

Yatton PACT
Partners and Communities Together
with
Neighbourhood Watch and SpeedWatch



**Minutes of the PACT Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020
at Horsecastle Chapel, Horsecastle Farm Road, Yatton**

Present: Pam Armitage (PM), Steve Bridger, North Somerset Councillor (SB), Keith Brooks, Wakedean Gardens (KB), Paul Case (PC), Anna Curvan (AC) Jacqui Curwood (JC), Sue Doherty, WI (SD), Jonathan Edwards, Chair Parish Council, (JE), David Ford, NW (DF), Karen Gallagher (KG), Ian Gallagher (IG), Wendy Griggs, Parish Councillor and North Somerset Councillor (WG), Bill Hartland (BH), Mavis Monahan, SW (MM), Steve Phippen, Parish Councillor (SP), Ian Pullar, Lions (IP), Sgt. Mark Raby (MR), Simon Reakes, PACT Treasurer (SR), Rev,d. Tim Scott (TSc), Caroline Sheard, Parish Councillor & SW, (CS), Tom Shepherd, SW (TS), Rachel Sellars, PCSO (RS), Debbie Stephens (DS) Jean Stevenson, SW (JS),

David Ford, acting as Chair introduced himself, welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room.

Apologies: Claire Burgess (N.Somerset Libraries), James Morris, Keith Dodd, Bill Sales (NW).

Minutes of the last meeting held Thursday 12th December 2019 had been circulated and were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Wakedean Gardens. Keith Brooks said they were making progress. He had met with the Director of Development and the Environment and the Director of Finance of NSC to discuss the Council taking on an “Enabling” role and the ways in which the residents can repay any loan. He has 99.5% of the households on board with the project. He proposes several ways to finance the repair of the drains and the road. The cost is £319,560.00.

Payment could be via a loan of £4700-£5000/household (the latter to include administration fees) from NSC and this could be repaid through Council Tax. But, some households do not pay Council Tax or pay very little so could not pay in this way.

Secondly, by a loan secured against the property until paid up. A repayment of £40/ month would take 10 years to clear the debt but this time-scale could be extended to give lower payments.

He is asking NSC for a letter to each household or one to himself that can be presented to each household for signature to any agreement. The petition is being made on the grounds of health and safety.

AC repeated what she had said at the last meeting that the pavements were extremely unsafe under foot.

SB said he hoped to have a response from the Director of Finance by the end of the week. He has asked MP Liam Fox to send a letter on the subject as well. The “loan” has to be arranged in such a way as to avoid other roads in a similar situation from being able to use the method.

SD asked if it was the intention to bring the road up to a standard where it could be adopted by NSC. KB replied ‘yes’ as the Contractor works for NSC but it would be up to the Council as to whether it was

adopted. SD asked what would happen should it not be adopted. KB said he had already started a bank account where residents would pay £20.00/year into a fund for maintenance.

2) Strawberry Fields (Titan Ladders)

Two residents in Elborough Avenue have complained of traffic using the road in the wrong direction.

WG said she was looking into better signage.

3) Buses. SB said there would be an announcement next month. Negotiations are in progress.

4) CCTV /Police Attendance

DF said there had been a positive meeting at Castlewood on the Monday. (see Police Report below).

Police Report: see page 3

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**Crimes for Beat AN003 Yatton, Claverham, Kingston Seymour and Kenn from
12th of December 2019 until 13th of January 2020 – for the 15th January 2020 PACT meeting**

Crimes	
Burglary Dwelling	2
Burglary Non Dwelling shed/garage commercial	1
Criminal Damage (all personal attacks on a home)	4
Theft Other	2
Theft from a person/Robbery	1
Public Order	5
Vehicle theft	0
Vehicle Crime	19
Possession of drugs	0
Anti-social behaviour	1
Total Crime	35

There has been a large increase in vehicle crime, we have had several reports from people that have had their vehicles broken into and sightings of offenders doing this. Unfortunately a lot of these crimes have been committed on vehicles that have either been left unlocked or the central locking system has failed or been tampered with. There has also been two stolen vehicles. We are carrying out high visual patrols and have asked for further units to assist us over night. This has been tasked out to all teams.

RS said there had been 19 cars broken into and 2 stolen. Goods and tools had been taken. Some owners had thought their cars locked automatically but this had proved not to be the case.
The police need residents to be vigilant.

