

Minutes of Teams Meeting: Tuesday 12th October, 2021

Chairman: Anne Burnett

Admin: Jo Williams

Teams Host: Mike Greenway

Present:

Committee Representatives: PS Leigh Goodwin (Northamptonshire Police), Sarah Barnwell (NCC Highways), Mike Greenway (NNC CSP)

Parish Representatives:

David Fuller (OTC) Val Chesser (OTC), Fiona Cowan (Collyweston), Sarah Rodgers (Nassington & Warmington), Heather Hanlon (Barnwell), Jo Williams (Apethorpe), Shenagh Hackett (Duddington & Fineshade), Rupert Boyle Laxton, David Cashmore (Glaphorn), Nikki Phillips Lowick & Slipton, Wendy Brackenbury (Cllr. NNC), Graham Wise (Barnwell), Claire Mountain (Easton on the Hill), Paul Brooker (Cotterstock), Robbie Hole (Hemmington, Luddington & Thurning).

Apologies;

Annabel De Capell Brooke (Cllr. NNC)

Sue Cook (Deene & Deenthorpe),

Claire Mountain (Easton on the Hill - unable to access Teams)

1.0 Review of Actions outstanding from Q1, 2 & 3 2021

1.1 **Data Strips:** Still waiting for the strips and may have results at next meeting.

Action: PS Goodwin

1.2 **Fineshade parking restrictions:** Committee decision expected with the next two weeks. Notice of what has been agreed will be provided.

Action: Sarah Barnwell

1.3 **Community Speed Van:** PS Goodwin informed us that no information has been forthcoming from the Bedfordshire Constabulary. Item closed.

1.4 **Speed Watch Training:** The majority of training can now be done online and the CSW team will come out to your location to carry out an assessment. For advice about this programme and to organise training contact the Community Speed Watch Team on www.northants.police.uk/CSW

2.0 Community Safety Partnerships NNC.

Mike Greenway informed the group that the CSP teams from Corby, Wellingborough, Kettering and East Northants have been merged within a new NNC structure. The team operates across a big geography with diverse issues. Statutory agencies are also engaged: Police; Office of the Crime Commissioner which includes the Fire Service; Probation; NHS; Children's Trust and various Charity Groups action groups; which together enable a response appropriate to the circumstances. The next phase of the re-organisation is to facilitate community involvement at a local level. *Please refer to attached document.*

Mike raised the question, whether JAG, in this new environment is still relevant? ENC set up three JAG groups in 2010. In recent years JAG North has experienced a number of changes which have affected its operational remit: the reduction in police manpower; the introduction of CSP and recently the advent of the Police Liaison

Representative role and the changed geography over which the police now operate. The Locally Identified Priorities (LIPS), a key purpose of JAG, are now generated from a police-run digital survey. Another factor is the changing crime scene, the rise of serious crime, drug dealing, gangs and a knife culture. In this environment Mike questioned whether JAG North was still viable. In the discussion that followed these factors appear to be the most concerning to our group:

The CSP modus operandi appears to be designed for urban areas and it is difficult to see how rural towns and parishes fit into this model. A key concern raised by a number of delegates was a perceived lack of representation and voice for rural communities.

The recent introduction of the PLR role raised expectations and subsequently nothing has happened. The strength of JAG is that it is a practical working group which brings together Parish representatives with our local Police Sergeant, Highways and CSP. The PLR is not part of a local group it is an individual role and may or may not have working links with parish councils/meetings.

The JAG is up and running the PLR is not. Having PLR and JAG representatives feels counterproductive, competitive even, and dilutes effectiveness.

The JAG North territory no longer exists (in police alignment terms). The new Police Beat territories have 'reduced' JAG North from a group of 32 parishes to 19. From a JAG meeting perspective, it feels inappropriate to exclude Ashton, Barnwell, Cotterstock, Warmington etc. as they are in close proximity and are likely to face the same challenges. If we ignore the new policing territories, we are operating over a hybrid territory.

In summary, there was no outcome to the discussion and the comments in the meeting suggest there is a desire from some Parish Council Representatives to keep the JAG format. It was decided further discussion was needed and it was agreed to set up a subcommittee: Jo Williams, Sarah Rodger, Shenagh Hackett, Fiona Cowman and David Cashmore will report their conclusions at January's meeting.

