

Burghfield and Mortimer Neighbourhood Action Group

Minutes of Meeting held on 14 February 2024 in the Community Centre, Mortimer

Present: **NAG Members:** Graham Bridgman (Chair, SMPC), Richard Coles (Secretary, Neighbourhood Watch), Sam Crothier (TVP), David Hannington (UNPC), Dudley Ives (Neighbourhood Watch, etc), Andy Murray (TVP), Jim Thompson (WPC), Richard Thorrington (BPC), John Wells (SMPC)
Others: Dave Kilshaw (SMPC) and 8 members of the public

1 **Chair's opening remarks**

GB welcomed everyone to the meeting and clarified who was who and how the meeting would be conducted.

2 **Apologies for absence**

None.

3 **Minutes of previous meeting (22 November 2023)**

Agreed.

4 **Matters arising not otherwise on agenda**

GB referred to the item discussed last time about parking near to St Mary's school in Mortimer and said that there had been a meeting between SMPC, the school and WBC. It was anticipated that faded yellow lines (etc) would be repainted and extended parking restrictions considered (SMPC were following up). In addition, the school had plans at an early stage for a car park on land at the corner of Church Lane and The Street (financing would be an issue).

GB said that there had been emails about two other items picked up by TVP following the last meeting – speeding lorries in Burghfield and parking issues relating to deliveries to the Burghfield Co-Op. Both issues were in hand.

5 **Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Team Report**

AM presented the report for 22 November 2023 to 13 February 2024 verbally (subsequently provided as the table below) (last period's totals in brackets, but nb that previous report period was eight weeks whereas this report is for 12 weeks):

Crime type	Burghfield	Mortimer	Beech Hill	Sulhamstead	Wokefield	Ufton Nervet	Padworth
ASB	13	7	0	1	0	0	2
Criminal Damage	7	5	0	0	0	0	1
Theft from motor vehicle	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of motor vehicle	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

Crime type	Burghfield	Mortimer	Beech Hill	Sulhamstead	Wokefield	Ufton Nervet	Padworth
Burglary dwelling	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Burglary non dwelling	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
Assault-injury	3	1	0	0	0	0	3
Assault - non injury	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
Shoplifting	21	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total	59 (13)	24 (17)	0 (1)	2 (1)	0 (2)	0 (0)	11 (4)

The number of reported incidents of ASB was high and TVP were actively policing the affected locations.

Shoplifting is becoming a concern in both villages – there was a general discussion and AM said that special attention is being paid to seek to alleviate this type of crime.

One individual present said that he had personal knowledge of shoplifting incidents in one of the stores in question via a relative and felt that some incidents were not being reported (*post meeting note – there is information that Burghfield Tesco had about 12 police incident numbers stuck on their notice board from the previous 2-3 weeks*).

6 **Parishes and other NAG representatives – reports and observations**

Mortimer (DI) - the incidence of speeding as recorded by the passive speed monitor was very low with only a few vehicles exceeding 35mph.

Some Mortimer residents present raised a concern regarding encroachment of land off Birch Lane which they took up with AM and SC after the meeting.

7 **AOB**

None.

8 **Venue for, date and time of next meeting**

To be arranged in line with TVP shift patterns.