KG reported ASB and drug dealing to be prevalent on the Bloor estate. It was also to be observed around the Railway pub. She has concerns now about walking at night in the village. Local social media is showing much more activity than is reflected in the police figures. SB pointed out that 4 people reporting the same incident on social media can quickly turn into 4 incidents as in Chinese Whispers.

SD asked if the police are on Facebook. Sgt Raby replied that this is being considered but is not used at present. He sighted the village of Pill where there was plenty of information on social media but the police were not being informed. He stressed that incidents should always be reported as the police can then pick up patterns of ASB or drug-dealing in an area. However, social media can magnify things out of proportion. KB said that if he sees a strange vehicle he notes the registration number just in case it might be useful. Sgt R said this is the sort of thing that can be the “golden nugget” at a later date to help convict criminals.

DF said it could be reported to the local NW coordinator or through 101.

DS said she saw neighbours going out several times a day for short periods. She felt this was suspicious. She had phoned the police but had little support. These neighbours are using intimidating behaviour against her son.

Sgt R said the police have to follow rules and regulations and to prioritise. The public needs to keep on reporting incidents either on the phone or by email. The police can build up a picture if residents keep reporting.

KD repeated that the registration number can be taken. The cars smell of cannabis and can be tested if the police stop them.

DS thinks her neighbour drives to school under the influence of drugs.

SR asked Sgt R if the Magistrates could help but their hands are tied by the law as well.

Sgt R said the police are having great success with doorbell cameras. The message is: '**Don't leave things in cars**'.

DS said she had contacted neighbours before installing CCTV.

DF asked if it was better to have street lighting outside one's property to prevent burglary. Sgt R replied that it was shown to be less likely that you would be burgled in the dark as thieves need light as well but he favoured lights that respond to movement.

TS said he not only had movement-controlled lights but that these triggered a whistle in the house that wakes up the dog.

Sgt R said that the beat police were currently pushing NW.

WG said it was useful to have all the police Beat Surgery dates in advance (see appendix 1).

SB asked what the public response was like at these surgeries. RS said it was generally good but as resources were limited they were trying to prioritise places with the most footfall.

SB said that the police presence was reassuring to the public. RS said they had established clubs at the school and had contact with the toddlers groups.

Rev Scott felt that it was very helpful to hear what is going on around local policing and if the Church could help they should let him know. He had driven around the new estate that day and found it confusing and soulless. There was no feeling of community. There was a short discussion on why this should be. JE confirmed that the children's playground is still not completed.

Police Priority for January/February 2020

Car crime prevention and ASB particularly in relation to the new Yatton estate.

Annual SpeedWatch Report on 2019

63 sessions have been held on 7 sites during the year with 140 drivers reported for speeding. On 10 occasions none were recorded but unfortunately a large percentage continue to drive close to the speeding criteria of 36 and 47 mph.

There are 112 registered SpeedWatch groups in Somerset and South Gloucestershire of which two thirds were operating in July and just one third in December. Our consistent efforts are thanks to Mavis Monahan organising and leading a team of 7 in which her own attendance (*and that of the author!*) far outweighs the rest of us. This year there has been continued police support.

Traffic flow is similar to 2018 but with Dairy Close near the North End mini roundabout indicating a 10% increase. Average number of vehicles per hour are: North End 700 per hour, Dairy Close 800 p/h, Frost Hill 800 p/h and Claverham Road 300 p/h. The highest record was at Dairy Close in early July at 2.30 pm with over 1,000 vehicles within the hour.

For the second year we have kept a record of the type of vehicles passing through Yatton on the main road. The main increase has been a 20% rise in commercial vehicles averaging 300 per hour. HGVs have shown only a slight increase, probably due to house building, averaging 23 per hour. They are at their heaviest of 30 p/h between 9 & 10 am and 2 & 3 pm. This increase is also reflected in all traffic when we expect to record the highest numbers around 11 am and 3 pm.

Pedestrians were noted in single figures for 70% of our hourly sessions, double figures showing mainly at Dairy Close. We have not got round to counting the number of dogs which is one of the main reasons for footfall.

Cyclist numbers are equally low except for the pelotons using Sustrans routes. We have observed many now use Mendip Road rather than the High Street.

