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Sheringham Safer Neighbourhood Team & Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel

Minutes of meeting at Sheringham Community Centre/ Microsoft Teams

Monday 16th January 2023 7pm

Present

SNAP Members

Sue Brisbane- (Teams)
Sharon Hunt – (Teams) - Upper Sheringham PC

Apologies

Bob Cumber
Ivor Charsley - CSW

Members of the public

Stephen Mews- The Reef
Colin Heinink
Christine Player
Pam Kennedy
Simon Ilsley- Gresham Village PC

Norfolk Constabulary

PC Ian Smith- Beat Manager
Rebekah Simms – NN OPT

Meeting opened by PC Smith; minutes passed as a true representation of the last meeting.

Introduction and presentation from PC Ian Smith

PC Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the SNAP process to those who were new to the meeting, he also how we are still required to run a Hybrid meeting.

Recorded Crime Review

PC Smith explained how the Sheringham area is divided up into three, these are Sheringham North, Sheringham South and Chaucer.

PC Smith presented the figures for the period from the last meeting 27th October 2022 to 15th January 2023. PC Smith said that the figures do go up and down with some areas seeing a reduction and others an increase, but all areas had seen a reduction this time, comparing them to the same period in in 2021/2022.

The total number of investigations for the Sheringham North area was 52 (same period last year was 62)

ASB	6
Burglary	0
Criminal Damage	6
Domestic	1
Drug offences	0
Theft	8
Assaults	10
Welfare	8
Sexual Offences	4
Public Order	7
Malicious communications	0
Breach of orders	1
Miscellaneous	0
Harassment	0
Fraud	0
Weapons	1

The total number of investigations for the Sheringham South area was 32 (same period last year was 35)

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

The total number of investigations for the Chaucer area was 11 (same period last year was 22)

ASB	0
Burglary	1
Criminal Damage	0
Domestic	0
Drug offences	0
Theft	0
Assaults	4
Welfare	2
Sexual Offences	2
Public Order	0
Malicious communications	1
Breach of orders	0
Miscellaneous	0
Harassment	1
Fraud	0

PC Smith produced a copy of the figures for the period from 27th October 2022 to 15th January 2023, 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.

PC Smith went through the figures for **Sheringham North**, starting with the number of welfare investigations, he explained that these included calls involving young people and mental health and made up 15% of the investigations, PC Smith said the number of criminal damages were low level except one which he would come back to. There had been no burglaries and that theft from shops also made up 15% of investigations all of which were low value thefts. He said the number of ASB investigations was about the same, he said that ASB was something we have been focusing on during this period. PC Smith went on to explain the close link between ASB and crime. There had been one standalone domestic incident, no harassments and seven public order incidents, these figures would include the night-time economy and the pubs, but none relate to any incidents there which is good considering this period includes Christmas and New Year. There had been four sexual offences recorded during this period, these can include anything from images to serious sexual offences, no malicious communications were recorded during this period and one breach of order.

Sue Brisbane asked PC Smith about the crimes that “we worry about “and noted that these probably made up 50%, PC Smith said that out of what we are dealing with then this would be the kind of figures we might expect, saying that no burglaries and only minor theft and public order during this period was a good thing.

PC Smith then went on to speak about the **Sheringham South** area, he said that out of the 32 investigations, welfare made up 9%, he noted that this figure was low in comparison to normal especially as the South area is mainly residential. There had been three criminal damages and three assaults during this period, one theft and five standalone domestics. PC Smith reiterated the importance of recording domestic incidents, people who want to report it and it be recorded. During this period there had only been one incident recorded as purely ASB. Three incidents of harassment were recorded – this is where a course of conduct is shown. The two sexual offences were of a less serious nature and what is going on with family and young people linked to those. PC Smith explained how possibly due to the residential nature of area the number of malicious

communications was higher and this was three. One drugs warrant had been carried out in this area during this period and this was a positive result, it causes disruption for those involved. PC Smith said that there had been no fraud recorded which was good especially because of the amount of scam telephone calls which are reported.

Sue Brisbane asked PC Smith about his work in school and does he go into school as part of the PHSE on the curriculum.

