

Yatton PACT
Partners and Communities Together
with
Neighbourhood Watch and SpeedWatch



Minutes of the PACT Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th November 2018
at Horsecastle Chapel, Horsecastle Farm Road, Yatton BS49 4QQ

Present:

Pamela Armitage, (PA), Keith Brooks, Wakedean Gardens (KB), Cheryl Burns, PCSO (CB), Anna Curvan (AC), Randi Curvan (RC), Jacqueline Curwood (JC), Sue Doherty, WI (SD), Michael Earle (ME), Jonathan Edwards, Parish Councillor (JE), Wendy Griggs, Parish Councillor (WG), Bill Hartland (BH), Ray Manning, SpeedWatch (RM), Mavis Monahan, PACT Secretary and SpeedWatch Co-ordinator (MM), Ian Pullar, Yatton and Congresbury Lions (IP), Simon Reakes, PACT Treasurer and Royal British Legion, Yatton (SR), Bill Sales, Neighbourhood Watch (BS), Caroline Sheard, Parish Councillor (CS), Tom Shepherd, SpeedWatch, (TS), Jean Stevenson, SpeedWatch (JS) and Tom Wright, Archant reporter, (TW)

Welcome:

Jonathan Edwards acting as Chair welcomed everyone and invited introductions around the room.

Apologies:

Rev. Tim Scott, David Ford, and PC Adam Clarke, Jill Earle, Keith & Mary Dodd, Doug May, Steve Bridger,, Jim Morris

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2018:

The minutes had been circulated earlier and were signed off by JE.

Matters Arising:

a.Presentationby CSOs – Dog fouling.

KB suggested a sign to say that cameras could take photos. TS asked if a sensor light could be fitted in areas prone to dog-fouling. (see Appendix 1)

b.Wakedean Gardens – KB said that he had had the drains cleaned by Aquablast so flooding should be stopped temporarily. KB handed round photos of all the mud cleaned from the storm drains. Houses from 1-13 have piping for storm water but the rest have land drains and these were disrupted by the building of the houses in the centre. The pipe was traced to a brick pit outside number 1. He had contacted Wessex Water who said they had no records of drains in Wakedean Gardens, Horsecastle Farm Road and Jones Close and suggested he contact NSC. He has a meeting scheduled with Liam Fox, MP. Darren Gilbert will give him a price for the work and KB will obtain 2 other quotes and choose the best.

The 4 fire hydrants have never been tested and appear to be seized up. Bristol Water sent someone out who said that they were left-hand thread and not right-hand and could not open them. What would happen in the event of Fire? SR said he should contact the Fire Service.

KB asked if the Parish Council could ask NSC to get in touch with Bristol Water to get the plans. JE said that the PC had had detailed maps for the Neighbourhood Plan and he would look them up.

Action JE

KB will contact the Fire Service

Action KB

SD said that she had lived in Jones Close for 24years and never had a problem but there was an almost permanent lake outside one house. KB mentioned that the hedges would soak up some of the water.

KB said that funding was on its way. He had had tarmac samples taken and as expected some of it would have to be taken to a licensed tip so this will incur further costs.

c. Cutting back of hedges etc –KB has cut back some parts but not cleared the rubbish. He said again that he would be willing to lead volunteer or work experience groups to do this sort of work and was again asked to go into the PC office to try to organise this.

d. Titan Ladders Site –AC said there would be a planning meeting of NSC next week and they would only be allowed 3 minutes to speak against a 30-page document. She feels that NSC will accept the report. JE suggested that she writes down the points they need to make. AC said that this will be an unadopted road and NSC would be creating a similar situation to Wakedean Gardens and this should be avoided at all costs.

AC said that perhaps people will not buy the properties if enough publicity is given to the situation. JE said that the Parish Council had said it was an unacceptable plan but each time they objected the developers made some tiny change.

e. Update on The Batch - JM had been unable to attend but had sent some updates:

The car park regeneration project – the lighting and rubbish collection issues will be sorted before March 2019. The pot holes are yet to be sorted out and still no time frame.

