
October	Thursday 7 th (Joint PACT meeting)
November	Tuesday 2 nd
December	Thursday 2 nd

Coffon Hackett Neighbourhood Watch

Minutes of Coordinators Meeting 1st October 2009

Acting Chair: Emily Mayne.

Apologies: Katie Wardle; Phil Reeves; Martin Linford; Mavis & Barry Drew; Mike Powell; Pete Judd; Margaret Edwards; Barry Bond; John Price; Jayne Willetts.

Attendance: 16 (names recorded on attendance sheet).

Item	Subject	Action
1	Minutes of the Last Meeting: These had been received and were seen as a true representation.	
2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from The Neighbourhood Task Meeting (held at Colmers Farm School, 16th Sept) was provided by Joe Oakes. The meeting was pleased to hear of the reported increased police presence on Coffon Park. - We Still need a Lead Co-ordinator for Group 2 (Barnt Green Road). Coordinators also required for Barnt Green Road and Groveley Lane. 	Keith
3	<p>Incidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oakfield Drive, a car had been disturbed – glove compartments opened and items taken – residents encouraged to report this to the police. - Today, 1st Oct : at lunchtime - Peter, our loyal postman, had his bike and mail bag grabbed and stolen from him whilst delivering the post on Groveley Lane. The man rode the bike down Groveley Lane, then dismounted, leaving the bike and ran across Coffon Park. The police were called immediately by Post Office staff. Peter, thankfully, was not physically hurt, but obviously distressed by the ordeal. He describes the man as possibly in his 40's; short fair/greying hair, wearing jeans & a T shirt. He was walking on Groveley Lane using a mobile phone immediately prior to the theft. <p>Peter is a valued member of Coffon Hackett; his concern was that local residents would miss their post and for his job. Lets make a community effort in showing him our support -</p> <p>West Mercia Police 0300 333 3000 or Crime Stoppers (Anonymous Number) 0800 555 111</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A suspicious incident was reported to the police; A young male knocked on a resident's door in Ashmead Drive asking for directions to Fletchers. This seemed rather odd, the male also seemed to be 	<p>The meeting was very pleased to see Peter in attendance – An Alert was sent immediately; we urge residents who may have seen this man/ or have any information, to contact the police.</p> <p>Please report any similar incidents to the</p>

	<p>looking at the cars in the driveway.</p> <p>- Concern was expressed regarding last week's armed robbery at The Lickey Post Office. It was reported that the vehicle used in the incident (a silver Vauxhall Zafira) was left at Cofton's Focus Car park. This is featured in this week's "Advertiser".</p>	<p>police immediately.</p> <p>If anyone has any information – report to Police</p>
4	<p>Police Update: PC Jayne Willetts was unable to attend – a police update report will be provided at the next PACT/CHNW meeting 22nd October. Pc Willetts had contacted Peter this afternoon which he greatly appreciated.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurers Report: Emily requested all subs that remain outstanding!</p>	<p>Subs to be delivered to Emily</p>
6.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>1. Thank you to Phil Reeves for cleaning the Myhil Field – The Brick wall continues to be targeted (too much for our Kit to cope with) The Parish Council will be getting an estimate from Wheelie Wizards to clean the brick wall & asked to consider anti-graffiti paint.</p> <p>2. Halloween Night – "No Trick or Treat" Posters available at the meeting</p> <p>3. Local Youths & Parents have recently cleaned off graffiti in The Myhil Field. This initiative was praised.</p> <p>4. Another Alert - Some residents had received a suspicious phone call last Sunday afternoon. The callers claimed to be from Bromsgrove District Council, enquiring the ages of persons at their household! No details were given and the incident was reported to the police. The call was subsequently traced to London – and was confirmed <u>not</u> to be the council. Please be vigilant.</p> <p>A further telephone scam was mentioned whereby people claim to be from the Inland Revenue, requesting banking details in order to give you a tax rebate. They then remove money from your account. Please do not provide any personal details over the phone as legitimate organisations already have this information and so will never ask you for it.</p> <p>5. Thursday 12th November – Longbridge PACT meeting to be held at Longbridge Baptist Church 7 – 8pm.</p> <p>6. Next Rubery Neighbourhood Watch Meeting: 18th November, 7.30pm, Baptist Church, Whetty Lane.</p>	<p>Peter has volunteered to post the remaining.</p> <p>Please alert your groups and never give personal information over the phone.</p>
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p>	<p>To decide</p>

