

# Penkridge Neighbourhood Network

## Minutes of Meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009

<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>To maintain and monitor the alcohol ban in designated public places in the village.</li> <li>To communicate with each other in between meetings and call additional meetings when required.</li> <li>To liaise with JOG (Joint Operations Group) and request their help when required.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>To report regularly to the Parish Council and the Penkridge Community on issues dealt with and progress achieved.</li> <li>To encourage volunteers from the community to assist the work of the PNN and the Neighbourhood Police Unit.</li> </ul>

### **Receive Minutes /Matters Arising:**

- Minutes accepted.

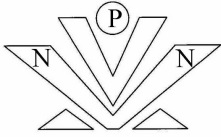
### **Parking Issues:**

- Illegal parking has been notably dispersed due to the Parking Enforcement Officers.
- Also the use of the Civil Burial Ground car park which seems not to be available for the people attending funerals at the Church. It is open from 9am - 12pm, Monday to Friday. This is owned by the Parish Council and subsequently owned by the people of this parish as pointed out by the attendees, and should therefore be available.

We were advised that this should be discussed at a PPC meeting.

### **Members Issues/Public Issues/Suggested Solutions:**

- Speed of traffic accelerating off Crown Bridge down Mill St/Teddesley Road, not necessarily young people. Unable to take VRM's as they are going too fast.
- Reported are very young people walking and riding bicycles down the middle of the roads, including the A449 and Mill St, seemingly copying adult behaviour.
- Cycling proficiency is currently ongoing by the Police at all the local schools so hopefully some of this will be resolved.
- Youths still gathering around the Co-op, causing nuisance and noise until they move elsewhere. No vehicles involved just foot scooters or skateboards. This needs reporting so it can have later consequences if the same youths are recognised in similar situations. Report on 0300 123 4455.



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- Also discussed is an ongoing problem of youths causing damage at around 3am on the last few Saturday mornings, particularly on Pinfold Lane and surrounding areas. Reported to the Police. Awaiting more investigation. .
- Tildesley Close also of concern to the housing association as youths are causing problems. Residents are advised by the Police to report to 0300 123 4455 and ask for a log number.
- The Business Association report, whilst delivering the "Phonebox" that many local homes with front doors are being left open whilst unattended. This presents thieves with a prime opportunity for stealing and possible trauma to members of the public. It was requested that this be pointed out in an article for the next edition of the Fishnet.
- Awaiting a response regarding a meeting to address the problem of Market day traffic.

### **Police Issues and Responses:**

- PC Hardt stated that car crime and burglary are high on the list of Police investigations as is security in homes and cars. If anything even vaguely suspicious occurs, this needs reporting.
- With regard to speeding traffic, PC Hardt advised that she is qualified to supervise speed detectors and will instigate this procedure.
- She also suggested that those with house alarms should use them overnight. She reminded us that house owners should not tackle intruders but report immediately to the Police on 999.
- PC Hardt also wishes to know any VRM's of vehicles collecting junk or picking up bags meant to be for charities. These will be checked for legitimacy.
- PCSO Del Slater requests that nuisance youths be reported to the Police so that destinations of where they are grouping can be established and monitored. Persistent nuisance by the same youths can and will result in an ASBO. Special ASB officers collect the data on these offenders.
- Our Special Constable Andy Tunney is on the case of problems surrounding the Monckton and close areas.

### **Any Other Business:**

- The new station car park being built will also allow young people to gain access via the station to the Monckton. Will this become another area of problem in the village? To be monitored.
- An area along the Teddesley Road seems to be becoming a "hotspot" again and a Police check would be appreciated. Also youth leaving trains around 4pm on Fridays is back on the Police agenda.
- The Leisure Centre needs more sponsorship for the Active Youth which runs on Friday nights. They require £240 per sponsor which covers 12 free weeks for the youth. The Police, Penkridge Parish Council and the Housing Association have offered and will follow this up.
- The PPC also sponsor the SUSSED programme for the young during the school main holidays.