



SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEETING
 Wednesday 9th July 2008
 Brome Grange Hotel (Barn)

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Bob Gooch	Chair- Mildenhall
Mervyn Jones	Woodbridge & Melton
Tony Fowler	Treasurer – Stowmarket
David Castell	Lowestoft - Pakefield
Ben Cook	Secretary-Suffolk Constabulary, Crime Reduction Officer
David Southgate-	Ipswich

2. Apologies

Dorothy Boggis	Lowestoft
Andrew Nunn	Leiston
James Henson	Mid Suffolk
Ken Stockton	Mid Suffolk
Ron Raisey	
David Card	Farm Watch
Ron Snell	Stowmarket

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3. Minutes from AGM and full meeting 9 th April 2008	Agreed apart from item 5 on AGM the treasures report was provided by Tony Fowler and not Mervyn.	
4. Matter Arising- election of vice chair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob raised that Mervyn Jones had asked to step down from this commitment and it was agreed that David Southgate would be co-opted as vice chair. 	
5. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob explained that he attended the launch of a community safety booklet called BABERGH BE SAFER. It is being delivered into 40,000 homes within Babergh. The booklet contains useful information, advice and helpline numbers on various topics, such as: drugs, alcohol, domestic abuse, home security, personal safety, vehicle crime, road safety, fire safety, anti-social behaviour and citizen involvement. MP Tim Yeo was the guest opening the event. Bob explained about a Bogus Caller conference on 3rd June, which was hosted at Newmarket 	

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	<p>racecourse. At this event he spoke with the Suffolk's Chief Constable, Simon Ash who explained that he had committed funding to have dedicated staff in each district to support NW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben explained that he now had all the publicity material for Substation Watch and that the scheme provided a hotline to EDF if members of the public wanted to report dangerous incident or damaged and graffiti on substation premises. The hot-line number is 0800 5873 243. If anyone wanted further details they can contact their local watch officer or Ben Cook at police HQ. Dave Southgate took some leaflets to distribute. Dave Castell stated he had already promoted. 	
<p>6. Reports from each member including those not in attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No e mail reports. David Southgate updated the group that at the Ipswich NW evening event on 23rd June he was presented with a cheque for the SNWA for £1700 from Suffolk Safekey. This money was pledged as a result of residents and business subscribing to Suffolk Safekey. www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk Mervyn Jones enquired if anyone had heard that local parish councils could help fund the installation and removal of NW signs. Nobody had heard about this and Ben agreed to look into it. 	<p>Ben to explore funding possibilities by local councils.</p>
<p>7. Regional Meeting Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Gooch attended the Eastern Region Neighbourhood Watch Partnership meeting on 21st April at Hertfordshire. The minutes of this meeting are on the website. The main point was that elections took place and the chair of this meeting will be Geoff Ireland from Essex and the deputy will be Bob Gooch. (For full minutes) http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch 	
<p>8. National Police Steering Group for Watch Issues meeting 18/6/08</p>	<p>Ben explained that the group was trying to provide a model statement of intent and model service level agreement. This follows from a nationwide police survey completed by all forces, which highlighted the need for some generic templates, which would enable Neighborhood Watch, and the Police to better agree, understand and document where responsibilities lie locally and who will do what in the relationship. Copies of these two documents were circulated and the</p>	<p>Action- Ben to circulate Model of Service level agreement and Model of statement of intent. Action- Bob to place on web</p>

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	committee asked to comment. Also will be attached to the circulation e mail	site.
9. Suffolk Constabulary restructuring	<p>Ben explained that the Chief Constable had committed to funding 3.5 Community Watch posts to provide dedicated cover in each district. A Community Watch Officer has just been appointed for the Waveney area and should take up post 1st September. His name is Andrew Bodmer. The Suffolk Coastal and Mid Suffolk posts along with a 16hr post at Ipswich are currently being advertised.</p> <p>Dave Castell enquired about the SNT restructuring. Ben explained that this was taking place and that decisions would be made later in the year.</p>	
10. Feedback on Neighbourhood Watch Week 16 th June.	<p>It was discussed and it was generally agreed that the week of self promotion did not really happen, several reasons were highlighted ranging from a possible lack of interest, no clear direction from the national NW group, poor communication between the county group and those schemes on the ground.</p> <p>It was generally felt that NW weeks do not always suit local activity and that perhaps in future years the coordinators may try and do something.</p> <p>At the time of writing a date for next year has been decided 15-21st June 2009</p>	
11. Standard policies and procedures.	Addressed in item 8.	
12. Any other business	<p>Ben raised the issue of the cost of removing NW signs once a scheme closes. Ben explained that this round the constabulary would pay but that it was very costly as Suffolk county Council highways had to do it. It was recognised that this was proving costly and would be raised again when needed.</p> <p>Ben also explained that the Brome Grange was starting to charge for the use of their facilities. It was acknowledged that they had been very generous in the past.</p> <p>Tony Fowler stated that he was happy to host at his house, the group agreed to this. Address to be circulated to members separately.</p> <p>Tony explained that there was no money from the region this year for any training events etc.</p>	
13. Date and location of next meeting	8 th October at Tony Fowlers house	