	Joint PACT & Coffon Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Thursday Oct 22 nd –_Coffon Village Hall. <u>There is No Meeting in November</u> (Decembers Meeting, 8pm Tuesday 1 st December)	whether we want Dec. meeting to include our annual Skittles event.
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If you have any information / observations on any of the incidents please contact the police.

West Mercia Police 0300 333 3000

Or

Crime Stoppers (Anonymous Number) 0800 555 111

Thank you

**Coffon Hackett Neighbourhood Watch
Coordinators Minutes September 1st 2009**

Chair: Katie Wardle

Apologies: Emily Mayne; Sharon & Mark Imrie; Carol Barrett; John Lapsley; Martin Linford;

Attendance: 18 attendees

Item	Subject	Action
1	Minutes of the last Meeting: These had been received and seen as a true record	
2	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>1. Mini Celebration, Coffon Park – 8th & 9th August: A huge thank you to all CHNW volunteers and the police for manning the road blocks. The coordinators would like to commend the local police team on the support that they gave at this event.</p> <p>2. A reminder re the Neighbourhood Task Meeting to be held at Colmers Farm School, East Wing on Wed 16th September 7.30pm – regarding antisocial behaviour at Coffon Park. Sharron Imrie & Mr Mole attended the previous meeting, held by West Mids Police & Councillors (similar to our PACT meetings) and successfully had the issue of Antisocial Behaviour in Coffon Park put on their task agenda. Well done to them! – they urge as many people from our side of the park to attend. There are issues such as youths selling alcohol / underage drinking of alcohol etc in the park. "Stay Safe" initiative involving police, social services – who contact parents of youths charged with underage drinking.</p>	<p>Local residents to attend please</p>
3	<p>Incidents:</p> <p>1. 28th August, Parsonage Drive- Car window smashed. This was brought to our attention by Peter Smith, our trusted postman and was subsequently reported to the police. Owners were away and it had not been reported to the police by neighbours. The police have requested that CHNW pass on their thanks to Peter and ask that any such incidents be reported.</p> <p>2. An elderly gentleman living towards the lower end of Middle Drive employs a gardener to keep his front garden tidy. On Tuesday August 25th the gardener was working away when he felt he had been shot at by airgun pellets. He didn't see</p>	<p>Look out for your neighbours homes when they are away – report incidents immediately</p>

	<p>anyone but told the house owner and immediately left the garden.</p> <p>This was only reported to the police to-day, Saturday. The police have been round to see the house owner and searched the area. They are about to interview the gardener who lives in Rubery.</p> <p>Obviously if anyone has seen anything or has any information that might be useful would you please contact the police. This is a very serious incident.</p> <p>3. There have been incidents with local youths in the area throwing stones from driveways in to the road and running across people's gardens in Parsonage Drive. The police have been contacted and have attended but did not stop to speak to the youths. They have also stopped when called again but did not move the youths on. A request was made that the police team speak to the parents of the youths to try and prevent this behaviour continuing.</p> <p>4. Following the Mini event two toilets were stolen from Coffton Park. This is a matter for the West Midlands police. A comment from the floor was that "the police have nothing to go on".</p>	
4	<p>Police Update:</p> <p>The police were unable to attend the meeting so there was no police feedback given.</p>	
5	<p>Coordinator Changes:</p> <p>As recorded at the last meeting – We need a lead Coordinator for group 2 – (Barnt Green Road) Barry Hodgson has provided a name for a replacement, Ketih to contact.</p> <p>We would like to offer our thanks to Zena for her support over the years, she is moving to be closer to her family.</p> <p>Ann Jones will be taking over from David Hall.</p>	<p>Please contact Carol or Keith</p>
6	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>The number for Richard Deeming is incorrect in Coffton Watch, this should be 3114.</p> <p>Barnt Green will be holding an AGM for their Neighbourhood Watch at 7.30pm on the 7th October in the Baptist Church.</p> <p>Rubery Neighbourhood Watch have their next meeting at 7.30pm on the 9th September in Beaconside Church on Whetty Lane.</p> <p>Peter will be assisting St Michaels church in their</p>	

