

London Borough of Bromley

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**Minutes of Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting held
on Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 7:30pm
in the Baptist Church Hall, Green Street Green**

1. Present

[Attendance List link.](#)

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Kim Botting, Cllr Mike Botting (briefly appeared), Sue Goacher, Margaret Lawrence

3. Minutes of the meeting on [10 October 2018](#)

4. These were agreed as a true record. Attendance amended to include apologies from Mike Wallace.

- **Matters arising:** None

5. Election of New Chair

Bob Mills agreed to chair this meeting. He will continue to chair meetings but is not able to attend other events. PC Phil Bradley encouraged attendees to volunteers for attending the Borough Chairs' meeting on 28 January (see details below under Chair's Report). The new BCU model (South Area) is going 'live' on 4 February and questions and concerns about local policing can be raised at the meeting. Gwyneth Hudson will try to attend or Bob Mills might go in lieu.

6. Police Report ([Presentation link](#))

- The contents of the presentation were discussed.
- From 4 Feb the sergeant will be Paul Blewer.
- There is uncertainty around the office in Green Street Green.
- Currently St Mary Cray office houses Farnborough and Petts Wood.
- **Achievements since October:**
 - Lots of engagement activity – there is a requirement to have one hour community sessions every week;
 - Halloween – most of time spent on Ramsden dealing with anti-social behaviour; no issues on our ward;
 - Drugs warrant with Darwin and Biggin Hill was carried out;
 - McColls and Chimes robberies – 3 men arrested and charged;
 - Twitter posts about number plates being found – the team regularly Tweet police activities which all appear on the team website page.
- **Promises:**
 - **Youth Engagement** – presented to 4 scouting groups, GSG Primary and The Highway Schools, youth club at Baptist Church. The team has spoken to head teachers at Warren Road and Holy Innocents. Waiting for Girls' Brigade to respond.
 - **Neighbourhood Watch** – there is an A4 guide explaining how easy it is to set one up. New groups in South Drive, Ashley Gardens and Woodside are likely to be set up shortly.

- **Personal Safety for elderly and vulnerable residents** – when the team identifies a house which might benefit (whether elderly or not), they give a knock – they have covered Foxbury Drive, Warnford Road, Northlands Avenue and Turnpike Drive and are continuing the work with Brittenden and Warden’s Field visits.
- **Crime figures** – ward figures slightly increased but comparable with last year.
 - Burglary – increase from 40 to 64 (5% of borough – 3% last year). The police are not sure all the burglaries are the act of one group – of 4 usual suspects: one (possibly two) in prison and one on remand; upsurge was at the end Nov/early Dec – 3 different MOs: entry from back of property, through front door (car in the drive and keys found in handbag in hall), entry into first floor rear windows – widespread across the ward. Majority between midday and 10pm.
 - Theft/taking motor vehicles – increase from 9 up to 19 – no particular trend. Going to start ticketing vehicles left with engines running.
 - Theft from motorvehicles – down (Borough went up).
- **Voice Your Concerns** – very little response – boxes ticked for road safety and drugs but no further information provided. People respond but do not leave any contact details so it is difficult to know exactly what their concerns are.
- **Promises selection** – the current Superintendent is reviewing how promises are selected. The 3 most prominent issues have been identified as the following (N.B. theft from motor vehicles – no targeted area obvious):
 - **Burglary** – biggest problem on ward over last quarter
 - **Youth Engagement** - no ASB or gang activity or youth violence on this ward but it is a Borough-wide issue
 - **Personal Safety** – safeguarding a significant issue for the Met and our area – no one on our ward has been specifically identified but there is a significant population of elderly and vulnerable people
- Promises chosen – agreed as above.

There was a general discussion about burglary – Chelsfield Village has had a few but they have tended to be carried out by opportunist thieves passing through. House alarms: generally police respond within 15 minutes to monitored alarms which go off; stand alone ones are only responded to - usually the next day - if someone phones in. Dummy alarms have a deterrent effect. CCTV – what is the law about overlooking a public highway? 24 hour commercial monitoring has to be licensed. For private households, some collateral intrusion is acceptable.

Skibbs Lane fly tipping - CCTV has been requested but the Council says they have not got any. There is targeted police activity – stopping any flat bed lorries with waste, to check they have a licence. CCTV would only capture lorries going in and coming out. Tippers become aware and avoid them. The Council’s current strategy on fly tipping was queried.

Emily Mears reported the alleyway by The Highway car park, where youths hang around, leave litter and race up and down the road. Police will monitor that area but have only become aware of this issue recently.

The team can be followed on [Twitter](#) – or Tweets can be viewed on the website – so residents can see what our local police are doing on a daily basis. They are also looking at posting on Facebook but there have been some issues about setting up multiple accounts. When trades vehicles targeted, police advise people locally.

7. Chair’s Report

There was no report.

The next Borough Chair’s meeting is on 28 January 7pm for 7:30pm at Bromley Police Station. (See [Borough Chairs’ minutes](#) for 18 July 2018)

8. Any Other Business

Road traffic accident in the High Street – both vehicles were recovered for having no insurance. The motor cycle victim had no life-threatening injuries and the car driver was not injured. Speed was not a contributing factor.

Mike Wallace reported that in Leamington Avenue on Christmas Eve a car careered down the road, hit the kerb and veered into someone's drive. The car was stolen and the driver ran off. Police viewed the CCTV footage and found it very useful.

CCTV doorbells are becoming very popular (£80-90).

9. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 7:30pm at Green Street Green Baptist Church.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm.