

**SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

Held at The Brome Grange Hotel (upstairs conference room)  
At 7.30pm on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007

**1. Attendance**

Peter Thompson	Association Vice Chair - Sudbury
Ron Snell	Stowmarket
Bob Gooch	Mildenhall
Dorothy Boggis	Lowestoft
Ben Cook	Suffolk Constabulary, Crime Reduction Officer
Tony Fowler	Treasurer - Stowmarket
Mervyn Jones	Woodbridge & Melton
Andrew Nunn	Leiston
John Genower	Lowestoft (Vice)

**2. Apologies**

Nil

**3. Minutes of meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

Agreed except at point 4. It was Bob Gooch who seconded the previous minutes and not Mervyn Jones.

**4. Matters Arising**

Peter Thompson thanked Ben cook for organising the Christmas dinner.

Ben Cook provided a list of all the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) and was asked if the contact numbers could be provided also. This has now been done and circulated.

**5. Way Forward**

Ben Cook gave an update on the Herefordshire symposium attended in the day, with Bob Gooch, Mervyn Jones, Peter Taber (all NHW) and Diane Townsend (CWLO). A summary of which has been circulated, but the brief details being that there was a strong support for the Neighbourhood Watch movement, to have a Regional and National structure and also have one representative from the National Group to go to the National Strategy Group for Watch issues (NSGWI) to meet with the Home Office and Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO). The majority also want a nominated deputy to be available to attend. This drive was to replace the gap left by the demise of the National NHW, and to ensure that representatives at NSGWI was truly representative of the movement.

Ben Cook explained that the meeting structures within Suffolk need to ensure they feed up and down as necessary to reflect this. Ben explained that to link into SNTs there may need to be a review of how the current networks meet and proposed that they should be on a district level rather than a sector.

Concerns were raised regarding the travelling issues and these issues will be discussed further when some proposals will be discussed.

**Action- Ben Cook to bring proposals.**

**6. Regional report**

Bob Gooch- explained that there will be a Meeting at Norfolk Police HQ on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and he would be attending along with Ben Cook

**7. Safer Neighbourhood Teams**

Ben Cook- explained that 47 SNT were being rolled out by May 2007 and that they were to be aligned to District council boundaries. NHW coordinators were urged to try and get to meet their SNT supervisors, as each team will have a dedicated sergeant.

#### **8. Update and way forward**

This item was discussed at item 5

#### **9. Review of constitution**

Ben Cook- provided copies of a draft constitution dated 16/01/2004, and it was highlighted to him that this was a draft and never agreed. All agreed to read the constitution and see what amendments they felt necessary.

**Action- To be discussed at next Meeting**

#### **10. AOB**

-John Genower was nominated as a co-opted member by Bob Gooch and seconded by Dorothy Boggis.

-Andrew Nunn was nominated as a co-opted member by Bob Gooch and seconded by Tony Fowler

#### **11. DOB**

7pm Brome Grange Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007