



# SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



**COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008**  
**Brome Grange Hotel (Barn)**

## MINUTES

### 1. Attendance

Bob Gooch	Chair- Mildenhall
Dorothy Boggis	Lowestoft
David Castell	Lowestoft - Pakefield
Ben Cook	Secretary-Suffolk Constabulary, Crime Reduction Officer
David Southgate-	Ipswich
Bryan Graver	Worham

### 2. Apologies

Tony Fowler	Treasurer – Stowmarket
Mervyn Jones	Vice Chair-Woodbridge & Melton
Ken Stockton	Mid Suffolk
John Cahill	Bury Rural

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3. Minutes from meeting 12/12/07	Agreed as accurate with correction to spelling of Pakefield acknowledged.	
4. Minutes of previous meeting 12/12/07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re item 5- Ben Cook explained that he has spoken with Keith Cotton and was progressing Substation Watch. Further information would be forthcoming.</li> </ul>	
5. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob explained that when he first heard that police Direct was under threat, he made enquiries with the Owl system as used by Hertfordshire. The costs were only able to be reached if all administration was provided on top. This was recognised to be the expensive part and the use of the Owl system will not be explored unless Police Direct is lost. Ben Cook was able to reassure that this was not likely, as Police Direct funding has been approved by the constabulary.</li> <li>Dorothy explained that she had received a Police Direct call at 12.30am, and that this has now been rectified after taking this up with Sgt Bob Chapman.</li> </ul> <p>Correspondence-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keith Cotton from substation watch has asked</li> </ul>	

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	<p>for permission for the EDF web site to have a link to the NW one Suffolk web site to promote Substation Watch. This was agreed and Bob undertook to facilitate a reciprocal arrangement from the One Suffolk site to EDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Cook explained that he had received E mail correspondence from Sandy Jackson (Pakenham) which was explaining several concerns, the majority were directly connected to inconsistent communications and changes in staff within the police. Ben explained that there was developments and it was his intention that greater consistency would be achieved, as he was taking over the line management of all the CWLOs posts and that the Chief Constable had agreed to reintroduce new posts responsible for supporting NW and the SNTs. It was accepted that there had been numerous problems and that levels of support were varied around the county.</li> <li>• Ken Stockton (Mid Suffolk) wished to encourage the promotion and benefits of a scheme that was running to photograph householder's valuable property to assist police and recovery in the event it is stolen. The group recognised the value of this scheme and how insurance claims could be assisted also. Ken also expressed concern at the loss of communication after Theresa Jones (CWLO) left. Again this was recognised.</li> <li>• Application for funding for £200 from Anthea Pipe (CWLO) was deferred and Bob stated he would refer to the quorum via E mail.</li> </ul>	
<p>6. Reports from each member including those not in attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorothy enquired if the Lowestoft crime prevention pod could be used by NW at events, explaining that NW used to support the Lowestoft Air Show. <b>Action-</b>Ben stated he would look into this.</li> <li>• Dave Castell enquired what the position of NW schemes would be if they did not have set constitutions, held regular meeting and kept minutes. <b>Action-</b> Ben and Bob to take to next regional meeting (21<sup>st</sup> April) to discuss.</li> <li>• John Cahill had E mailed to state that anti social behaviour had in Kedington had been greatly reduces thanks to prolonged action by the local SNT .</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action-</b> Ben and Bob to take to next regional meeting (21<sup>st</sup> April) to discuss.</p>
<p>7. Regional Meeting Updates</p>	<p>Bob Gooch gave update on the regional picture explaining that a briefing paper called Neighbourhood Watch in Context -</p>	

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	<p>A Strategic Tool for the Neighbourhood Policing Agenda, had been misrepresented by some media outlets and was keen that there was no suggestion that police wanted NW to patrol the street, and was infact a briefing paper identifying joint aims of NW and those of the Neighbourhood policing programme. (for all the update regarding this go to <a href="http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch">http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch</a> Under the running dog)</p> <p>At the time of writing minutes there have been positive developments and It appears that there will be positive news in the new year</p>	
8. Update on Suffolk Constabulary restructuring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ben explained that the restructuring was still underway. The Chief Constable had agreed to employ new posts within each of the districts to support NW and other schemes and to ensure that the local SNTs were engaged. These posts would all come under central management to ensure a greater consistency of service delivery. This was a positive step and will improve support and communication with all watches.</li> </ul>	
9. Neighbourhood Watch Week 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2008	<p>Ben raised this issue and ideas to promote NW were considered. It was recognised that some schemes may well want to do their own awareness raising possibly around litter picking as an example. However it was agreed that the promotion of the benefits from registering with 'Safe Key' would be a county wide message, as they felt that for a small financial commitment individuals could have peace of mind.</p> <p><b>Action-</b> Ben to discuss with Leigh Jenkins at police HQ to see what publicity material can be produced to assist.</p>	<p><b>Action-</b> Ben to discuss with Leigh Jenkins at police HQ to see what publicity material can be produced to assist.</p>
10. Options to gain membership	<p>Bob acknowledge the willingness of;</p> <p>Sandra Jackson -St Eds Rural-Central  Eldon Mackridge-Haverhill South  Robin Venn -Bury Town Central  Ron Shaw -Sudbury Rural  David Card-Farm Watch</p> <p>To become e mail member and would be happy for other to support in this way.</p>	
11. Any other buisness	Nil	
12.Date of next	7pm Brome Grange, in the barn on 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	

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