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Minutes of Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2018 at 7:30pm in the Baptist Church Hall, Green Street Green

1. Present

Attendance List [here](#).

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Keith Onslow, Kim Botting, Edward Cobby, Sue Goacher, Ken Medhurst and Suganya Parthasarathy

3. Minutes of the meeting on [4 October 2017](#)

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

- **Matters arising – Mobile CCTV** – would need to be a specific problem in a particular area to be approved – application form to Council for a funding request. Council have used covert cameras. Cameras are being brought in to be reassessed for other use. There is nowhere in our area where we could put forward a strong case.

4. Police Report

[Link for Presentation](#)

- Street briefings – attendance ranged from 2-3 up to 10 people (see [report](#))
 - Explained how simple it is to set up a Neighbourhood Watch – a couple of people expressed interest
 - Spend a lot of time around Waitrose and other community hubs (pubs, churches etc) to warn people about not leaving valuables in vehicles
- Halloween – advised about not selling eggs and flour to children, if in doubt – no ASB on the ward – this action works
- Murder at Knockholt Station on 19 December – arrested and charged a man
- **Promises:**
 - **Youth engagement:** Visited Pratts Bottom Primary School – presentation always received well. Offered to all the schools and strong expression of interest. Arranged to visit another local Beaver Group. 6-7 other uniformed youth groups are on the ward – making arrangements to visit.
 - **Personal safety** (elderly/vulnerable residents): Visited a further 8 residents – one was a victim of a potential scam. Another resident was reported as missing – discussed how to help it not happening again. Handed out 47 leaflets. Visited Brittenden Close and Warden's Field Close – concerns about lighting, bin stores etc – given some advice at coffee mornings on Wednesdays.

- **Speeding:** Enforcement work on Rushmore Hill – there for nearly 2 hours at a weekend. 63 vehicles passed and 10 were pulled over but none needed further action. Meeting at Pratts Bottom School – Highways officers continuing to look at traffic on Rushmore Hill. Some work on Farnborough Hill – one driver stopped doing 54mph and was processed. Collision on Tubbenden Lane – both cars written off but no personal injuries.
- **High Beeches/Julian Road** raised again. No further issues.
- **Engagement suggestions:** Community contact sessions – every ward must carry out at least 1 hour session each week. Already being done in our ward. Supposed to replace the closure of front counter services. Want suggestions for where they should be held. Street briefings are now on the website.
- Suggestion of attending monthly meeting of National Trust group at Methodist Church hall in Sevenoaks Road – 200 in attendance (across other wards too) – perhaps wild life crime officer could go
- **Crime figures:**
 - Total offences – ward down on same 6 month period last year, borough had increase
 - Burglary – 8.1% increase, borough 18.6%. November very bad month – borough had 288 burglaries. Try to get scene of crime investigating officer to site asap to get forensic evidence. More training for younger officers about taking care at crime scenes so as not to destroy evidence. Specialist CID officers solely investigate crimes.
 - Theft & taking of motor vehicles – down 40% on the ward. Probably drivers are being more careful – not leaving keys in the vehicle etc. Borough had 22.1% increase. Found far fewer mopeds dumped than previously.
 - Theft from motor vehicles – up 17.6% on ward, 24.8% on borough. Theft of number plates represented the greatest item. People are reporting incidents more frequently. A lot of technology now available which overrides automatic locking devices. Being looked into on national level.
 - Ward Panel survey – more posts online now.
- **New promises – options:**
 - Neighbourhood Watch – can have a positive impact on burglary (see [guide](#))
 - Youth engagement – has significant impact on ASB
 - Theft from motor vehicles – significant increase – has impact on insurance rates. Theft of tools leads to loss of customers and livelihood for the owners, particularly if insurance does not pay out. Leaflet drop every trades vehicle. Will ask store staff to push tool marking and registration at point of sale. Suggestion of posters and leaflets at petrol stations and food outlets.
 - Personal safety (elderly & vulnerable residents) – impact of crime against these is very severe – can lead to development of other illnesses. Difficulty in getting GPs to advise police if they identify someone who is vulnerable – it is legally allowable.
- **Choices:**
 - Neighbourhood Watch
 - Youth engagement
 - Theft from motor vehicles
- Chelsfield Village Fair – 7 July
- GSG Summer Fair – 9 June
- Pratts Bottom Village Fair – 10 May
- Royal Wedding 19 May and Big Lunch on 3 June – may be street parties

Issues raised by panel members:

- Drunk man interviewed in GSG High Street on Saturday 2:40am – was hall cleaner and police drove him home – subsequently it is believed the butcher has reported to the police as there is damage to the shop window, believed to be from a missile thrown which awoke the witness who called the police
- Car stolen from front of house up World’s End Lane
- Pratts Bottom – cars are parking in the hall car park, not attending the hall
- New scam – delivery man turns up with box of chocolates and flowers and demands delivery fee is paid by debit card – then card is charged with much more.

5. Chair’s report

Population of Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom ward 7,070/7,437 male/female:

Population Breakdown

3002	under	16
719	aged between	17-21
2028	aged between	22-35
3013	aged between	36-45
2230	aged between	46-60
2315	aged between	61-75
1200	over	76
14507	Total population	

Notes from cluster meeting (see [report](#))

Dedicated ward officer training – 4 sessions and more to come.

Croydon/Bromley amalgamation appears to be going ahead imminently.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 7:30pm.

The meeting ended at 9pm