

**Brickhill Community Safety Forum**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held at Sir William Harpur House at 1930 hours**  
**on 23/04/2009**

**Chairs Opening Remarks:**

The Chair Brian MARSH opened the Meeting, welcoming all persons in the audience, and explained how the evening would proceed. Brian MARSH then resigned his post and the meeting was temporarily Chaired by David HAWKEY PC613

**Submission Of Constitution**

The Constitution was adopted by all persons present at the meeting, and a Committee was appointed. This elected Committee comprises of Mr Ray SEYMOUR, Mrs Cheryl GREEN, Mr Brian MARSH, and Mr Neil KINSELLY. Pc HAWKEY is seconded to this Committee. Mr SEYMOUR was elected as Chair.

The Meeting then continued

**Minutes and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of 15/01/2009 were accepted without alteration.

**Introductions**

Introductions were completed by all persons present. This numbered 26 people including Agencies and Officers.

**Apologies:**

Were received and accepted from  
Peter HAND (Parish, and Borough Councillor)  
Andrew McCONNELL (Parish and Borough Councilor)  
Wendy RIDER (Parish Councilor)  
Peter BLAKEMAN (Parish Councilor)  
Delia SHEPHARD (Parish Clerk)  
Phil McCARTHY PS258 (Bedfordshire Police)  
Kim NORRIS (BPHA)  
Janet JEFFRIES (Neighbourhood Watch)  
Tim GANNON (Brickhill Baptist Church and Resident)  
Darren NOBLE (School Governor and Resident)  
Lisa CONNOLLY (TA, School Governor, and Resident)  
Helen TURNEY (Resident)  
Mervyn HOWE (Resident)  
Valerie EDWARDS (Resident)

**Pc HAWKEY Policing Report**

Pc HAWKEY updated the Meeting on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour within Brickhill, and the current initiatives (Aelfric Court, Severn Way Flats, Speeding, Cycling). Pc HAWKEY also presented the Brickhill Policing report concerning

**Crime Figures, Burglaries in the Westrope Way area, and Smartwater. Pc HAWKEY also updated the Meeting to state that initiatives were Community led and did not necessarily need to be Police initiatives.**

#### **Agency Feedback**

**Richard GARNHAM BPHA reported on entry doors to the High Rise Flats in Severn Way. It was stated that the doors were now secure, and that there had been no further complaints.**

#### **Councilors**

**Cllr Charles ROYDEN (Parish and Borough Councilor) stated that the problems within Mowsbury Park Car Park had arisen again. He stated that vehicles were completing circle maneuvers and that a barrier was required. Cllr ROYDEN stated that the Parish Council was in consultation with the Borough Council re '20mph speed Limits' and the Crossing to Avon Drive Shopping Precinct. The H Bars are already in place in Curlew Crescent.**

**Cllr FITZPATRICK (Chair of Brickhill Parish Council) stated that he had been to a Strategy Meeting at Borough Hall with other Parish Councils and the Borough Council. It is planned to move the Borough towards a Cleaner, Greener, and Safer area. Cllr FITZPATRICK also spoke of the 'Gathering on the Green' and its attendance, and future plans for Waveney Green. He stated that elections for the new Parish Council were imminent and the priorities of the current Council were based around Community Safety. There are plans afoot to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brickhill. Cllr FITZPATRICK went on to say that Waveney Green is owned by the Borough Council and it may be more difficult to use owing to the reorganization of schools.**

**The Chair stated it was a policy to keep Waveney Green as the Village Green.**

#### **Guest Speaker**

**Pc Pete SPICER, Bedfordshire Police Crime Reduction Officer, explained his role and spoke about the Bobby Van, Smartwater, and op Cocoon. He gave details of the Crime reduction website [www.safer-beds.org](http://www.safer-beds.org) . Pete stated that he was more than happy to attend homes to complete a Crime Reduction Survey. Pete can be contacted on 01234 275273**

#### **Open Forum**

**Mr MARSH presented correspondence from Helen TURNEY concerning parking on the grass in Martin Close. Pc HAWKEY stated that this was not a Criminal Offence as long as a Highway Obstruction was not being caused, however it may be possible for a bye-law to be placed on the green area. Cllr FITZPATRICK stated that it would be very expensive to turn a grass area into proper parking.**

**Cllr FITZPATRICK stated that he was receiving numerous complaints of Young Adults jumping on cars, causing damage and he felt this problem would become**

worse as Summer came along. Pc SPICER advised re the role of the Vehicle Crime Reduction Officer. And explained about level of priority and finite resources

**John WADDINGTON (resident) commented on the improved lighting at Avon Drive Shopping Precinct. The effect of the removal of Corals ramp, and the Notice Boards by the Bus stop outside the Community Centre  
A – Community Centre to be seen re displaying Forum Posters**

**Action Priorities [3 only]**

The following priorities were set

1. Aelfric Court ASB
2. Wansbeck Road Area Burglaries
3. Mowsbury Park Car Park ASB

**Date of next meeting**

The next Community Safety Forum will be 1930 hours Thursday 16/07/2009 at Sir William Harpur House

**Close**

The Chair, Ray SEYMOUR, thanked all for attending and closed the Meeting at 2100hours