



## Neighbourhood Watch Committee Meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006

*Persons present: David Parker ( Chair ) Steve Coombes ( Treasurer ) Rita Coombes; Rita Summerfield, Jean Gotobed; Paul Bond; Linda Young; John Mack ( LBBB ); Richard Morgan ( MET ) Stephen Manger ( MET )*

*Apologies for absence: Kathy Laine*

Previous minutes 20/12/05 agreed.

### Updates provided from these minutes as follows:

1. Increasing the number of Watches on the Leys Estate. The Village SN team have contacted their existing Watches and continue to look for new Watch members, including the Leys Estate. With the introduction of all 17 SN teams by 03/04/06 it is anticipated that many new Watches will evolve.
2. John Mack stated that the links between the Council and NHW website were in hand. A question was raised by David regarding Google links to the new NHW website.  
*Action: Steve Manger to make enquires and ensures the links are in place.*
3. Clarification was provided by Richard Morgan that PC Paul Brown no longer covers Longbridge ward. However, NHW returns can still be sent to him and other personnel in the office will ensure post is dealt with. In April 06 the new Longbridge SN team will be introduced.
4. NHW door stickers have now been provided by Paul Bond. 3000 stickers to add to existing stock.  
*Action: Stickers to be brought to AGM and also divided up between Police / Council / NHW co-ordinators.*
5. Update NHW street signs. 350 provided by Council funding. Have been problems in the first signs put up. Signs are very ' eye catching ' and were pulled down and vandalised.  
*Action: John Mack to look into feasibility of metal back plate for sign and to make enquires with LBBB Street Sign unit – currently quoting £25 per sign to install.  
Steve Manger to look at other costings for erecting signs*



6. Enquires into finding fourth NHW computer.  
*Outstanding Action – Steve Manger to confirm with Graham Mann any knowledge of the whereabouts of the fourth computer.*

It was agreed to continue the payments from NHW funds on the broadband accounts for the 4 computers.

*Action: Steve Coombes to establish where the bills are sent.*

Rita Coombes also expressed her concern that none of the equipment is included on an Assets Register. Part of the problem is that there is no postal address.

It was agreed that the postal address for NHW should be  
' For the Attn Suzanne Honeyman'  
Roycraft House, Barking Essex.

It was also agreed that Committee members would meet at Marks Gate to re organise office and set aside Assets Register.

Date set for Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March 06 at 1430 at Marks Gate.

### **Agenda Items**

John provided update on new NHW pack information. Flyers include 'How to set Up a Watch', and Crime Prevention Advice. Pack will include key rings and pens. All information is relevant. John brought with him ready made packs to be distributed.

*David thanked John for his hard work in setting up the packs.*

*It was also agreed at the next AGM all Co-ordinators would receive a pack.*

### **Robert Clack School Update**

John provided an update of the setting up of a Junior Neighbourhood Watch within Robert Clack School. Form tutors in each year were involved. The Head Teacher Paul Grant was fully supportive.

Possibly looking at a website page at school. Reps from the school would be invited to the co-ordinators meetings. Looking at ways of linking to existing NHW. Once up and running – would then need to send out to all schools. Recognised could be a pilot project. Links in with Home Office priorities for encouraging youth into NHW and would look for future funding.

### **Treasurers Report**

Steve Coombes provided Treasurers Report. December 05 had £170 remaining in account. Pending £2000 supplied by Police.

Outgoing expense – Broadband connections £72 per month.

New signatories of Committee to be organised – David suggested having a Chair / Vice Chair and Treasurer available as signatories.



John Mack provided an update re Press coverage for NHW. Now an opportunity to publicise within a Citizen Supplement run by the Council and Police on crime matters 6 times a year.

Update provided by Paul Bond on Cold Calling initiative scheduled for Sunningdale Avenue. First stage is to organise stickers and signs in order to get the initiative running. Second stage will be to contact Utilities. John Mack and Steve Manger agreed funding is available from Police and Council. £250 grant from each totalling £500.

David Parker provided brief update on new initiatives on 'The Microdot Scheme, ' Good Neighbour Scheme and selling crime prevention products. It was agreed to focus currently on the Cold Calling Initiative.

*Action: Paul Bond and John Mack to look into the feasibility of product selling. Steve Manger to send an E Mail out to co-ordinators in order to gauge interest and establish whether any members have experience in setting up such a scheme.*

### **Paul Bond provided an update on a scheme called 'Flying the Colours'**

An opportunity to promote Neighbourhood Watch. An application form will be submitted. Results to be declared 21/05/06.

### **John Mack provided an update on Digital camera and software**

Equipment has been ordered.

### **Agenda for Co-ordinators meeting discussed**

Would look to have twelve members to the Committee, including:

Chair

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Police – Representatives from both Dagenham and Barking

Council Representative

Area Co-ordinators

It was agreed that the Chair from London NHW should be invited to attend to speak at the AGM.

*Action – David Parker to organise*

Any other business to be advised

*Action: Insp Manger to arrange for food for the AGM*

*Action: Insp Manger to organise for the NHW co-ordinators lists to be updated.*



Linda Young asked whether the lists could be sorted by areas. It would be helpful to know how many houses each Watch covers. Need to verify postcodes and house numbers of co-ordinators as some previous mail was returned from addresses – resident unknown.

*Action – Insp Manger to organise.*