Cofton Hackett Neighbourhood Watch
Co-ordinators Minutes March 3rd 2009

Acting Chair: Emily Mayne

Attendance: 18 (names recorded on attendance sheet)

Apologies: Katie Wardle (Chair); John Price; Garry Turland; Martin Linford; Fran Brannan; Val Blunn; Mike Powell; Hazel & Anthony Atwell; Phil Reeves; Mavis & Barry Drew.

The meeting welcomed Mr Duggan and guest, from Rubery Neighbourhood Watch.

Item	Subject	Action
1.	February 5th Meeting was cancelled at short notice due to the extreme snow conditions – we hope that everyone received the urgent email & telephone notification.	
2.	February Police Update provided by Sgt Mark Wilkes: Since 2 nd January 2009 - no recorded burglaries. The main issue was a spree of graffiti from Cofton Church Lane, along Barnt Green Road up to the Lickey Road, at this time we are working with the local schools to try and identify the "Taggers". The Council have cleaned up the majority of graffiti which occurred on their signs and other property; trying to find out if they will be prepared to clean up graffiti which has appeared on private property. In addition, there have been several thefts from cars from the Lickey Hills and one from the Oak Tree Public House car park.	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting (January 6th 2009). These had been received and seen as being a true record.	
4.	Matters arising: - Need contact updates from lead coordinators urgently as requested – in order to work on Alert Packs – now a further month delayed due to cancellation of Feb meeting! - Sub committee also working on updating the alert procedure/alert cycle to feature in the Alert Pack. - Subs are still outstanding; please collect as soon as possible. Some were delivered to the meeting.	Lead Coordinators to send to Carol Barrett.
5.	Incidents /Alerts: 1. As appeared in the press – "Trio remanded over drugs raid" (The Standard Jan 30 th) involved a Cofton Hackett residence. It seems our "Smartwater break" from burglaries has now ended..... 2. Wednesday 25 th February Attempted burglary in Ten Ashes Lane by four white men / youths @ 4.20pm. Garden tools which they took from the homes garage were used to force an exterior door at the back. They were seen leaving the property and when approached made off in a navy saloon, probable car reg.MF06 TFZ. Police informed. 3. The police have asked us to put out the following alert - for parents to be aware that their children (residents of Cofton Hackett) have been moved off the Old Rover Site (25/2) - by police officers, as they have been on site playing football. Security tells us that the site is not safe and so no one should be on there.	Coordinators This matter is being dealt with by Serious and Organised Crime Agency. Sgt Wilkes to explore a strategy that was recently employed in Rubery, which

