

Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South (Northern Cluster)

Priority Setting Meeting

- **Chairman: Rowan Bird (Bingham Town Council)**
- **Police Representatives: Sgt Brett Price**
- **Notes taker: Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)**

Minutes of Meeting – 20th July 2023

Attendees; Bob Clarke (Orston NHW), Rowan Bird (Bingham TC), David Cartledge (Flintham PC), Jacqueline Turrell (Flintham PC), Eileen Smith (Shelford), Anthony Gee (R.O.T. NW), Winifred Pell (Staunton Group NW), David Griffin (Radcliffe NW), Karen Griffin (Radcliffe NW), Sue Clegg (Radcliffe PC), Cllr Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham Town Council), Bev Bingham (Shelford PC), Mike & Diane Chase (Radcliffe Residential Park NHW), , Norman Mees (Bingham Town Council), Stephen Perkins (Bingham Town Council), Nadia Jejna (Bingham Town Council), Andrew Shelton (Bingham Town Council), and Wayne Stapleton (Bingham Town Council).

Apologies: PC Caroline Voce, John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC), PC Paul Sanders

Local crime levels and trends & recent police activity

Crime levels and trends

Sgt Brett Price (BP) said the only noticeable increases or trends in the latest period had been incidents of low level Anti-social Behaviour by youngsters.

Sue Clegg (Radcliffe PC) said that although described as 'low level crime' this type of ASB caused considerable work and expense to local communities.

Francis Purdue Horan gave details of a couple of bike thefts, both Carrera. Francis also quoted from crime statistics he had extracted from the local police published data which seemed to indicate an upward movement.

BP said it was difficult to compare previous and current periods in view of the recent surge in housing development in the area. He now has just six police officers covering an area with an increasing population.

Police funding /resources

This led to a discussion on police funding and resourcing to match current trends. With an increasing population bringing in more revenue through council tax, questions were raised as to how this should be allocated. Section 106 was referred to (*i.e. a legal agreement between an applicant seeking planning permission and the local planning authority, which is used to mitigate the impact of a new home on the local community and infrastructure. It is used to ensure that developers contribute to the cost of providing infrastructure and services that are needed as a result of their development*).

Norman Mees (Bingham Town council) said that allocation of funding and resources was often biased towards those shouting loudest. Also, that it was very important that the reporting of crime was encouraged so that the data illustrated the true picture and the need for additional resources whilst bearing in mind violent crime would always take precedent, not just numbers.

Nadia Jejna (Bingham Town Council) gave examples of communities where the introduction of a 'bobby-on-the-beat' had markedly reduced incidences of shoplifting and ASB. BP agreed that preventative measures like this did work but were not necessarily practical in the light of finite police resources.

Reporting crime

In view of discussion around the importance of reporting crime BP said he would email Bob Clarke with details of methods of reporting crime. This information is included below:

- **Online** (<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk>) – this gives various options such as reporting a crime, obtaining an update on a current crime, requesting to speak to a specific officer or team, reporting a road traffic matter. You can request to remain anonymous.
- **By phone** – 999 in an emergency and 101 for non-emergency. (BP advised that via 101 it's most efficient to report to your local police officer than leave the information with the central desk.)
- **Video relay service** - for British sign language
- **Via Crimestoppers** – Anonymously
- **By visiting a police station**
- **Via social media**
- **E-mailing your local officer** - 1) Bingham – caroline.voce@notts.police.uk 2) Radcliffe-On-Trent – paul.sanders@notts.police.uk

E-scooters

Stephen Perkins (Bingham Town council) asked BP what action was being taken against the illegal use of E-scooters. BP said it was mainly a case of educating the users that they can only use them on private land with permission of the land owner. Stephen asked why these were not confiscated and users prosecuted. DB explained that over the last couple of months about 50 users had been warned and had not been seen on them again. This approach seemed to be working.

Actions/priorities for next three months

On the basis of the feedback the following Group priorities for the next 3 months were proposed and agreed:

1. Anti-social behaviour
2. E-scooters
3. Reporting crime - Providing education on its importance, and encouragement to report all incidents of crime

Any Other Business

Although the following items are not strictly related to the Priority Setting Meeting agenda they are still thought to be of concern and interest to delegates and therefore included in these notes.

Radcliffe Residential Park Estate – New Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Mike and Diane Chase explained how they were working to improve communication between residents in the 100 houses on the Park. There are a high percentage of elderly/infirm residents, a segment who are not interested, but 35% are now on Facebook. As residents are over 55 years of age it was decided there was a definite need for Neighbourhood Watch. With the help of David Griffin a letter was sent out with an

encouraging 20% response. A meeting will now be arranged to formalise NW in the community. Sgt Brett Price said he would be happy to attend and support them at this first meeting.

New traffic light system (Radcliffe-on-Trent)

David Griffin raised his concerns regarding The National Highways new traffic light system on the A52, Radcliffe-on-Trent. These are at the junction at the top of Bingham Road / Carter Avenue. He said that in his view they were causing confusion with drivers and that this is likely to cause a serious accident. Rowan Bird said he would mention this to Cllr. Neil Clark.

(Subsequent to the meeting David has lodged a complaint with National Highways and been promised a reply within 10 days.)

Community Speedwatch Training

John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC) had sent an email to Bob Clarke asking him to mention to the meeting that their PC had been given some unexpected cash and had purchased Speedwatch kit as speeding is the main complaint in their area. He wished for the question of training on the kit to be raised. Bob Clarke confirmed he had already put BP in touch with John to provide the support necessary.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th October 2023 at The Grange, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

End of note