PC Smith said the school tend to manage this, he did say though that the technology now gives young people opportunities to create images easily and that there is lots of intervention /work i.e., the Rose project available, Child sexual exploitation is an issue and that we get involved in the work going on to help safeguard those young people and their families at risk.

PC Smith then went on to talk about the figures for the **Chaucer** area. He said these were low with only eleven investigations, he explained how given the rural make up of this area how this was good considering some rural areas of the county have been targeted. PC Smith said that some positive work was ongoing with a family in relation to sexting.

PC Smith told the meeting that there had been some arrests made in connection with the damage to public toilets in the area. Toilets across the North Norfolk area had been damaged in a series of incidents. PC Smith surmised that this these locations seemed to attract people maybe because of the warmth and shelter they offer. PC Smith said that a member of public had called us having witnessed damage being caused and was able to give good descriptions which led to the arrest of three young people. NNDC understand the inconvenience damage like this causes and were able to get this repaired quickly. PC Smith explained that we are working to disrupting this group and will use the tools available to us including curfew and bail conditions as well as interventions to hopefully prevent reoffending PC Smith confirmed that the public toilets damaged included the new ones and the older ones.

PC Smith told the meeting about the teenagers that had been charged in relation to a series of serious incidents involving weapons and assaults, the result is that 11-13 offences against several victims are being dealt with, he recognised that the victims and the community will be reassured seeing that they have been charged with these offences.

Steve asked why PC Smith felt that these young people are behaving like this, PC Smith said he believed some was cultural and that that is how they think they should behave.

Sue Brisbane asked about town CCTV, she mentioned that STC were in the process of reviewing its CCTV and want PC Smiths input, PC Smith said that he felt this was a valuable tool as an investigative measure and helps give us a realistic chance of solving crime but also as a preventative measure. He added that Cromer were looking to reinstate theirs. PC Smith said that the technology is so good meaning the images are crystal clear, he said the only thing it couldn't capture was car index plates at night.

CSW

PC Smith said that Ivor with the CSW continues to provide a service however two members are poorly, so this has meant that the team struggle to get out there to help educate drivers. PC Smith explained what the CSW does and how that the work they do results in the camera van visiting the area. PC Smith said it is important however to find some new volunteers to enable ethe CSW work to continue.

CAP

PC Smith told the meeting that the 25th of January will see the launch of the CAP in Sheringham, the CAP will explore the link between young people drinking alcohol and committing crime. The CAP will provide resources, ideas, and structure to help educate young people but will also be targeting those supplying alcohol to young people. PC Smith said some of the groups it will involve include Everyone Active, Licensing, Police and Sheringham High School. Sue Brisbane said she will be at the launch representing STC. PC Smith said that this has taken time to arrange but that now we were ready for the launch.

New Ideas

PC Smith said that the focus has very much been on young people in particular their negative presence in relation to public order, damage and ASB, he said that over the last few months a lot of work and time had been spent trying to solve those issues. PC Smith said that he did not have any new ideas to bring to the SNAPs attention apart from making them aware of the work around the CAP.

Sharon Hunt raised speeding on the Holt Road as it comes into Upper Sheringham, there had been some speed monitoring equipment in place recently with speeds recorded between 36-65mph.

PC Smith explained how CSW have designated spots and that we could explore how to get this area covered.

PC Smith said that he will plan to meet with Upper Sheringham Parish Council to discuss, he asked Sharon to forward him the data from SAM.

Simon Ilsley from Gresham Parish Council raised the issue of speeding near the school in Gresham Village, Gresham PC are hoping to get a SAM and asked if PC Smith could visit the village, the primary school has increased in size and there are now nearly 200 children.

PC Smith suggested a meeting with Simon to discuss the issues including the parking at school times. Simon also asked to raise the amount of litter in Gresham as you come into the village from town especially at weekends. and said that this had become worse in the last six months.

Priorities

No new priorities were set although PC Smith will be looking at the issues raised above and the CAP and ASB work ongoing.

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None

Future dates:

Thursday 6th April 2023

Thursday 6th July 2023

Thursday 5th October 2023
Thursday 11th January 2024

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