

LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3rd July 2018 at 7.00pm
VILLAGE HALL, LIMPLEY STOKE

Present

Councillors: Janice Richards, Gordon Tucker, Francis Firmstone, John Mill, Ed Elias, Anthony Gennard, Johnny Kidney

Public: PCs A MacLachlan, Paul Harvey

Clerk & RFO: Bryony Kohn

073/18 Apologies for Absence

Peter Wyatt, Ruth Fulton

074/18 Declarations of Interest

None

075/18 Open Forum

PC Andrew MacLachlan gave the following report-

Help us tackle County Lines

Young and vulnerable people living in our communities are being exploited by drugs gangs. It's happening right now. And we need your help to protect them.

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas in the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of 'deal line'. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money, and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons. gangs based in cities like London are targeting the most vulnerable people in small towns across the country to sell class A drugs on their behalf.

This type of behaviour is a significant threat to our communities and will not be tolerated.

But we need your help to spot the signs and act on your concerns. Your voice will be heard and will make a difference.

Director of Intelligence Sonja Leith said: "County lines is everyone's responsibility and I would urge members of the public to be vigilant and look out for some of the most visible signs that county lines drugs gangs are operating in neighbourhoods and to report this to police.

"Our intelligence teams work hard to identify where county lines are exploiting vulnerable children and adults, and to proactively disrupt these networks. The intelligence we receive from our communities is crucial in helping us, our partner agencies and neighbouring forces in tackling county lines and safeguarding people.

"By raising awareness of the issue, I hope more people will be able to spot the signs, and feel comfortable in reporting information to the police. Your call could save lives."

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "Two of my priorities for the next four years, as outlined in my Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021, are to prevent crime and keep people safe, and protect the most vulnerable people in society. It is

these very people who are being targeted by individuals from large metropolitan cities, who are travelling to rural counties like Wiltshire, with the belief that they will be able to deal drugs from the properties of these vulnerable people. As a result, vulnerable people are being threatened and exploited, often in their own homes.

"I am aware that many people still consider drugs as a victimless crime. This is not the case, and we want to ensure that people who find themselves in these situations have support.

"The Force will continue to work with local authorities to reduce the harm and prevent the crime caused by alcohol and substance misuse, but I would also urge the residents of Wiltshire and Swindon to help us combat drug supply – we cannot do it alone and the police often rely on information from the public to build up an intelligence picture. Please continue to help by reporting any information to 101."

Signs to look out for:

Exploitation

- ■ Has a child or young person gone missing from school or home?
- ■ Are they meeting with unfamiliar adults?
- ■ Have you noticed a change in their behaviour?
- ■ Are they using drugs and alcohol?
- ■ Has there been a breakdown in relationships with family and friends?

This could be a sign that they are being coerced and controlled to commit crime.

Call 101 to report it.

Cuckooing

Drug dealers will often take over the homes of vulnerable people as they use it as a base to deal drugs in the area. The vulnerable person may be being kept inside against their will.

- ■ Have you noticed more people calling at an address? Sometimes at unsociable hours?
- ■ Have you noticed a neighbour has not been seen for a while?
- ■ Are there suspicious smells coming from an address?
- ■ Are there suspicious or unfamiliar vehicles outside the address?

Cuckooing could be taking place. Look out for your neighbours and report suspicions to 101.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

Crime as a whole is showing as an exception for the month of June. On average we would expect to see an average of 20.8 reported crimes for this time of year, however June saw 30 crimes reported.

The following crimes account for 90% of crimes reported in the Bradford on Avon Rural area :

Offences of Burglary are showing as a crime exception, with an average of 4.2 offences of this type usually reported at this time of year. June saw 12 offences reported.

3 offences relates to incidents in the Limpley Stoke area, two of which were burglaries to a dwelling, and one to a shed.

6 offences relate to incidents in the Winsley area, one of which was a burglary to a dwelling and

the other five to a shed / garage.

The other three offences relate to dwelling burglaries in the Staverton and Avoncliff areas.

Enquiries are continuing into these offences, and the issue has been raised at the weekly tasking meeting for additional patrols.

Over the past weekend, there were 9 reports of cars and properties being damaged by graffiti or broken vehicle windows in the Freshford/Crowe Hill area. Enquiries ongoing.

Offences of violence against the person normally show an average of 6.7 offences for this time of year. June saw 9 offences reported.

Offences of Theft normally show an average of 4.2 offences for this time of year. June saw 6 offences reported.

COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA

WEEKLY TASKING MEETING

Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

The increase in burglaries within the Bradford on Avon Rural Villages has been identified as a tasking priority at the meeting on Wednesday 27th June 2018. Officers have been asked to conduct additional patrols.

CHARGES TO NOTE

On the 16th June officers were called to Staverton Road, Bradford on Avon, following reports of a disorderly male. A 27 year old male from the Trowbridge area was arrested for being Drunk and Disorderly in a public place, and was issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, when released from custody the following morning.