There is a start of a Batch Community that Alliance will back if we get enough people. There are 5 so far. One of the Alliance community wardens has offered to attend meetings.

There have been some issues of abandoned cars but these have been dealt with by Alliance.

There have been some issues with parking as the traffic to the Mendip surgery has greatly increased due to the closure of the Congresbury surgery. Tensions are rising and the police may have to deal with some of the parking.

There are ongoing drug issues but this has reduced or is just better hidden. The same can be said for domestic violence and welfare so that is a good sign. There are still issues with dog fouling and some customized stickers have been put up (see Appendix 1).

JM has arranged for an article in The Mercury about the need for a diverse range of age-groups and folk from all backgrounds to participate in forums such as PACT. He asked for some background about the group and its history.

f. Under AOB –1. The flashing speed sign is due to be put in very soon. The one in Kenn is already operational.

2. The new Surgery – JE said that Councillor Leimdorffer insists there should be a safe pedestrian crossing. There will be a NSC meeting in December. WG representing the Patients Participation Group said that the practise has now said that they will pay for a controlled pedestrian crossing. BS pointed out that street-lighting is needed along Smallway. TS said that no-one has considered diverted traffic from the M5 which would mean no-one could get to appointments. MM said that a controlled crossing would increase the likelihood of gridlock through the Congresbury traffic lights even at slack traffic times.

SR said again that it was in the strategic gap. He added that footpaths were needed on both sides of the road wide enough to take pushchairs and electric disablement vehicles. At the moment it would seem that there would be no more expertise or services than were already offered at Mendip Road. WG said that the aim was to provide the same sort of facility as they have in Portishead.

3. Buses – JE said that he had spoken to NSC about the cancellation of the X7 service and they have heard nothing about it but the routes are due for review in January ready for any changes in April. The X7 is essential for the new Surgery which is an argument in its favour.

Police Report: (see Appendix 2)

PCSO Cheryl Burns said that she had only had time to report on the Anti-social Behaviour in the area in the last month or so. On the whole, crime had reduced.

Between 14th and 17th September Hangstones Pavilion was ‘graffitied’ and there was damage to the park and reported drug taking.

There had been a reported incident on 24th September of 10 youths near garages in Marsh Road playing loud music and swearing.

On 29th September a group of youths were reported to be smoking cannabis in Horsecastle Farm Road at 22.00 hours. Also on 29th September at 15.30 the police had a call from a member of the public reporting youths had entered the Titan Ladders grounds. CB had attended with PC Adam Clarke and located 12 youths aged from 12 -15 in a disused office. The room was filled with smoke and there was evidence within the building that fires had been lit. Letters have been sent to all 12 sets of parents explaining the hazards. AC will have a word with neighbours to be vigilant and to keep windows and doors closed should there be any more fires as there is asbestos on the site.

ME remarked that it was usually the same culprits.

JE asked if the owners had been contacted. PC Clarke has written to them but the site is often only secured with string. The names of the youths have been logged on the system and if it happens again, then it could be more serious.

On 17th October two boys aged approximately 12 years old were reported to be climbing on the roof at Titan Ladders at 16.40 hours. Two rucksacks were found at the location with the id of the youths.

On 27th October, 15 youths were running around screaming and playing loud music in the proximity of The Railway Inn.

During a recent cycle-marking event at the railway station, a lad had got off the train and noticed that his unlocked bike parked at 11.00 hours had been stolen from the cycle racks.

CB said that they only work up to midnight and calls often come in in the early hours when there is no-one to deal with them.

