

Burghfield and Mortimer Neighbourhood Action Group

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 23 June 2023 at Burghfield Village Hall

Present: **NAG Members:** Graham Bridgman (SMPC), Nick Carter (WBC), Richard Coles (Mortimer), David Gurney (WPC), Robert Hubbard-Clark (TVP), Dudley Ives (Neighbourhood Watch, etc), Andy Murray (TVP), John Wells (SMPC)

Others: Jenny Ellmore (resident); Dave Kilshaw (SMPC)

1 Election of Officers

RC (current Secretary) sought nominations for Chair. GB proposed and seconded and elected unopposed. GB took chair.

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GB proposed that Constitution be amended such that the most senior TVP representative present took the role of Vice-Chair. Agreed.

2 Apologies for absence

None received.

3 Minutes of previous meeting (16 February 2023)

Agreed.

4 Matters arising

The planning application for the CCTV camera on the Fairground in Mortimer has been submitted and SMPC has agreed policies relating to CCTV.

Discussion regarding TVP access to recorded material and how this works in practice (ie with BPC). NC to follow this up with SMPC Clerk.

5 Speedwatch

GB – the speed detection camera agreement with WBC is under discussion (with SMPC to provide a list of suitable approved locations to TVP).

Within Mortimer, the existing SID is in use – Dudley Ives will be able to report as necessary.

6 Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Team Report

AM presented the report for 15 February to 26 June 2023 verbally (subsequently provided as the table below):

Crime type	Burghfield	Mortimer	Beech Hill	Sulhamstead	Wokefield	Ufton Nernet	Padworth
ASB Community	2	3	1	1	2	0	3
ASB Environment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASB Personal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Crime type	Burghfield	Mortimer	Beech Hill	Sulhamstead	Wokefield	Ufton Noret	Padworth
Burglary residential	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary business	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Criminal damage	4	9	0	0	0	0	2
Theft from motor vehicle	1	3	0	0	1	0	1
Theft of motor vehicle	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of pedal cycle	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildlife crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	19	1	2	3	0	6

AM referred to youths and catapults being the source of a number of ASB/criminal damage reports.

This led to a discussion ensued regarding these activities and criminal damage, especially in Mortimer. Some alleged perpetrators have been identified, and TVP have visited the parents in question to issue appropriate warnings.

AM and RH-C emphasised that the difficulty in taking action was, as always, the question of evidence and the willingness of witnesses to give evidence. Whilst the nature of the offences meant that it was very difficult to catch offenders in the act, with public awareness and (eg) video doorbell images TVP is achieving better results.

GB raised the issue of e-scooters (and AM added e-bikes). The difficulty of TVP in dealing with these is the risk in any attempt to stop a rider, to the rider, to the officers involved, to other road users and to pedestrians. If TVP can intercept them safely the e-scooter/e-bike can be seized, but taking action is fraught with difficulty.

7 Parishes and other NAG representatives – reports and observations

Burghfield – JE was concerned at a rise in ASB, particularly when there were village events. There was a discussion and the issues of identification and the willingness of witnesses to give evidence were repeated.

Mortimer – RC commented about parking on The Street from Pitfield Lane west at going home time from St Marys, during school events, etc. This was dangerous and caused frustration, particularly for drivers of larger vehicles. GB said that whilst unlawful parking could be a TVP issue, parking restrictions were a matter for WBC (but agreed that the situation had got worse over the last couple of years).

GB would raise with WBC.

(Postscript – the parking during the school fair on Saturday 2 July, virtually up to (and a little beyond) the pelican crossing, caused significant issues.)

Wokefield – none not already discussed.

No other representatives present.

8 **AOB**

None.

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

St John's Hall, Mortimer (subject to availability). To be arranged in line with TVP shift patterns.