

# Penkridge Neighbourhood Network

## Minutes of Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 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>

### **1. Receive Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising:**

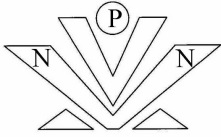
Minutes accepted. Matters arising. It was noted that it was not suggested that the Burial Ground car park could be open 24/7.

### **2. Parking Issues & Related Topics/Police Response:**

- Civil Enforcement Officers still in charge of Lines and Signs. Due to have Public Car Park lines re-drawn and will be included in their duties. Police still have the responsibility for unnecessary obstruction and extending over Give Way signs especially leaving the Crown Bridge area, turning to the left onto the A449. Double parking still occurring on the pavement by Barclays and massive lorries spending hours outside the certain shops as the pavements are not meant to carry such heavy vehicles, plus they are too close to the traffic light crossing. This will be addressed by Special Sgt. Tunney as it is a specific offence. P.C. Kate Hardt to be approached for further steps which could be taken to try and alleviate this problem.

### **3. Follow up on Market Day Traffic Problems/Police Response:**

- A meeting with the appropriate people via JOG is still awaited, but a suggestion that we could address this problem to the Security Company. The Police have monitored this situation and agree that traffic should be sent to the top of the car park area, working its way back towards the entrance. This would help move vehicles off the A449 that are in standing queues. Disabled users should also be directed to the far end, which is nearer the actual market stalls. Traffic control is lax, according to



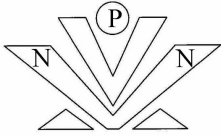
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Special Sgt. Tunney and the "Full" sign cannot be seen from the road. The attendees agreed for a letter to be sent to the Head of Security in order to suggest ways of alleviating this situation as this company is contracted to look after the car park. Copies will be supplied to interested parties.

- A long term solution could be to have a decent sized car park built down the Teddesley Road. This land currently belongs to Persimmon and does flood but there are ways to alleviate this to anchor a car park. Will monitor for future possibility.
- The Railway Station car park is still not finished after 17 weeks; from the 12 we were told. The front car park is full by 7am according to Special Sgt. Andy Tunney so it's imperative that this new car park is open soon, especially as Stafford Station car park is due to close soon for a re-build and the general opinion is that some of those vehicles will come here, as it's free. Contact is to be made to follow this up by the Parish Council. Meanwhile Special Sgt. Tunney reports camera fault on the front car park has been rectified.

#### **4. Members Other Issues and Police Responses:**

- Reports that the Horse and Jockey are inundated with cigarette ends outside their building which spread across the road. Smokers caught will be fined £50 and Special Sgt. Tunney will speak to the owners of the H & J, as there is also a case of obstruction on the pavement. An area at the back of the pub which may be used for this purpose clearly isn't used to this advantage.
- The Youth Activities at the Leisure Centre on Friday nights is proving very successful. Sponsorship is now till the end of November when they will be looking for further funding.
- The Co-op seems to be responding to problems with youngsters in their area which are commended. However, as some of the pubs are open till 2am, a serious amount of noise has been reported by various residents through the centre of the village, including this area.
- Any complaints regarding opening times and noise may be reported to the Licensing authorities and the Environmental services. Special Sgt. Tunney also indicated that working time of the Specials may be altered to start later and run later through the night. It is, however, imperative that all residents affected by these problems should report to the Police on 0300-123 4455 and request a log number, rather than calling a neighbour. The more residents that complain individually, the more likely the impact on Policing.
- All hotspots are covered by the Specials at the weekends but the public need to have their input to provide much needed information. The lack of calls is a disincentive. Any premises selling alcohol to the under aged may be reported to the Trading Standards in respect of their permit.
- It was requested that SSHA are given cards with the Police number which can be handed out. Special Sgt. Tunney will organise this.
- A Grange area resident reports that the Texaco Garage is displaying a "naff" banner on the grass bank spoiling the look of the Village when approaching. It will be checked by the resident for planning permission and reported back. It also



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obscures their view of any potential break in problems at the Garage which have been previously reported when 3 burglaries occurred.

- The Travellers site has settled quietly and is having an impact on the Wolverhampton Road playing area, which has since had fewer problems. South Staffs District Council is monitoring the situation. Special Sgt. Tunney reports that the Police are monitoring the situation from a Policing point of view.
- The Pavements are still in a mess around the Grange area which the resident will again report to David Wright at Highways Department.
- Still awaiting revue of the Crown Bridge Consultation.
- Cllr. Veronica Downes to be requested for further information on the wind turbines at Rodbaston.

### **5. Any Other Police Matters:**

- Many young drinkers have been taken to task and some taken home for a parental discussion. Special Sgt. Tunney reports a good response to this initiative.
- The Horsefair and Festival Gardens are locked each day. The Parish Council to consult with the Police for enforcement wording on the gates.
- Youngsters using re-cycling point at Co-op for bin hopping. Police notified.
- Very young are still using scooters on Mill St. VRM's taken and handed to Special Sgt. Tunney.
- Feedback from Metro Cam via P.C. Kate Hardt to be requested.
- Police taking active measures to enhance road safety in Penkridge.

### **6. Confirm Next Meeting Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

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

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