



Minutes of a Parish Meeting held at Landford Village Hall at 7.00pm on 11 March 2019

Present

Cllr L Waltham (Vice-Chairman)	E Finlayson (Parish Clerk)	105 Members of the Parish
Cllr L Randall (WC)		6 Visitors

Pre-Meeting

The Chair explained that a Parish Meeting is a meeting of the residents of the Landford Parish i.e. anyone on the Parish electoral register. The Chair of the Parish Council is required to chair the meeting and the Parish Clerk takes minutes - but there is no formal involvement of the Parish Council in the meeting. It was noted that any attendee could raise and discuss any points they wished to, but only attendees on the Landford Parish electoral roll could make proposals or vote on any proposals.

A head count of anyone present who was not on the Landford Parish electoral roll was made for the Minutes.

The Parish Meeting opened at 19:03.

1/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr D Wilson, Mr A MacLachlan, Mr S Slader and Mrs J Mitchell.

2/19 Discuss crime prevention in the Parish with Wiltshire South Community Policing Team and the local Neighbourhood Watch representatives

i) Community Policing Team (CPT) update (PC Matt Holland)

Inspector Pete Sparrow, PC Matt Holland and PCSO Simon Nash from the South Wilts CPT attended the meeting. The South Wilts CPT, which is based in Bourne Hill in Salisbury, is responsible for Salisbury, Alderbury and Wilton which is over 350 square miles.

PCSO Simon Nash covers Landford and PC Matt Smith covers Nomansland and Hamptworth (contact details can be found on the Wiltshire Police and Landford Parish Council websites <https://www.landfordparishcouncil.org.uk/crime-prevention>). Once out on the beat the PSCOs stay in allocated areas for most of the day.

Parishioners raised specific experiences of break-ins and queried the varying police attendance times. In response facts and figures were given about the area size and the number of police officers and PCSOs on duty at one time. It was commented that more police officers are needed in both the rural and city areas and that the team is unable to attend all police calls. However, the reported information from the public is key to helping direct funds and officers to the places in need. It was further commented that there is a fine balance when officers are needed on large incidents e.g. missing people, or when there are choices between an outbuilding burglary and an occupied house burglary.

The Parish reports of burglaries in outbuildings, workshops, gardens and garages were noted and it was highlighted that there was an increase in burglaries in the local and surrounding areas. Due to the increasing number of reports, the CPT is targeting suspect vehicles; this had been in place for 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Crime prevention was discussed and advice given:

- Outbuildings protection – an inexpensive alarm system may be purchased from the DIY stores can act as a noisy deterrent.
- Parishioners should record details and take photos of the contents of garages and sheds, noting the make, model and serial number to create an inventory.



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- Property should be security marked with the post code and owner's name so that it is traceable

The interactive crime map for South Wiltshire (<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/851/Crime-Map-for-Wiltshire-South>) showed 14 crime reports in Landford. The CPT went on to clarify that this report was from the 70th day of the year and highlighted that there were a further 6 crime reports at Whiteparish, and 1 in Hamptworth. The CPT team noted from comments and discussions during the meeting that there were 4 other incidents in the local Parish.

It was highlighted that Parishioners should call 999 to report an incident in progress and 101 to report an incident that had occurred (if not life threatening). The CPT may also be contacted at a group email address, but is not monitored 24 hours a day: CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

There was a discussion about the Parish location on the border of Hants/Wilts and the response times. It was noted by the CPT that the direction of travel of a vehicle involved in an incident results in the CPT sharing details with neighbouring forces. It was noted that sometimes 999 or 101 calls were routed to Hampshire due to the Parish border location.

Inspector Sparrow requested that residents report any sightings and, if possible, registration numbers of suspicious vehicles. They can then target the vehicle by a marker and other technology to track the vehicles.

A Parishioner spoke of break-ins pre-Christmas 2018 and asked a question about Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR):

- i. Is the ANPR in all police vehicles?
- ii. Have ANPR cordons in Parishes been implemented anywhere?

The CPT responded that most ANPR cameras that the police use are situated on trunk and main routes, due to high volume of traffic and incidents reported. Not all police vehicles have ANPR due to funding, and often reports of incidents focus on other identifying features of the vehicle which are distinctive and helpful to officers (e.g. company marking, missing wing mirror)

CCTV was discussed including cameras focused on property gates. Sharing any footage after an incident was agreed as helpful to the police.

A Parishioner addressed the meeting and speaker, to inform them about a CCTV system in Hillingdon as an example, and suggested the Parish collates details of CCTV currently in place in the Parish.

Expedient sharing of information via Social Media, Neighbourhood Watch, the local shop and knowing your neighbours will help the police and Parishioners. However, it was also noted that Social Media can also provide a would-be burglar with information on vacant properties and contents of properties; the CPT advised everyone to check their privacy control setting, check who can see their posts and not to accept friend requests from unknown people.

The CPT repeated throughout the meeting that they would appreciate any intelligence or evidence, supplied by the public and that the team would use it. In addition, the CPT



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emphasised the need to be vigilant e.g. if a neighbour is out and there is a workman on site, ask them for their details and what they are doing.

Parishioners highlighted some further examples of crime prevention ideas including: i) using Network over Power for CCTV in outbuildings and ii) trench digging to discourage trespassing

The meeting voted on the following proposals:

1. A Parishioner proposed that the Parish Council consider providing signs in the Parish warning of the presence of security cameras: resolved by majority to make the request to the Parish Council.
2. A Parishioner proposed creating a working group to investigate CCTV and ANPR in the Parish: resolved by majority to create this group (and noted volunteers would make themselves known to the Clerk).

ii) **Cross Parish Support (Nick Gibbs)**

N Gibbs, chair and trustee of the Lover Community Trust, addressed the meeting about the importance of rural community cooperation and empowerment. He noted he had approached Redlynch Parish Council, asking them to work with local Parishes such as Hale, Downton and Landford, and to write to the police and Crime Commissioner to consider a strategic partnership within the rural communities. It was noted that Social Media could be used to share information and discourage crime in the area and that this would require co-ordination between local Parishes. Further to this, sharing best practices, equipment purchase, and home safety tips were discussed.

iii) **Neighbourhood Watch (Merv Quick)**

M Quick, the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Committee Member for South Wilts CPT area, spoke about the vision and history of the NHW scheme. The next challenge was highlighted to be the reinvigoration of NHW across Wiltshire in partnership with Wilts Police & Crime Commissioner.

NHW is a national organisation, with over 170,000 schemes running in the UK. Membership confers a number of benefits including large organisations such as insurance companies giving a reduction on products.

M Quick encouraged people to sign up – subscribers may opt in to receive message emails from a variety of different organisations, including fire & rescue services, gas emergency service, NHW and the police. It was highlighted that it was possible to create a local scheme e.g., a Parishioner has created the Hamptworth scheme recently. A scheme has been created in Landford and Nomansland, - membership to the the appropriate scheme can be obtained via the central website [https://www.wiltshirenhw.org/.](https://www.wiltshirenhw.org/) Scheme Co-ordinators may send messages directly to those enrolled/subscribed without the need for access to members' private information.

With no further business the Chair thanked the Community Policing Team, speakers, Parishioners and visitors and closed the meeting at 21:07.