

Yatton PACT
Partners and Communities Together
with
Neighbourhood Watch and SpeedWatch



Minutes of the PACT Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd January 2019
at Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton BS49 4HS

Present:

Pamela Armitage, (PA), Steve Bridger (SB), Keith Brooks, Wakedean Gardens (KB), Cheryl Burns, PCSO (CB), Anna Curvan (AC), Jacqueline Curwood (JC), Jonathan Edwards, Parish Councillor (JE), Mavis Monahan, PACT Secretary and SpeedWatch Co-ordinator (MM),

Jim Morris, The Batch (JM), Ian Pullar, Yatton and Congresbury Lions (IP), Simon Reakes, PACT Treasurer and Royal British Legion, Yatton (SR), Bill Sales, Neighbourhood Watch (BS), Rachel Sellars PCSO, (RS) Jean Stevenson, SpeedWatch (JS)

Welcome:

Simon Reakes, acting as Chair, welcomed everyone and invited introductions around the room.

Apologies:

Rev. Tim Scott, PC Adam Clarke, Jill & Michael Earle, Keith & Mary Dodd, Sue Doherty, Caroline Sheard, Wendy Griggs, Bill Hartland, Ray Manning, Anne Hawkings, Simon Andrews, (CRO) and Randi Curvan.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2018:

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

Matters Arising:

Wakedean Gardens KB has met Liam Fox MP again and he has sent a letter to NSC.

KB went through again the items on which some of the monies collected from residents had been spent. There is still £840.80 in the account. He has two quotations for the repair and renewal of the drainage pipes: one for £468,000.00 including VAT and one from Mark Babidge for £319,560.00 which would also include the tarmacking and which he felt was the better quote. This would be £4699.41/household. SR remarked that this seemed a huge amount but KB said that he expected to get some monies back in compensation from NSC. (SR reiterated that the Titan Ladders site would be in a similar situation in the future should the current plans be agreed).

KB had telephoned Darren Gilbert (who had only just received the letter from Liam Fox) and he has promised to be in touch shortly. KB would like a Parish Councillor to write to ap Rhys at NSC concerning the total lack of services in Wakedean Gardens despite the fact that the residents all pay Council Tax. The problem has been there since the houses in the middle were built. JE showed a detailed map of drainage in the area so that the problem was clearer for the meeting.

If KB does not get some sort of payment from NSC then he intends to use some of the funds to take legal advice.

SR thanked KB for his hard work.

JE asked about the fire hydrants and these have been repaired by the fire service.

Titan Ladders Site There was a site meeting on 10th December 18 and a planning meeting on 12th when the current plans were refused.

SB said that the feelings of residents and the Parish Council were strongly defended by Jill Iles and there were no votes for permission to be granted. Another meeting is due on 9/1/19. The idea being put forward is that the site will be managed by a company but this will incur annual fees on top of council taxes.

AC said there had been *mention of* getting rid of management companies as inevitably the fees rise annually until the properties become un-saleable. *AC: The planning for Titan was approved at the meeting on 9/1/19 with the roads to be unadopted but the house-owners to pay into a Management Company for the upkeep of the roads, drains and French drain! Initially each homeowner would have to pay approximately £400 a year.*

The Batch Dog-fouling has lessened. JM said putting up signs such as were shown to the last meeting seem to have helped. Some trip hazards have been repaired but other works are due to be completed by March this year. Alliance has also started to help the most vulnerable people here with cleaning out their flats and gardens. Also it seems only my front grassed area is free from poop. I've had around 9 complaints to hand in since the meeting as its increased everywhere else so I'm buying more stickers!

Titan Ladders Site Children are still accessing the site and have been seen on the roofs. There are signs of vandalism in the offices. *JM: not sure if you heard me say along the lines of "as someone who has to live next to the ladder factory I don't care what happens to it as long as they hurry up and knock it down before one of our village children gets hurt or worse" For me I'd rather have 50 new neighbours and all the disruption and over-crowding than a single dead child so I'll be putting a lot of pressure on the owners over the next few weeks to fully secure it or knock it down and get it over and done with. I've got a good relationship with Liam Fox and his secretary so I'll see if he can help!*

New Surgery JE said that after the Mendip Practice agreed to pay for a light-controlled pedestrian crossing the Highways Authority have ruled it out as too dangerous. The crossing situation has gone back for further discussion.

Buses JE said that the X7 service had been started with 2 years of 'Kick-Start' funding from NSC and this period is due to expire in April. After the last meeting he spoke to First Bus who said that they had no plans to stop or change the service at present but intend to review performance in April with particular attention to passenger numbers that have been poor in Yatton.

Street light in Westaway Close. BS said that they still have not had the new street lamp. JE said that Aleana was chasing the suppliers and had done so again that day.

