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**Minutes of Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting held  
on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7:30pm  
in the Baptist Church Hall, Green Street Green**

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**1. Present**

[Attendance List link.](#)

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from PC Phil Bradley, PS Gemma Harris, PC Dan Mitchell, Cllr Angela Page, Kim Botting, Sebastian Coveney, Gwyneth Hudson, John Leach, Brenda Newman, Suganya Parthasarathy. Bob Mills chaired the meeting.

**3. Minutes of the meeting on [18 April 2018](#)**

These were agreed as a true record after amending Borough Commander's name – Jeff Boothe.

- **Matters arising:** None

**4. Police Report ([Presentation link](#))**

Attended the following events:

- Pratts Bottom fete – well attended – no stand this time
- Chelsfield Park RA AGM
- Street Briefings at Helegan Close, Ringwood Avenue, Summerhill Close and Orchard Road
- All Souls Coffee Morning
- St Christopher's Hospice Fair (stall) – advice on scams
- Chelsfield Village Fair
- Burglary arrests – search warrants executed and 7 arrests made. The culprits have been charged and are awaiting trial.
- South American gang targeting large houses – not been around in this area for some time.
- Unexploded bomb from the second world war was removed from a house in Laxey Road in April.
- **Promises:**
  - **Youth Engagement:** Attended Brownies, Cubs and Scouts; also schools. CSI presentation – popular. Also into Cray Valley West and East wards.
  - **Neighbourhood Watch:** Handed out information at community events. Hope new schemes will be set up in Pinewood Drive, Summerhill Close, The Brackens and Osgood Avenue.
- **Community Contact Sessions:** To offset closure of front counter services. Councillor Mike Botting advised closures suspended for the moment. Welcome suggestions for days, times and venues to visit.
- **Crime figures:** Reduction across 6 month period against previous year – from 2.7% to 2.5%.
- **Burglary:** Increase from 52 to 82 (4% to 6% compared to previous year).
- **Theft of Motor Vehicles:** Overall reduction from 21 to 18 (4.5% to 3.9%).

- **Theft from Motor Vehicles:** Increase from 942 to 965 – car windows left open in hot weather – 2.3% to 4.1%.
- **Voice Your Concerns:** Few responses – none in April and May – 5 in June.
- **New Promises – suggestions:**
  - Neighbourhood Watch
  - Youth Engagement
  - Vehicle Crime – going round to advise commercial vehicle owners (builders etc)
  - Personal Safety – Elderly/Vulnerable Residents – two scams this week – ‘HMRC’ phonecall demanding immediate payment of tax; delivery of flowers and champagne, demanding small payment with debit card to prove over 18 – clone card.
- **Choices:**
  - Youth Engagement
  - Neighbourhood Watch
  - Personal Safety

Report of suspicious man hanging around Vine Road school was mentioned but he has not been seen recently.

Advice to put keys in key safe, lock cars with crooklock.

Bank protocol (also applies to building societies) to ask a number of questions if an elderly person is drawing a large amount of cash.

## 5. Chair's Report (See [report](#))

Highlights:

- John Leach was attending a Stop & Search meeting at County Hall, so was unable to attend this SNT meeting.
- 11 June – specialist schools safety conference – many young people attended and were advised how to keep safe, particularly from drugs and knives.
- Chair's panel meeting of all 24 wards – Biggin Hill and GSG police offices are likely to remain open.
- Bromley working towards revised arrangements over the last 18 months which will see no substantial changes in policing in the area
- Sargeant Blower is the new PS for Chelsfield, Farnborough and Petts Wood.
- Request for SNT team to keep the ward panel advised of the number of days team members are called to out of ward duties.
- Bromley under strength by 34 officers – no replacement programme
- Massive recruitment drive being undertaken by MPS.
- Gypsies – no change in policy – police can issue Section 61 notice in circumstances where misbehaving which means they have to move on within 24 hours. Section 77 notice gives powers to move them on in 8-10 days.
- Drugs and knives – more stop and search.
- Need to make public more aware of ward panel meetings

Suggestion to put meeting minutes up on Orpington Gossip and Farnborough website.

Concern was expressed about violence, stabbings etc amongst young people – and the high number of deaths. This ward does not have a knife crime problem.

## 6. Any Other Business

'Reasonable Force' advice was read out. (See [report](#))

In fraud cases by phone, police should be phoned from another phone.

Speeding in Leamington Avenue – car chases 6-8am and 6-8pm. Same in Ashbourne Rise. Alley by Waitrose – a lot of cigarette stubs. PC Lillywhite suggested it was mainly Waitrose staff.

**7. Date of the next meeting**

Wednesday 10 October at 7:30pm at Green Street Green Baptist Church.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.