Our main observations reflect on why 20 mph signs prevail around the county so why not Yatton?

Walton-in-Gordano has a large sign at the roadside: SpeedWatch: Drivers 46 reported this week
Entering Portishead is a large blue sign, North Weston Check your speed 30.

Entering Bristol via the new ring road there is a clear square sign on a lamp post: Slow down.

This is a residential area not a race-track. In Yatton we have one slow down sign at Frost Hill.

Problem areas:

1. North End mini roundabout. In spite of repainting too many drivers see it as a straight road with their priority and they neither look nor slow down. Solution: more prominent signs to tell them to slow down

2. Railway station. Turning right from the Railway Inn road is extremely dangerous as the brow of the hill creates a restricted view. Solution: 20 mph

3. The chicane past Grassmere Road heading into Yatton making it a single file road. Many cars race along especially if they have to catch up the vehicles in front rather than wait. Part solution: 20 mph

4. Very narrow pavement from the Library past Hunters' and up to Edwards' the Butchers'. It is exceptionally intimidating for pedestrians as vehicles brush past them at 30 mph Solution 20 mph.

5. Double Tree Hilton Hotel and Cadbury club and spa: The 40 mph sign is before the brow of the hill thus restricting a clear view and making it dangerous for drivers exiting right out of the hotel & club. Solution: 30 mph

What is planned?

The 40 mph from Bridge Inn to be reduced to 30 mph but only when house building is complete.
20 mph to be set between Clive, Newsagents and Well Lane. Far too short a distance. It needs to cover the problem areas above.

We would recommend Highways Agency and relevant officials walk from the Bridge Inn to the Claverham Road roundabout about 10.00am to experience how intimidating and sometimes dangerous it is now that traffic is reaching urban proportions in a so called village.

These are observations gathered while carrying out SpeedWatch, plus comments made by residents who are grateful for our effort to, at least temporarily, slow down the traffic.

Finally, air pollution! Who is monitoring this along the High Street?

JE asked SB if anyone was monitoring air pollution. The Council knows that the 20mph zone needs extending. The problem is cost as this would involve adding 30mph signs on all joining roads.

JS said we needed "punchy" signage and she passed round photos of signs in nearby villages.

KG said the report that most people speed is a gross exaggeration and unfair on some drivers.

WG told the meeting that she had not realized the number of rules and regulations that tie the hands of Councils when signage and limits are in question. JE agreed that the legislation is bad as the Council has to demonstrate that the traffic is already going slower before a limit can be lowered.

Neighbourhood Watch Report:

DF said that due to GDPR, he was no longer allowed to contact the local NW groups directly and had to go through a regional coordinator. In view of the police position in wishing to reinvigorate NW, he would contact Paul Johnson, the regional coordinator with a view to calling a public meeting where perhaps the police could send a speaker to help recruit new groups and revitalise old ones.

AOB:

a)IP said that the Lions were financing the development of a Community Orchard at Hangstones but he was concerned about vandalism from youngsters.

b)SR asked if there was any news on the new Drs' Surgery. SB said MP Liam Fox was meeting with the head of the Clinical Group. SR asked if it was true that planning permission had been withdrawn. SB explained that this was to prevent the site being bought by a developer for housing. Eventually the process of planning permission will have to be started again.

SR complained to the meeting about the difficulty of getting appointments and the lack of continuity of care within the practice.

c) SD drew the meeting's attention to the state of the road surfaces from the Grange Farm Road roundabout out to the Bridge Inn. SB replied that he had reported the potholes. SD felt that the lorries were causing all the damage. SP asked what the Council policy was in dealing with the damage. WG said that on minor roads there was no danger of exposed services or vehicles. On main roads it depends on the depth of the holes. There was some discussion of the use of monies from Bloor Homes and the increase of heavy lorry traffic due to the building site. The large roundabout was due to be redesigned. WG said she has regular meetings with Bloor Homes and will bring up the subject on 28th January.

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Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th March at Horsecastle Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Appendix 1

Dates for Police Beat Surgeries for the first part of this year.

