

Penkridge Neighbourhood Network

Minutes of Meeting Monday 9th November 2009

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To bring together a group of Penkridge residents, the Police and various agencies to work together to address neighbourhood crime, nuisance and anti-social behaviour.
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To meet together every six to eight weeks in order to exchange information about misdemeanours, nuisance and anti-social behaviour in and around the village of Penkridge and to determine ways to address them, working in partnership with the Police and other agencies. To maintain and monitor the alcohol ban in designated public places in the village. To communicate with each other in between meetings and call additional meetings when required. To liaise with JOG (Joint Operations Group) and request their help when required. To encourage the community to report any incidents or matters of concern, using the police non-emergency number: 0300 123 4455, ask for the public service desk for Penkridge, report your incident and ask for an incident log number before ending the call. To report regularly to the Parish Council and the Penkridge Community on issues dealt with and progress achieved. To encourage volunteers from the community to assist the work of the PNN and the Neighbourhood Police Unit.

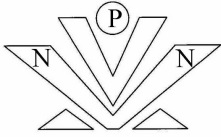
1. Market Day Traffic Problems:

- Dave Lovell, Operations Manager of Mayflower Security, failed to attend, but a phone report by him discussed the meeting with Highways, Police, Market Owners and themselves.
- The outcome is that trials will take place to extend the disabled area (which is a major cause of standing traffic) and use a filter lane to move other traffic further in on the car park. Highways will man the entrance to see how it works and the Police will often be there to observe traffic on the A449.
- Encouraging seeing that dialogue has taken place and the problem has been recognised, although disappointed that PNN was not made aware of this when we wrote to the Security Company. Also disappointed that one of our attendees has done a huge amount of work which he'd brought to discuss with Mayflower Security.
- It was agreed that we would write to Dave Lovell expressing our disappointment and requesting his (or a deputy's) attendance at our next meeting in January 2010.
- Traffic lights near the Market also causing hold ups, exacerbating the problem.
- Crown Bridge reorganisation could move the island into the middle of the A449, and could also be an asset.

2. Questions from the Police and Attendees on the above:

- Sgt Tunney to request a couple of Specials to observe next Saturday morning.

3. Civil Burial Ground Topic/Police Responses:

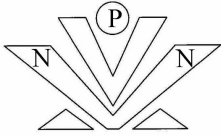


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- The letter from PNN was received and discussed by the Civil Burial Ground Committee. A response is being raised following long debates and will be delivered to the PNN as soon as available.
- The intention is to fence the whole area and gate it at both ends, but it will possibly be open during the hours of daylight, such as 8am - 8pm in summer and 8am - 4pm in the winter, if agreed.
- Sgt Tunney responded on behalf of the Police indicating that the Police will NOT be climbing over fences to attend any problems.

4. Members Other Issues/ Police Response:

- Question as to utilities on the Travellers site was raised but it would need the landowners to give that type of information and for them to consider the position legally.
- The travellers are to be able to stay till May 2010 by legal department via South Staffs District Council.
- Attendees advised to read the Penkridge web site to observe comments with regard to the Travellers and as to how easy it is to participate in their lifestyle.
- Wolgarston High School still have problems with broken windows (14), reported to Special Sgt Tunney. Exit gates are left open due to being the only exit from the Leisure Centre next door.
- Noise and disturbance to be reported back to the Monckton committee by an attendee here who is a Committee member. Also reported that fewer drinkers spotted by both Police and attendees, in the village.
- Sgt Tunney commented on various problems which had been sorted, especially near the George & Fox and the Monckton. It seems that notice is being taken of Special Police presence. Less problems at Bowling Green, except smoking in the club hut by youths presents a hazard.
- Reported at the previous meeting, the signage on the Texaco frontage is legal. The attendee is to contact the Co-op owners and request they be taken down. Footpaths on the Grange estate to be reported by individual residents.
- Fewer problems with youngsters "bin hopping" on the re-cycling points on the Co-op car park.
- Awaiting Network Rail for completion of Station Car Park so it can actually be used. This car park houses 61 cars, including 7 disabled spaces and a superb covered bike rack. CCTV present and lights which have been on daily since completion. Metal bars around the perimeter deter usage for other purposes.
- Feedback from Metro Cam via P.C. Kate Hardt to be requested.
- Rogue notices at the allotments on Wolgarston Way to be reported to the Parish Council.
- The current Parish Plan Questionnaire is waiting funding and will be delivered as soon as possible.
- PPC considering funding Youth Activities at Leisure Centre on Thursday 12th November at their full Council meeting.. Also offered is further support from Wolgarston High (Community Learning).



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- Lack of Police resources a grave concern in our Village. Attendees agreed PNN should write to the Chief Constable expressing our views. However, we are indebted to our Specials for the vast amount of work, input and attendance at our meetings we receive from them, especially Special Sgt Tunney.

5. Any Other Police Matters:

- Passed to Special Sgt Tunney were a number of photos taken of a huge double pantechnican parked for a number of hours on the pavement in the Crown Bridge area by the Butchers and the Flower shop. Registration also noted.
- Attendees were requested to write to David Barker, Project Manager, County Council with their concerns over the many pavement parking problems around Crown Bridge.
- Hotspots also mentioned to Special Sgt Tunney are a housing association problem with youths hanging around and the area at the back of the shops via a gate by the Bookies, with a recent attempted break-in and other problems.

9. Confirm Next Meeting Date: Monday 11th January 2010

Other Dates for next Years Diary, 2010:

22nd February, 12th April, 17th May, 28th June, 9th August, 20th September, 1st November.

All meetings @ 6.30pm - 8pm, Haling Dene Centre

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