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**Sheringham Safer Neighbourhood Team & Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel**

Minutes of meeting via Microsoft Teams  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 7pm**

**Present**

**SNAP Members**

Bob Cumber -SNAP Member (Chair)  
Sue Goodwin- SNAP Member  
Chris Goodwin- SNAP Member  
Sue Brisbane- SNAP Member  
Dick Shepherd- SNAP Member  
Ivor Charsley- SNAP Member-CSW  
Richard Jonas- SNAP Member  
Wendy Austin- SNAP Member

**Apologies**

Sally Warwick- SNAP Member  
Liz Withington - Sheringham Town Council  
Sharon Hunt-Upper Sheringham  
Jayne Melhuish- Sheringham High School

**Members of the public**

Rachel Carter- Head of Sheringham Primary School  
Barry Starling- Sheringham Community Centre  
Colin Heinink- Sheringham Town Council  
Emma Price

**Norfolk Constabulary**

PC Ian Smith- Beat Manager  
Rebekah Simms – NN OPT

Meeting opened by Chair Bob Cumber at 7pm, minutes passed as a true representation of the last meeting.

### **Introduction and presentation from PC Ian Smith**

PC Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting back on Teams after the last meeting being a Hybrid version, he said he hoped the next meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May would be able to return to the Hybrid format.

### **Recorded Crime Review**

PC Smith presented the figures for the period from 1st December 2021 to 31st January 2022. The Sheringham area is divided up into three, these are Sheringham North, Sheringham South and Chaucer.

PC Smith started by showing the meeting a graph which compared figures to the same period in 2020/2021 compared to the same period of 2021/2022, it showed that the overall figures were a lot lower, the total number of calls for service was 156 compared to same period last year which was 229 calls for service. The number of investigations in Sheringham North was down by 15, Sheringham South down by 17 and Chaucer was down by 24.

**The total number of investigations for the Sheringham North area was 57**

ASB	1
Burglary	3
Criminal Damage	9
Domestic	0
Drug offences	0
Theft	7
Assaults	7
Welfare	8
Sexual Offences	3
Public Order	5
Malicious communications	5
Breach of orders	1
Miscellaneous	0
Harassment	7
Fraud	1
Weapons	0

**The total number of investigations for the Sheringham South area was 17**

ASB	2
Burglary	2
Criminal Damage	2
Domestic	1
Drug offences	1
Theft	1
Assaults	3
Welfare	0
Sexual Offences	0
Public Order	2
Malicious communications	0
Breach of orders	0
Miscellaneous	0
Harassment	2
Fraud	1

**The total number of investigations for the Chaucer area was 24**

ASB	0
Burglary	1
Criminal Damage	3
Domestic	0
Drug offences	0
Theft	2
Assaults	5
Welfare	7
Sexual Offences	1
Public Order	1
Malicious communications	2
Breach of orders	0
Miscellaneous	0
Harassment	2
Fraud	0

PC Smith produced a copy of the figures for the period from 1st December 2021 to 31st January 2022 by way of pie charts and graphs, displaying these on the screen for everyone to refer to while he went through the figures. The pie charts divided the number of investigations into 15 different categories.

This period was a relatively short period and PC Smith noted that the figures were lower compared to the same period last year, there didn't seem to be any obvious reason although Covid could have a part to play. He pointed out that the number of people using online reporting could lower the number of calls.

PC Smith went through the figures, starting with the welfare investigations, he explained that this was one of the bigger areas of work and included calls involving children, adult protection, and Mental Health, which also includes information sharing with other agencies. PC Smith said the number of criminal damages was lower but did not know why, the thefts there had been were minor and there was a number of burglaries which had investigations ongoing, he added that the assaults were also all of a minor level and nothing to worry about.

PC Smith told the meeting that investigations are victim lead and can be dealt with at the level the victim is happy with.

