

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 7 May 2013 IN FAILAND VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT – Cllrs. Robinson, Ambrose, Law, King, Sheppard, Thompson & Pratt; Clerk D/Cllrs Cook & Cave arrived after the NSC meeting.

Ten members of the public.

IN ATTENDANCE - (Speakers) PC Adam Clarke, Tony Tavener, Mrs Dwara Jepson.

Light refreshments were served from 7pm.

Meeting started 7.30pm.

The Chairman, Cllr. Robinson, welcomed all attendees, thanked them for attending and mentioned that there were several hand-outs already on the chairs.

What have we been doing ?

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT was one of the hand-outs, which gave details of the PC's activities<sup>16</sup> reports. He thanked PC Adam Clarke for the work he did with Road Safety re. Ashton Hill Wood.

He mentioned that there were fewer Band D properties this year and so we made a 3.7% reduction in our Precept so that our portion of Council Tax remained the same as last year. We also made fewer discretionary grants this year. The monies raised, following a referendum, are mainly still in tact.

REPORT BY PC ADAM CLARKE – No too bad a year re crime although it peaked at Christmas with thefts from garages and cars. 300 letters were hand delivered around Failand warning residents to be on their guard. However there were a couple of house burglaries in the area.

There were 10 volunteers for Speedwatch.

Assaults were down to only 4. Crime reports were down to 20 from 24 & 28 in previous years.

Thefts were mostly food and fuel from Budgens.

There have been 8 house burglaries, 2 in the last 3 months. 16 reports of house burglary 7 of which were from sheds (not secure) with power tools being taken, and 10 thefts from vehicles. He warned not to leave Sat. Navs. In cars – even the sticky marks on windscreen or dash are an indication that there may be one in the vehicle.

There were 70 reports against 78 for 2000.

He mentioned PACT (Partner And Communities Together) which is a feedback on issues in the area.

The next meeting is 16 July in Comm. Room, Nailsea Fire Station 7.30pm and will decide priorities for the coming time.

Cllr. King mentioned Horse Watch/Farm Watch. There will be more staff (3 or 4) to get messages out.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Tony Tavener gave a report. There has been a spate of doorbell ringing – it is thought that children are playing tricks. A few volunteers have left NHW but others have come

forward. There has been a discussion re opening hours of Nailsea Police Station and How to get through to the Community.

Cllr. Sheppard reported that NHW was started in Lower Failand 16/17 months ago – Oxhouse, Sandy & Horse Race Lanes – 68 properties. 18 people signed the list to be made aware of what crimes were going on in the area. They are kept informed each month. There have been one or two burglaries – Bikes, nothing serious. He was a bit sceptical but now thinks it worthwhile.

WRAXALL CHARITIES – Tony Tavener gave a report of the work the Charities do during the year. He handed in a typed report.

Charities currently have agreement going through re a Car Park for GE Oil & Gas. Work should be started this week. Cllr. Robinson said that GE had not renewed the licence they had and that is why there are so many cars parked on the roads around. If a pavement is blocked then a notice can be put on the car. If normal parking on the road then no notice can be left.

Cllr. Ambrose said that the situation is appalling. 18 months ago D/Cllr. Cook and he were told that car parking was an issue but nothing was done and then the licence was not renewed.

Tony Tavener explained that Trustees discuss and decide who gets a charitable donation – some do not need it. He explained that the Charity Commission stipulate that they have to make the best use of their assets. They have dropped the Tuesday bus – now only run a Thursday bus for which users pay. Interest rates are not good generally. Charities get a better rate but that facility is only open to them.

#### DEFIBRILLATOR

Mrs Dwara Jepson attends First Aid updates and the information has led her to know that Cardiac Arrest is rife and a Defibrillator could help. Failand PO agreed to be the site for the actual defibrillator. 170 households contributed. Letter drop told people what to do. Installed February 2013 – Cabinet if water/vandal proof – Checked daily by Nigel Edwards, Failand Post Master. Weekly by Dwara and others. Emergency number is 01275 595050 – ask to get the machine – they tell you the number to open the box. Monthly meetings to update skills. 167 people turned up to find out what to do to help and how to use the defibrillator. Good community spirit in Failand.