3.0 Police Summary

Please note:

As we settle into the new system of LIP identification the Police Summary information now relates to the whole of East Northamptonshire. Further, although these minutes relate to 'our JAG' quarter 3 (July to October) the police data relates to the new LIP process which PS Goodwin wishes to label Q1. For clarity, I refer to Q3 calendar year and Police Survey Q1 to distinguish the new system.

PS Leigh Goodwin reported the following Police Action in support of Q3/PS-Q1 LIPs:

Drug Dealing & Misuse:

- *16 person stop searches with a 50% positive result - showing that intelligence that is being submitted is of quality. The negative searches have found drug related paraphernalia on the person which then builds a further intelligence picture.*

- 5 vehicle stop searches - one search resulted in 2 persons arrested for possession with intent to supply class A & B.
- x Section 8 Search warrants have been executed - 1 in Oundle. 1 in Raunds. Both negative for drugs however both have yielded further intelligence to be acted upon.
- 8 people have been dealt with via Out of Court Disposal for drug related offences.
- 6 People have been arrested in line with activity for this LIP.
- Over 100 intelligence logs have been submitted purely relating to LIP activity.

Road Safety & Traffic Matters:

- 30 vehicles have been processed by the police for a variety of matters - MOT, no tax, speeding, mobile phone, seat belt & a handful of S59 Warnings have been issued also. (Section 59 allows the police to give drivers a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes "alarm, distress or annoyance". If reported to have done so again within a year the police have the right to confiscate the vehicle.)
- 24 Speed Gun patrols have been conducted - the majority of these have been in the North of the district.
- Over 30 intelligence logs have been collated.
- 15 vehicle logs have been seized - 2 of which were stolen - 1 recovered from Nassington.
- 5 drivers have been arrested for drink drive offences. 3 of which have been charged.

Local Policing Information:

- 3.1 A new police constable, Andrew Walker has joined PS Goodwin's team and is now active in the Oundle policing area.
- 3.2 PS Goodwin informed us that her team can be contacted by email but crimes should not be reported there as the inbox is not monitored 24/7: Neighbourhoodteameasnorthants@northants.pnn.police.uk For all crime, ASB, suspicious circumstances etc. always use 999 in an emergency and 101 or online reporting for all other instances.
- 3.3 The Meet and Greet action will probably not happen in the Oundle area as PSCO Pereira is well known.
- 3.4 The Collyweston request for traffic warning signs is being progressed by Highways.

Action: Sarah Barnwell

4.0 Locally Identified Priorities for Q4/PS2 2021

The police digital survey yielded 146 responses for the whole of East Northamptonshire.

51.4% people said that road safety and road traffic offences were main priority.

32.2% said that it was drug dealing and drug misuse.

The LIPs will remain the same as Q3/PS1.

PS Goodwin urged delegates to promote the survey to their parishioners. The survey is accessible via Facebook, Twitter, Neighbourhood Watch/Alert. JAG representatives are requested to provide access details on their parish websites and generally promote awareness to their communities.

Delegates again expressed doubts about the effectiveness and reach of the survey.

5.0 AOB

5.1 Oundle Traffic Management Plan: David Fuller OTC informed the Group that Oundle were waiting for financial approval for a new traffic survey. Jo Williams asked if the survey would concentrate on Oundle or include the wider views of the area. David responded that it would be necessary for the parishes to contribute to the funding to be included in the survey.

5.2 The Queen's Jubilee Celebration. The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day 'weekend' to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. David Fuller informed us that Oundle were planning a number of activities and that there would be an event with a cultural theme in the centre of the town. Parishes were asked if they would like a stall. Details of costs and logistics are not yet available.

5.3 999 Incident at the Tap & Kitchen Restaurant. Anne Burnett asked if the police were following up on the incident at the T & K. PC Goodwin said they were in touch with the victims but could not discuss it further because of GDPR regulations.

5.4 Large Agricultural Vehicles. Fiona Cowan (Collyweston) and Jo Williams (Apethorpe) raised concerns that agricultural vehicles (which appear to become larger every year) could only pass-through villages by mounting the pavement and often bring through traffic to a halt. Are there regulations covering this?

Sarah Barnwell (Highways) said that police outriders were only required for abnormal loads.

Next Meeting:

January - date TBA