Dick shepherd asked about the assaults and burglary and said that he still felt that people were alarmed when they hear the word “assault and burglary” and they can have fear of violence or serious crime, PC Smith confirmed that the investigations range from minor to more serious incidents but that the same terms are used, he confirmed that all the assaults this period were minor or low level.

PC Smith spoke about the recent high publicity drug warrants that were carried out in town recently. This happened because of a build-up of intelligence, this is how warrants are obtained. PC Smith said that 3 people were arrested in connection to the cultivation of cannabis and around 150 plants were seized during the warrants that took place simultaneously at several addresses in the town. PC Smith told the SNAP that this sort of thing is not confined to Sheringham and that there will be similar set ups in towns and cities. He urged people to report anything suspicious to Crimestoppers – however small you think it may be even a niggle that something is not right.

### **Police Engagement**

Local Police officers are spending time in the communities, they are tasked with patrols including the Park Walk and Talk initiative. Areas have been highlighted for engagement and patrols such as Childs Way, near the schools and the seafront.

PC Smith told the meeting that he had held a surgery recently and spent time in Gresham and some other area that have been highlighted.

### **Community Speedwatch**

Ivor Charsley told the meeting that following a recent event 2 new recruits had been vetted and would soon complete their training meaning that together with the other new recruit Sheringham CSW group would be able to start up again, a group of 6 would normally be required but they have been told that they can continue with the 5 members.

PC Smith told the meeting that both Bob and Ivor both came out to the speed engagement events, these were publicised making use of digital platforms, there are another couple of forms handed out which may come back in. As well as the speeding and CSW, general Crime Prevention was given out, lots of positive engagement in the community.

### **Ideas**

#### **School Parking**

PC Smith told the meeting that the #Youth Council at the primary school had been looking at ideas how they can encourage their peers to walk to school. The parking on the pavements around the school may be a problem again, this is also an issue at other school such as Gresham Village Primary. PC Smith said he would like to continue to support Sheringham Primary with their “Safer school run” initiative.

## **Speeding**

PC Smith told the meeting that he has been out with the speed gun, he said it would be good to have a couple of months to get out in the area with the gun, issues some TORS (Traffic Offence Reports) and Words of Advice, while the CSW group are getting trained and ready to get out in town again.

Sue Brisbane raised the issue of traffic/cars using Waterbank Road in the town, she said that recently someone had been clipped by a car, several locals have raised this as an issue.

Richard Jonas raised inconsiderate parking in Priory Close Beeston Regis- PC Smith said if this was an individual vehicle then to get in touch with him with the details of offending vehicle.

Dick Shepherd said that the MP had contacted residents of Waterbank Road asking for views and ideas. Dick said that of late it had been made worse due to the temporary closure of Church Street, he said that residents always advise pedestrians to use the path where they are protected from traffic by the parked cars. Dick said that he will be suggesting to the MP that advisory notices are placed at the bottom and top, Sue Brisbane said that she thought these were already in place.

Bob said he had noticed that he felt pedestrians were already being irresponsible, he went on to say that according to the highway code pedestrians can cross the road freely back and forth. He felt that this was an accident waiting to happen.

PC Smith said that although courtesy crossings had been installed there did seem to be confusion around these and who has right of way, commenting that the Church Street and Waterbank Road junction is very tight, adding that these roads are unsuitable for some of the vehicles that use them. He went on to say that we are a Victorian town so there is only so much that could be done. Sue Brisbane will get some Feedback on the work that has already been done.

## **Priorities**

- Speeding across the whole area
- School Parking
- Waterbank Road- traffic

Dick suggested that the MP be passed a copy of the minutes, PC Smith said that he will be meeting with Duncan Baker so would make him aware.

PC Smith said that he will continue to his work with both the High School and Primary School as well as a number of other things during this coming period.

## **AOB**

PC Smith confirmed the dates for the SNAP meeting as;

Monday 9th May 2022  
Thursday 28th July 2022  
Wednesday 26th October 2022  
Tuesday 17th January 2023

Adding that he hoped these could be both online and face to face.

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