

# King's Lynn St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum

Quarterly Forum meeting and AGM 7pm, August 9<sup>th</sup> 2017-08-08

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

1. The chairman, Dr Julian Litten, opened the meeting, welcomed members and introduced the agenda before introducing the invited speakers. To discuss the policing of King's Lynn were Lorne Green, (LG) Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk, Inspector Paul Garrard (IPG) and T/Inspector Victoria Hebborn (T/IVH).

2. Lorne Green focused on visibility, accessibility and accountability of the Police. The main points of interest and focus for improvement were:

- a) Rural Crime – 27% of rural crime is unreported.
- b) Road safety - increase surveillance ( speed watch using volunteers from the community
- c) Responsibility of driving amongst young people (drink, excess speed, mobile phone usage, failing to wear seat belts)
- d) Rehabilitating offenders
- e) Developing a modern and innovative Police service (drones, body cameras)
- f) Good stewardship of public money

Insp. Paul Garrard gave an overview of the role of operational partnership teams (OPTs) in combating anti-social behaviour.

T/Insp. Victoria Hebborn focussed on her role of engaging the community with the Police, such as in speedwatch and neighbourhood watch teams. She also spoke about the developing role of Police cadets alongside special constables.

This was followed by a question and answer session. Topics included community speedwatch (CS) and cycling on pavements. Members were told that CS cannot be introduced where a 20mpg speed limit is in place as it was considered that the limit 'self enforced' speeding. LG, IPG and T/IVH were asked to look into this to establish whether or not the policy could be revoked. Members were asked to report roads in areas of the ward where a 30mph limit is in place and where community speedwatch is needed and could be introduced.

## 3. Annual General Meeting

- a) Apologies: A & S Williams, J Goodrich, B Falconbridge, M & B Carter-Rowlands, P Richards, M Taylor, Lee Bramzell.
- b) Notification of conflict of interest: None.
- c) Minutes of last meeting: Accepted with no matters arising.
- d) Presentation and acceptance of Chairman's annual report: Accepted. The Chairman stated that there was a need for a further committee member to undertake planning application reviews following the death of Robert Fraulo, and asked for volunteers.
- e) Presentation and acceptance of accounts: Accepted. Following questions from the floor, the Chairman said that he felt that the charge of £750 for website work was very reasonable. The Chairman further agreed that the website address would be added to the Forum letterhead and other relevant communication materials. The financial accounts showed a credit balance at bank of £6,069.21.
- f) Account Examiner: It was agreed that Susan Nairn would perform the same service for the coming year.
- g) Election of officers. The following officers have agreed to stand for a further year: Vice-chairman Cllr Leslie Bambridge, Treasurer Dr Elizabeth Harrison, Secretary Sally Turff. Dr Julian Litten was proposed as Chairman by M Worledge and seconded by J Dearling and was duly elected.
- h) Election of committee members. The following members have confirmed that they will serve for another year: Prof Brian Falconbridge, Shaun Blackmur, Tim Mann, Fr. Anthony Couchman, Jeannette Goodrich. Mike Taylor, the newly elected Conservative councillor, will also join the committee as an ex-officio member under the rules of the constitution. The Chairman said that the committee remains short of two members, and names, including volunteers, should be sent to the Forum secretary (by email - twosaintskl@gmail.com)
4. Questions and AOB: There were none. The date of the next AGM was set as Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm.

### **Minutes of the Quarterly Forum Meeting**

- a) Apologies: Apologies were received as in 3(a) above.
- b) Notification of conflict of interest: None.
- c) Minutes of the last meeting: Signed as a true record.
- d) Matters arising: None.
- e) Licensing matters: Mercy Kaggwa addressed the meeting to explain the nature of her licensing application for her café, Maggie and The Dragon in Hanse House. Questions were taken from the floor.

f) Community speedwatch: Leslie Bambridge said that volunteers are needed to speedwatch in London Road, (where there is a 30mph limit). The Chairman expressed his concern about the very long time that pedestrian crossing lights take to change in London Road, and the very short time that pedestrians are then given to cross. Tim Mann suggested that where individuals were concerned about speeding, they should complain directly to the Police in order to keep them informed.

g) AOB: None.

The meeting closed at 9pm. Date of next quarterly forum meeting was set for November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7pm.