Police Report:

Criminal Damage – Criminal damage to front door from uninvited guest to party 1/1/19

Damage to parked vehicle outside house 31/12

Vehicle keyed Horsecastle Close 4/12

RTC – RTC reported, drink driver with no licence. Male arrested. 09/11.

- RTC reported, drink driver also assaulted Police Officer arrested 18/11. Mendip Road.
- RTC Kingston Seymour, Vehicle slipped down into a ditch Middle Lane, driver AIO. 20/11.
- RTC Kenn B3133, Two Vehicle RTC 24/11

- RTC Moor Road, Vehicle flipped 24/11.

Anti social Behaviour – Neighbour dispute over noise from party 10/11

Domestic – Verbal Threats via telephone 12/11

Domestic between ex-partners, following the female whilst out in Yatton 14/11

Assisting victim collect belongings from address following domestic 14/11

Verbal domestic between ex partners 16/11

Family Domestic as cannabis has been found in address – resolved by education as no complaints made. 17/11 – Myrtle Gardens

Family domestic 21/11

Concern for safety – x3 males seen jumping on to the train tracks, area tour no trace. 13/11

- Concern for male not been seen or heard from with lots of medical conditons 17/11.

Dispute – Landlord/ Tennant of lock up - dispute over access to unit 14/11 KS

Non Dwelling Burglary – Garage break in, not locked. 2 mountain bikes stolen TVO £7000 Dunster Road, Claverham

- Garage break in, Motorbike stolen. Well Lane, Yatton 24/11
- Garage break in, Tools stolen, Alexander Way, Yatton 30/11 same evening theft from vehicle of tools, Rock Road.
- Garage break in, Claverham 14/12

Distraction Burglary – Mendip Road. Call received from Santander advising they would be attending, they have accessed her bank account and have attempted to remove money but this has been stopped. The bank account was stopped prior to the attendance from the offender. 15/11

JL Hill broken into – 10/12

Parking – Report of vehicle parked badly on Claverham Park, owners returned prior to Police arrival. 18/11

Vehicle Theft – Colehouse Lane, Kenn, Theft of phone from locked van.

- Rock Road Theft of tools from van. 30/11
- Grace Close, Theft from van
- Van broken into, Woodmill 29/12.

Public Order – Male arrested by BTP at the train station after being verbally aggressive in the pub. 21/11

Suspicious – 2 Males looking into Michael Burgess in the early hours, checked out by Officers all in order, call with good intent. 23/11

- Male seen on informants drive way through CCTV camera looking through windows of cars on informant and neighbours drive ways. North End Road. 27/11

Threats – Threats received via phone 24/11

Theft – Co- Op, Yatton. Theft of bicycle, matt black green trek and orange pedal. 28/11

Vehicle Crime – Motorbike stolen from outside of the Railway Inn 7/12

Theft – Theft of electric bike Henley Lane – 6/12

Crimes	
Burglary Dwelling (Attempt)	2
Burglary Non Dwelling shed/garage commercial	4
Criminal Damage	3
Domestic Assault	0
Assault other	0
Theft Other	2
Theft from a person	0
Public Order	1
Threats and Harassment	1
Vehicle theft	1
Vehicle Crime	6
Other crime	2
Possession of drugs	0
Total	22

Crimes for Beat AN003

Yatton, Claverham, Kingston
Seymour and Kenn
from November 8th 2018–
January 3rd 2019.

PC 2707 Adam Clarke
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Police Priority:

It was again agreed that ASB should be the priority.

SpeedWatch Report:

SpeedWatch 2018

105 SpeedWatch teams operate in Somerset, Bristol and South Glos. with details collated by the police at Patchway.

4 sites are covered regularly in Yatton - 30 MPH in Claverham Road, Frost Hill, Dairy Close and 40 MPH at Northend. The team would like to add Mendip Road and Arnolds Way as per public request.

Yatton SpeedWatch consists of 4 regular members & 4 occasional members. This restricts us to averaging 4 recordings per month. In 2018, 53 sessions were held lasting one hour with some others cancelled due to bad weather. These are between 7.30a.m & 8.30p.m, daylight permitting. For 30 mph limits we record drivers above 36 mph. In 40 limits it is 47 mph. Of the 53 sessions there were just 8 occasions with no one speeding.

In the year we have listed a total of 183 drivers exceeding the above limits but according to the police reports only 16 letters have been sent out, a point we are raising with the enforcement officer, Chris Gowler.

Since installation of the 30mph 'slow down' sign at Frost Hill there has been no obvious decline in drivers speeding. They should be travelling at 30 at the point they reach the limit sign. Our high vis jackets are more effective as noticed once we are walking away from the sites!

The increase in housing means this year we have also noted the number and type of vehicles passing through Yatton. It averages 735 per hour, & on 3 occasions over 1,000 per hour.