	<p>We have also had another incident reported by a resident that on Friday, local youths were seen playing football on the corner of Parsonage Drive and Oakfield; two were seen scaling the wall by an electricity sub-station. When warned of the dangers they apparently took no notice. Parents have been contacted, but there remains concern by the police and locals.</p>	<p>involved local schools. Our aim is to keep kids safe!</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Police Update: Provided by Sgt Mark Wilkes. - Up until 25th Feb there had been no other burglaries / attempted burglaries in Cofton Hackett (Although Barnt Green , Hagley and Wythall continue to be affected).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two incidents of Car crime in The Oaktree Pub car park as well as The Lickey Hills car parks regularly targeted with people leaving belongings in full view. Of the 58 incidents of car thefts last year in the local area (including Lickey, Barnt Green etc), 68% were at local "Beauty Spots". Cofton Hackett is seen to have a low incidence of car crime; however the Oaktree Pub has 1-2 incidents per month. - Police are working with the council at providing activities for children, making use of facilities such as schools. - Recent work in Rubery with local education staff – observed a lot of school children out, unsupervised, after 9pm. This may be an exercise that would be beneficial to Cofton Hackett area? - A recent planning application for 5 extra fast food outlets in Rubery was denied following concerns raised by Sgt Wilkes at a planning meeting. The meeting praised this action. - Alcohol Free Zone for Cofton Hackett ("AFZ") – PACT has taken it forward to the licensing committee – they depend upon "figures of disorder" i.e., reported incidents to the police / Council. Only 9 people attended Cllr McDonalds meeting of which 7 voted for an AFZ. A decision has been deferred as the police want to investigate what is happening in Cofton Park and West Midlands police area; Sgt Wilkes also requested assistance from CHNW and PACT in gathering a more comprehensive view of local opinion as Cllr McDonalds meeting unfortunately clashed with others. <u>Sgt Wilkes wishes to hear from anyone with incidents, either current or historical, so that he can present true opinion.</u> <p>Please email: mark.wilkes@westmercia.pnn.police.uk - see attached leaflet at the end of the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graffiti etc – CHNW was requested to join the police (and possibly a member of PC) to do a "walk around tour" to highlight vulnerable areas/ overgrown trees/ litter etc. A similar scheme was successful in Charford last year. - Sgt Wilkes presented some other statistics and trends: 63% of all burglaries are due to people not locking doors properly/ poor security habits. - Most common time for local burglaries over the last year has been between 2 – 4pm. - Recent "Vulnerable House Scheme" involved police posting leaflets through doors of homes which had poor security observed. - There is an emerging trend of "hoax burglaries"; with the fear 	<p>Agreed to circulate Sgt Wilkes contact email. Keith to also co-ordinate with local residents, in particular those on Grovely Lane.</p> <p>Emily to liaise with PC & police re a date prior to end of March</p>

	that with the downturn in the economic climate, incidents may raise? - There is also a concern that with the recession there may be an increase in burglaries/ other crimes.	Everyone to safeguard their belongings.
7.	AOB - The portable alarm (Homeguard MS 8000) has now been given to a household in Kendal End Road who has been broken into twice. - Rubery Police Station has reopened after refurbishment. Improvements include a ramp, new front counter, a new consultation room and toilet with disabled facilities. - Thank you to Peter Smith for posting the PACT leaflets and offering to do them again. He urged prompt organisation due to Easter dates. - Mr Duggan (Rubery NW) thanked the meeting and informed us of their success in obtaining Alcohol Free Zone – due to a commitment of their residents in informing the police of <u>all gatherings</u> of groups of youths (whether committing an offence or not)and obtaining incident Numbers so that they had available data to present to officials. - A recent burglary in the Marlbrook area highlights the need to safeguard property such as cash , which cannot be protected with Smartwater. Remember to use Smartwater on small items such as jewellery.	Report incidents to the police!
8.	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd April AGM. Date for diary - PACT will also be held April 23 rd – CHNW “May meeting” will be incorporated in the April PACT.	

Do you want Cofton Hackett to be an Alcohol Free Zone?

YES or NO

Sgt Mark Wilkes, of Rubery Police station , wishes to gather information on local opinion, incidents (historical or current), areas affected, times etc, to present to The Licencing Committee .

Please complete the following and either post, deliver or email to
Sgt Mark Wilkes, c/o Rubery Police Station, 164,New Road, Rubery, B 45 9JA
Email: mark.wilkes@westmercia.pnn.police.uk Yes No

Name Contact details

Comments

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PLEASE REPORT ALL INCIDENTS TO THE POLICE AND REQUEST AN INCIDENT NUMBER!