

Minutes of Ravenscourt Park SNT Ward Panel held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 7.15pm Latymer Upper School, King Street

Present: Angela Horsfall Chair (AH)
Laurence Lewis (LL)
Daniele Millar (DM)

In Attendance: Ravenscourt Park Safer Neighbourhood Team:
WPC Jenny Doe (JD)

Cllr Harry Phibbs (HP) [standing in for Cllr Charlie Dewhurst (CD)]

Apologies: Vernon Nurse

1. OPENING OF MEETING

AH opened the meeting and apologies were received.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

King St CCTV west of Premier Inn to junction of Goldhawk Rd: Historically Council Cabinet had promised to install CCTV to cover this blind spot at a cost of £50,000 (section 106) income which CD would look into. This area has above average crime on the Met Police crime figures database. **Action: HP to update progress**

4. NOTIFIABLE CRIME FIGURES (LL)

LL presented data showing that although overall crime since 2010 had dropped, the trend was upward in the last 12 months and increasing during the current financial year. There has been a 9% increase in crime over the past financial year. Theft and handling remains the major crime in Ravenscourt Ward with theft from a Motor Vehicle as the main category. Violence remains on the increase although Burglary continues to decline. The Panel did not feel that this merely represented increased reporting as most burglaries would be reported to obtain a crime reference for the purposes of insurance yet the crime rate has dropped. LL also mentioned that the number of Crown Court sittings mirrored these increases.

5. CRIME UPDATE (JD)

JD confirmed that theft from motor vehicles had risen from 30 last year to 46 so far this year. Theft of pedal cycles and robbery (6: 1 Jan to 17 March, 2015) were also increased. The Ravenscourt SNT now comprises Sgt Craig Wells, PC Jenny Doe, PCSO Theresa Keeley and 5 probationary PCs (have power of arrest but newly qualified). Inspector Jim Brockway is replaced by Sean Kelly. JD also informed the Panel that due to security concerns the police now work in pairs and that rosters had changed to help reflect the work/life balance. The team works variable shifts from 7am - 11pm for several days with

rest days in between. None of the team works beyond 11pm but response vehicles were in place to cover any 999 calls after 11pm.

AH mentioned that the recent meeting on Cyber crime at the Town Hall highlighted the various scams to which the elderly were particularly susceptible. As most of these residents were unlikely to be accessible by email it would be helpful if leaflets warning of these scams could be given to NHW co-ordinators to hand deliver to elderly residents.

Action: JD to investigate

The Panel felt that given the upward trend of overall crime on our Ward our concerns should be notified to the Borough Commander, Gideon Springer, to make the case for extra support.

Action: AH to draft email for approval by Panel

6. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

AH informed the Panel that the next meeting was on Thursday 26 March when all Ward Panel Chairs would be attending. Additionally the 'Cluster' meetings which previously lay between Ward Panels and SNB had been abolished as an unnecessary level of administration. Minutes from meeting would be circulated to the Panel in due course.

7. A O B

AH raised the need to have a larger pool of Panel members as not everyone could attend each meeting. It would be beneficial also to have members from the business community and youth involvement. **AH** had been approached by a local resident standing in the General Election who expressed an interest in joining the Police Panel.

Suggestions:	NHW co-ordinators in our ward.	Action: AH
	The new curate at St Peter's Church.	Action: AH
	The Hampshire Hog or Mall Pub.	Action: JD
	Police Cadets/youth involvement.	Action: JD
	Manager of Broadway Hostel.	Action: HB

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11 June or Thursday 18 June: panel to be asked which date is most convenient to maximise attendance