During working hours Monday to Friday (& excluding Claverham Road) lorries account for 17% of the total. For the rest, over 6 days:

vans & commercial vehicles account for 10% of movement & we note this is increasing; Pedestrians 1.5% and Bikes 1%. Comments from the public and our own observations show narrow pavements and cars parked on pavements or blind bends continue to be of concern or annoyance. The worst time for speeding is early morning and early evening.

We have already drawn attention to the lack of care at the Northend mini roundabout used by Wemberham Road & Grange Farm Road. Far too many vehicles ignore the sign and go straight across, many not even slowing down. This has also been observed with the time trialing cyclists. Another dangerous point is the access onto the main road from Double Tree Hilton/Cadbury Leisure Centre. Vehicles are allowed to pass it at 40 mph in spite of the rise in the road making it difficult for cars leaving the site to have a clear view. It is high time the speed limit be reduced to 30 mph at this site; ideally as far as the Smallway traffic lights.

Nowadays there are too many cars going too fast for the state of the roads in Yatton. Speed limits need to take the high volume into consideration.

JE commented that NSC have said that the speed limit on Small Way cannot be changed. Everyone is mystified and shocked by this especially if the new Surgery goes ahead. It was suggested that that would require the installation of street lighting but no-one was sure that

this was the law. JE will keep up the campaign to get it changed. NSC has accepted the change of speed from 40 -30mph up to the Bridge Inn. He will have the information picked up by the new flashing sign at the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch:

BS said that this was the same as the Police Report.

Presentation on Child Sexual Orientation (see appendix 1)

MM ran through a Neighbourhood Watch presentation on CSE: what to look out for in victims, how to warn children of the dangers and where children and parents can turn for help. Many present are grandparents and felt it was helpful.

JM recommended folk look at the following Youtube presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsbYHI-rZOE&t=43s>

AOB:

JM said there was still a problem with parking along Mendip Road due to the Doctors' surgery.

Also there were several large dogs that often run wild around the area of The Batch.

KB said that he would like to thank NatWest and their presentation to PACT last year after several nuisance phone calls. One had been from 'Tom' asking for money to prevent scam calls.

He had looked up the NatWest leaflet and phoned their scamming line and since then all the calls have stopped.

SR said that as Treasurer he was happy to report that there had been no monies out and none in and we still had monies in the bank.

DONM: The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th February at 7.30pm at Horsecastle Chapel, Horsecastle Farm Road, Yatton BS49 4QQ

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Appendix 1

Info for Children

Barnardo's has created a website called **Real Love Rocks**, described as an online space all about raising awareness around child sexual exploitation and what a healthy and safe relationship is. It has sections for parents, professionals and young people themselves. Google 'Barnardo's Real Love Rocks' to find it.

CEOP has made an interactive film called **First to a Million**, which is aimed at 13 to 18-year-olds and follows a group of teens in their battle to reach a million views online by making increasingly outrageous films. At each step the viewer gets to choose what the characters do next, teaching teens how easy it is to end up in a risky situation. Google 'First to a million' to find it on Youtube.

Barnardo's has a smartphone app called **Wud u?** that aims to show young people the behaviours that could put them at risk of being sexually exploited, through illustrated, interactive stories. Download for free on the App Store or Google Play.

ChildLine has a smartphone app called **Zipit**, which children can use to send witty images if they are pressured to send explicit ones. "The app that helps you get flirty

chat back on track” also has a flirting guide with tips on how to navigate intimate chats. Download for free on the App Store or Google Play.

Info for Parents

NSPCC has lots of online resources to help parents keep their kids safe on the internet. The ‘**Share Aware**’ section on their website contains advice about how to talk to children about staying safe online, exploring their online world together, managing their settings and controls, and agreeing rules for what’s ok and what’s not. Google ‘NSPCC Share Aware’.

NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to create the **NetAware app** to help parents to keep up to speed with new sites, apps and games as they appear and the risks they present. NetAware updates parents with the latest reviews, news and risks about sites their children are using. Search NetAware on the App Store and Google Play.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation has a website called Parents Protect, with lots of resources for parents. Find it at www.parentsprotect.co.uk.

PACE (Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation) is a charity founded by the parent of a young person who became a victim of sexual exploitation. It offers help and support to affected parents so that they can respond effectively to their child’s situation. Their website is www.paceuk.info.

What can you do?

If you are worried about the way a child or young person is behaving, or they are displaying some of the signs listed then call your local Children’s Social Care service or the police on **101**.

Call **999** if the child is at immediate risk.

If you are concerned about online illicit images of children or online exploitation you can contact Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre.

Or you can call the NSPCC professionals helpline on **0808 800 5000** who can explore your concern and advise you on the best course of action. You can also email them at help@nspcc.org.uk