Police Priority:

It was again agreed that ASB should be the priority. KB repeated his observation that drugs were delivered regularly in Wakedean Gardens. CB told him to report immediately to AC so that all officers would be alerted. CB pointed out that their shift patterns have changed and are mostly early so that is not so good for monitoring ASB. SH said that she had cleared up broken bottles at Hangstones on a Saturday morning. TS suggested that a CCTV unit should be secreted in the lights such as they have in Weston-super-Mare and Clevedon.

SpeedWatch Report:

JS said that she would prepare a full report for January's meeting. There are currently about 5 sessions per month with 800 vehicles/hour being the norm and 1000/hour at busy times. The roundabout at Wemberham Lane/Grange Farm Road has been observed and a large proportion of vehicles cross it without slowing.

WG said that the new flashing sign would keep a log of the speed and time they passed of all vehicles. TS was concerned about the weight limit on the railway bridge but was assured that that applied to the old bridge and that the one put in about 12 years ago can cope.

SD asked if we were ever likely to have a by-pass but the cost of bridging the railway and the Yeo would be prohibitive.

Neighbourhood Watch:

BS said that from correspondence he receives from Lindsey Stone who is the area coordinator, there was an incident in Myrtle Gardens where a car was broken into and tools stolen and a car was stolen. Also a vehicle was broken into in Claverham Park.

Sue Mountstevens, the Police Commissioner has suggested that every household should pay £1.00 to fund extra local policing.

AOB:

A)RM said he wished to thank Aleana (Parish Clerk) for all her help in getting a dropped drain cover repaired. He had complained about the noise nuisance to NSC but only got an automated response. Once Aleana had contacted them, it was repaired within 4 weeks.

B)SR reminded the meeting of the ceremonies on Remembrance Sunday. There would be the usual parade and ceremony at the War Memorial Garden but also a conducted tour of the memorials starting at 2.00pm with the one at St Mary's Church and then the village hall before finishing at the Memorial Garden. He and other members had been amazed to find 25 white pebbles with poppies beautifully

painted on them arranged around the War Memorial. When they were turned over they had the names of soldiers from Yatton who had died. He had no idea who had done this but it was a beautiful tribute. He wished to thank the person who did them and he urged everyone to go and have a look at them.

C)BS said that he had mentioned in July that the single street lamp in Westaway Close had been damaged and did not work. Aleana had had it taken down but it has never been replaced.

D)MM said that she had been sent an article about Road Safety Week by BH (see Appendix 3)

JE asked if PACT would register to publicise the event and JS volunteered to apply for an Action Pack on behalf of PACT.

DONM: The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd January at 7.30pm at Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton BS49 4HS

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Appendix 1



Appendix 2

Crimes for Beat AN003 Yatton, Claverham, Kingston Seymour and Kenn from
20th September 2018 – 7th November 2018

Crimes	
Burglary Dwelling (Attempt)	3
Burglary Non Dwelling shed/garage commercial	1
Criminal Damage	7
Domestic Assault	1
Assault other	8
Theft Other	9
Theft from a person	1
Public Order	5
Threats and Harassment	5
Vehicle theft	1
Vehicle Crime	7
Other crime	4
Possession of drugs	
Total	52

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Appendix 3

Community engagement

Event: Road Safety Week 2018 – 3 weeks to go
19–25 November 2018

Bike Smart is the message at the heart of this year's Road Safety Week, sponsored by Devitt Insurance and Ford.



Those on two wheels are among the most vulnerable road users in the UK; more than a third of people killed or seriously injured on UK roads are bicycle or motorcycle riders. Brake's week-long campaign will raise awareness about the importance of implementing a safe systems approach, mandating life-saving technology and prioritising cycle-friendly infrastructure, as well as promoting safe driving and riding behaviours. Registered events will be recorded on our interactive map.

Calling all bloggers: We are looking for bloggers to write about their local road safety week events. If you're interested, please get in touch by emailing roadsafetyweek@brake.org.uk.

To register: Click [here](#) to sign up for Road Safety Week 2018. Action packs filled with exciting resources and animations are now available for registered supporters.