OTHER INFORMATION

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

Limpley Stoke Parish Council – Wiltshire Councillor’s report, Johnny Kidney July 2018

Woods Hill closure – I have received concerns from residents about a forthcoming partial closure of Woods Hill. They are concerned that existing problems with commuters rat-running will be exacerbated. I have contacted highways to try to secure an “Access Only” arrangement for the duration of the works (which will last for up to three months). Unfortunately this is not going to be achievable, however as a compromise they have agreed to install signage at the junction of Woods Hill and the A36 stating that there is a road closure on Woods Hill, which will hopefully at last discourage rat-runners. They have also informed me that five or so years ago they did try to come up with a permanent partial solution to the Woods Hill commuting issue by installing a “No right turn” arrangement from the A36 into Woods Hill, but that residents at the top of Woods Hill

objected at the time. I wonder if it is worth taking another look at this option?

The Parish Council will discuss the proposal to make Woods Hill a right turn only at the next PC meeting in September. JK will reply to residents who have expressed their concerns to the LSPC.

Walks for the Mind – A new weekly walk taking place every Monday from Bradford-on-Avon library, run by the Wiltshire Council public health team and Get Wiltshire Walking. It is aimed specifically at sufferers of dementia and their carers. The first walk took place this Monday, and they will run every week apart from Bank Holidays, meeting at the library at 2pm. I have brought along some fliers which I would be grateful if you could place in the village noticeboards.

Planning enforcement matter, Crowe Hill - I am in liaison with residents and the planning team about this issue. **LSPC has had correspondence from concerned residents and JK will report back to them directly.**

The next meeting of the Area Board takes place on 11 July in Westwood (social club). It would be great to have a community grant bid from the villages on the agenda, so if there are any community groups, local projects, sports clubs etc in Limpley Stoke that need funding for a particular project, facility etc, please ask them to get in touch with me and/or Peter Dunford (peter.dunford@wiltshire.gov.uk).

SEND consultation – Wiltshire Council needs to provide an additional 220 places for children and adults with special educational needs by 2026. A consultation was launched in June to give everyone a say on how best to deliver this additional capacity. The consultation is live on the Wiltshire Council website and will run until 31 July.

People will be asked for feedback on three options for future special school provision for cognitive needs. The options are:

- Develop a single school
- Develop two schools
- Develop/continue three schools in Chippenham, Trowbridge and Rowdeford

076/18 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th June 2018

The minutes were discussed and accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from previous meetings were actioned or are on the Agenda for the July meeting.

077/18 Financial Items

The following invoices were approved-

SO72 - Idverde - Playpark litterbin emptying - June	£18.37
SO73 - B Kohn Clerk salary – June	
DD77- Candy Harrison- Blackboards APM	£30
DD78- Freshford PC Bulb projector	£112.80
DD79- A Gennard – Drinks APM -1	£106.88
DD80- A Gennard- Drinks APM – 2	£111.88
DD81 - C Hyland- APM food	£23
CHQ - E Gee- APM food	£21
CHQ – P Catcheside – APM food	£23

JR signed the approved payment forms.

078/18 Planning Applications and Decisions

Application:-**18/05192/FUL** Oakenclyffe, 2 Warminster Road, Monkton Combe, BA2 7HZ

Single storey extension, reconstruction of garage with guest accommodation.

The Parish Council supported the application.

Application:- **18/05399/FUL** Twizzleside, 12a Woods Hill, Limpley Stoke, Wiltshire, BA2 7FZ

Demolition of existing roof and gables, part removal of balcony, construction of new first floor extension, replacement windows, doors and balustrading. (resubmission of 17/10234/FUL).

The Parish Council objected to the application.

Application;- **18/05250** :- 55 Middle Stoke, Limpley Stoke, BA2 7GG

Proposed double storey rear extension, replacement front porch, replacement adjoining garage and workshop, and replacement summerhouse.

The Parish Council supported the application.

079/18 Updates

Database- BK met with Freshford PC and will soon have access to the joint database lists.

Project Spreadsheet: Nothing to report

EE to research costs etc for a speed indicator that can be used to reduce speeding in the village. To be discussed at Septembers meeting.

EE

Stewards Spreadsheet:

JR has added the white line painting and clearing of the Twizzle to the spreadsheet. Weedkilling of walls was necessary to maintain road tarmac edges. AG to speak to residents.

AG

Footpaths:

JR will report the weedkilling of the verge near the Rose and Crown to Wiltshire for investigation. Still no replacement for the Cotswold warden representative.

JR

Roads:

Grit bin requirements are being recorded by RF. Chevrons and potholes on A36 by Midford Lane still require attention.

RF

Playpark:

AG completed an inspection. Litterbins were overflowing so tidied. The gate needs repairing and hedges need cutting back. BK to get quote from Alan Duck.

BK, PW

VPA: Nothing to report

FLISCA:
Nothing to report

War Memorial- Repairs will be discussed at Septembers meeting.

080/18 Annual Parish Meeting

The parish council thanked AG for organising a successful APM. AG had thanked the West of England Falconry. BK will thank other contributors.

BK

081/18 Any Other Business for next meeting

AG will look at PC involvement in Facebook and Twitter links

AG

082/18 Date of Next Meeting – 4th September 2018

Signed (Chair)..... Date.....

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