

**West Twickenham Police Liaison Group Meeting minutes -
8 June 2011 at 19.30-21.00 hours Waldegrave School Fifth Cross Road**

Present

Daniel Churchman	SNT
Derek Mason	River Way
Frances Bennett	Friends of Crane Park
Hannah Banks	Waldegrave School
Helen Lee-Parsons	Councillor
Jacky Levy	Bedford Road
John Bell	CPP Representative
John Woodhams	Glebe House
Judith Ord-Hume	Brinsworth Close
Lesley Pollesche	Councillor
Martin Ward	DCI MP
Melony Trott	Manor Road
Mike Somers	SNT
Olivia Cheriton	Waldegrave school
Pam Allen	Mill Road
Paul Orchard	SNT
Pauline Barrett	Lisbon Ave
Peter Kirkham	Lincoln Avenue
Phillipa Nunn	Head - Waldegrave School
Simon Bradley	Trafalgar Infants School representative
Susan Rees	Waldegrave school
Tom Jacobs	Fifth Cross Road

NB - suggested actions are highlighted by being underlined**1 Apologies for absence:**

Sandra & Howard Roberts, Piers Allen, Pat Brown,

2 Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Ray Williams opened the meeting by asking for the minutes from the last PLG meeting on 15th March 2011 to be looked at and approved. All members present agreed that the minutes were accurate representation of the previous meeting.

3 Goodbyes and Introductions

Marcus Moore who had worked on the West Twickenham Safer Neighbourhood Team (WTSNT) as a PC and as the acting Sergeant for over two and half years, has moved (on promotion) to Brent, where he is now working on a Response Team. RW has sent him an e-mail congratulating him on his promotion and thanking his for all his past efforts with the WTSNT.

Our new acting Sergeant, Mike Somers introduced himself. He has worked for seven years on the borough, both on Response Teams and on the Twickenham Riverside SNT.

He also introduced two new additions to the SNT, PC Paul Orchard and PCSO Daniel Churchman who had previously worked with the Royal Parks Police.

Finally DCI Martin Ward introduced himself. He explained that he was at the meeting as an observer at the request of the Borough Commander, Clive Chalk. Martin told us that the Borough Commander was totally committed to the SNT concept and wanted to be kept fully informed about activities of the different SNTs.

4 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

There were no matters of substance arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

5 SNT Report and review of the current crime figures

Crime figures

Sergeant Mike Somers summarised the most recent crime figures. He told the meeting that although Twickenham continues to be one of the safest boroughs in the whole of the Metropolitan Police area & West Twickenham Ward is still one of the safest in Twickenham, the crime figures did show an increase in a number of crime categories. That increase was being seen across the whole of the MP area. The figures of reported crimes for 2010/2011 were:

There had been a spate of petrol station "drive outs" - filling up and driving away without paying. There were 12 incidents of this crime in May alone. Sometimes stolen number plates were used to facilitate this crime. The Shell garage on the Hospital Bridge Road was the worst affected by this crime.

There had also been a significant increase in residential burglary up from 5 in May last year to 17 in May this year. The Borough now had a special task force set up to tackle this type of crime who looked the figures each morning to decide how best to respond. The SNT were reminded that a suggestion had been made at an earlier meeting that the "MO" of the burglaries (method of entry, time of day etc) should be made known to the NW coordinators so they could pass that information on to their members.

Mike Somers explained that a number of burglaries were carried out with the sole pupose of getting car keys to enable the car to be stolen. A simple precaution would be to not put car keys where they could be seen from outside nor easily seen when coming in the front door.

Theft from motor vehicles was also going up with incidents being reported in Fulwell park Avenue, Lisbon Avenue, Rivermeads, Fifth Cross road and Twining Avenue.

The current status of local crime can be seen (<http://maps.met.police.uk/>).

6 Activities of the SNT - especially to address the priorities set at the last meeting

- Safer Roads & Safer schools
- ASB
- Burglary

SNT Street Meetings

There had been two - Rivermeads and Fulwell Park Avenue which had been very well attended. In addition 75 bikes had been post code marked. PCSO Alvinder Soor had also planned a street meeting in Fifth cross Road in a couple of weeks time.

Safer Schools activities

These had not been given priority over the last few months. Two of the SNT (Paul and Daniel) were going to be given "Speed Gun" training which would enable them to give out speeding tickets.

SB reminded the SNT of the importance of keeping the issue of combating irresponsible car driving/parking around the schools firmly in mind as unfortunately such behaviour was cyclic; as each new cohort of parents to arrive at the school started the cycle all over again.

PN thanked Paul for the very useful support he had given Waldegrave School over the last few months.

ASB

There had been instances of AOB in Andover Road, Mereway Road and near the shops on Staines Road near Second Cross Road. There appears to be a one gang of about twelve people aged about 13 years to 16 years who congregate in this area. This has been associated with some low level crime (stealing drinks from the shops) including criminal damage. The PCSOs looking after this area are now focussing on the problem. There are a number of ways of tackling this problem which include:

- Overt filming of the groups.
- Employing a "Section 27 dispersal order" - which means people must not come back for 24 hours and allows any alcohol to be confiscated.
- ASB Contracts - involves parents when offenders are under 18 years old
- Target the people who do not live in our Ward.
- Increase the patrols

7 Issues and questions raised by members of the PLG**Glebe Gardens**

Problems with a mini motor bike being used by someone about 12 to 14 years old.

Fifth Cross Rd / Woodbine Close

New houses built in Woodbine Close have no off road parking space and so irresponsible parking was becoming more of a nuisance.

Woodbine Close

Builders lit fires which gave off dense black smoke - the SNT were called who had a word with the builders who put out their fire.

Cross Road's 20 mph issue

The PLG Chairman had written to Clare Head and Pamela Fleming of Richmond upon Thames Council on 25 Feb 2011, asking them to let the PLG know what the status was of the plan to create 20 mph zones in some of the Cross Roads but had not had a reply. It was

suggested that RW let the Ward Councillors have a copy of that letter to see if they could get the Council Officers to respond.

Mill Road

Residents have long believed that drug dealing occurs at the end of the road next to the entrance to crane park. Recently a very smart car has been seen parked there and various people approaching the driver. This had been reported to the SNT by e-mail.

Crane park

Once again youths had been seen riding mopeds in the park.

River Way

Once again the service roads were being used as sites for fly tipping.

8 Setting the SNT priorities for the next 3 months.

The meeting decided that local priorities for the SNT over the next three months should be:

- Theft of/from Motor Vehicles
- ASB
- Burglary (including theft from non-residential buildings)

8 Date, time and venue of the next PLG meetings

Venue Waldegrave school Fifth Cross Road, Twickenham

Wednesday 21 Sept 2011 (Confirmed with Waldegrave school)

Wednesday 7 Dec 2011 (To be confirmed nearer the date)

Ray Williams
30 Aug 2011