20th January – Claverham Post office – 0900-1100

28th January – Kingston Seymour Coffee Morning – 1000-1200

11th February – Yatton Library 1530-1700

18th February – Bike Marking at the Strawberry Line Café – 1330-1500

17th March – Kingston Seymour Coffee Morning – 1000-1200

6th April – Claverham Post Office – 0900-1100

16th April – Yatton Library – 1400-1600

21st April – Kingston Seymour Coffee Morning – 1000-1200

12th May – Kingston Seymour Coffee Morning – 1000-1200

2nd June – Yatton Library – 1530-1700

8th June – Claverham Post Office – 0900-1100

16th June – Kingston Seymour Coffee Morning – 1000-1200

20th June – Strawberry Line café Bike marking – 1530-1730

21st June – Tiffins Kingston Seymour Bike Marking – 1400-1600

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15/01/20 Somerset Press Release: Two duped out of £15,000 in telephone fraud incidents.

We are warning people to be on their guard against a telephone scam, which involves a fraudster claiming to be an official from Amazon.

The bogus official called the victims on their landline and said they were from Amazon and querying either an issue with a payment or a problem with the victim's Prime membership.

We are aware of three incidents in the Avon and Somerset force area – two of the victims have lost a combined total of almost £15,000.

During the call a pre-recorded message invites the victim to press 1 on their phone to link to an operator. A long conversation follows in which the victim is asked to re-connect to the caller via a computer or mobile device and then allow Amazon to link to their account.

While they continue to talk to the victim, they ask them to log on to their online banking via the remote device to check whether a refund has been made to their bank.

The caller talks to the victim, distracting them from looking at their device, while money is quickly transferred from their bank, or even an application for a loan made while the banking session is open.

Amazon will never call and ask for personal information, including bank PiN numbers and passwords.

Any attempts for permission to remotely access your computer or phone should be a red flag warning.

If you are suspicious or uncomfortable about the call, finish it immediately and call the company who claimed to call you, using their official number and try to use a different phone to ensure the telephone line has not been held by the scammer.

If any link to your device has been added by the scammer – such as TeamViewer – have it professionally removed and keep the device disconnected from the internet.

General advice....

Neither the police nor the banks will ask you for banking details or PiN numbers on the phone. Similarly, they would never send a so-called 'courier' to collect bank cards or money.

Our message is – don't discuss your finances with anyone who calls you out of the blue, even if they claim to be a police officer or a representative from a bank fraud department or even a well-known company.

Genuine callers will be happy for you to make an appointment to visit them at a bank branch or police station or for you to call them independently to verify that they have been trying to contact you.

The police and banks will never ask you to withdraw cash on their behalf; arrange for cash to be collected by a courier; ask for details about your bank card; or ask for the PiN on your card.

If you know someone who may be vulnerable to this type of offence, please speak to them and share our crime prevention tips and remind them of the threat from telephone fraudsters.

We would also appeal to taxi drivers, who are asked to collect parcels or take people to banks to withdraw large sums of cash – especially the elderly – to be vigilant and contact us if they are suspicious.



What a term!

This term we have been very busy with trips, craft and many games of man hunt!

Junior Youth Club- Tuesday's & Thursday's 6-7:30pm

Junior youth club is popular session full of exciting trips, craft and pool competitions. This term we embarked on an tobogganing adventure where everyone worked together to combat fears and build new friendships. We then finished the night off with hot chocolate and a sing song on the minibus drive home! We also had a slime workshop and oh was it slimy but such great fun. Alongside our normal activities, we had lots of biscuit and cake decorating and even managed to carve some spooky pumpkins just in time for Halloween.

Senior Youth Club- Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's 7:30-9pm

The senior sessions have become quite the place to be for young people within the community. The youth club offers a warm welcome for young people to spend time with friends and catch up with the youth workers. We have explored cuisine from all around the world at Cosmos, played many games of man hunt and built some lovely friendships with new and familiar faces. Friday sessions have become the youth clubs very own bake off as the young people learn new recipes and prepare some sweet treats for The Rock café.

What's next?

- By April 2020 we hope the Rock Café will be opening on Sundays
- Our main toilets are in desperate need of renovation, so we hope to get funding and get rid of the retro 1960's look we are currently sporting
- We hope to obtain funding for our detached programme

Hire me!

Hire Yatton Youth Club for children's parties and business bookings for only £15 an hour. Café and cleaner available upon request. For more information please contact us on 07706381744 or youthworker.yatton@outlook.com



We now have a just giving page to help with our running costs, paying staff and getting resources each term due to the rise in young people using our facilities.



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