



WOODBIDGE PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was held at Woodbridge Town Football Club, Fynn Road, Woodbridge, on Monday 7 November 2016 at 18:30 hrs.

PRESENT:

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Tim Passmore (Police & Crime Commissioner), Claire Swallow (Deputy Chief Executive), and Melissa Turner (PA to the PCC).

Suffolk Constabulary

Inspector Roger Salmon (Locality Inspector –South East), Gareth Wilson (Chief Constable) and Police Cadets - Amy Laider and Abbey Pettit.

1. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The PCC welcomed around 32 members of the public to the meeting and made introductions. The PCC gave a presentation on the key elements of his role and action taken over the past year. A copy of the presentation slides will be attached to these notes for the record.

2. POLICING UPDATE

- 2.1 Following an overview of the position across the county from the Chief Constable, Inspector Roger Salmon gave a presentation on policing in the Woodbridge area; a copy of their slides will also be attached for the record.

3. KEY AREAS OF DISCUSSION

- **BURGLARIES – DOMESTIC DWELLINGS** – Concern relating to spate of recent burglaries in the Woodbridge and Ufford areas. Inspector Salmon advised that operations were in progress. Post meeting note: An arrest had been made on 9 November relating to a burglary in Ufford.
- **CAR PARKING IN WOODBRIDGE THOROUGHFARE** – The PCC confirmed that Suffolk Constabulary formed part of a working group which had been set-up to consider the transition of on-street parking enforcement in Suffolk from the police to local authorities. If agreed, the timescale for the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement across the whole of Suffolk was expected to be two years. The Chief

Constable advised that in the short-term, crimes would be prioritised according to threat, harm and risk. That said, parking in a dangerous position would be dealt with as a priority and remained the responsibility of the Police.

Concerns regarding perceived lack of police action relating to cars illegally entering the Thoroughfare between 10 am and 4 pm. It was estimated that approx. 80 % of cars were parked illegally causing an obstruction. Inspector Salmon advised that he would welcome clearer road signs in order to avoid any misinterpretation of the parking laws in place and to prevent people from driving the wrong way up local streets. **Action: i) Inspector Salmon to consider undertaking more parking enforcement when passing through the area. ii) Work with relevant authorities to improve road signage.**

Residents offered to record registration numbers of the culprits and submit intelligence to the local SNT as the majority appeared to be repeat offenders. The Chief Constable and Inspector Salmon supported this idea and encouraged volunteers to assist. **Action: Inspector Salmon to work with Residents.**

The idea of installing a mobile or lockable barrier was also mooted.

- CAR PARKING ON FYNN ROAD, WOODBRIDGE – Gentleman reported concerns to Highways England regarding obstructive parking on the corner of Fynn Road and had been directed to the Police. **Action: The PCC asked him to send his concerns in writing and he would raise them at the Suffolk Roadsafe Board.**
- SPEEDING - The Chief Constable confirmed that speeding, as one of the Fatal Four, was treated as a priority and the PCC had invested heavily in roads policing.

Amy Laider, Police Cadet suggested that PCSOs should attend schools to educate youngsters on the dangers of speeding and using mobile phones at the wheel.

The PCC introduced Cara Taylor, Senior Enforcement Officer in the Safety Camera Enforcement Team who volunteered to answer any individual questions and explain the process regarding speed enforcement.

There had been a number of police cars allegedly seen speeding at approx 100 mph without blue lights in the Debach area. The Chief Constable encouraged any sightings to be reported so that they could be investigated as all cars were fitted with black boxes and speeding had to be accounted for or would be passed to Professional Standards.

Concern re number of HGVs dangerously overtaking each other near the Felixstowe Docks roundabout. **Action: Inspector Salmon to check with Roads Policing Team and discuss preventative action.**

- POLICE COMMUNICATIONS – Lack of knowledge around accessing SNT Newsletters on the Constabulary Website. It was confirmed that SNT Newsletters were accessible via the Home Page of the Constabulary Website

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> located on What's Happening in Your Area > insert your postcode > click on latest Newsletter.

An alternative option is to register for the Police Connect Service via the Suffolk Constabulary Website <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/police-connect> Police Connect is a messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your area via e-mail, text or phone. The Service is also very useful for fraudulent scam warnings.

The Chief Constable advised that the policy was for SNT representatives to attend at least one Council Meeting per annum. Inspector Salmon also encouraged attendance at the SNT monthly tasking meetings – details available on the Website.

There was a request to hear more about the positive news stories and successful conviction rates. **Action: SNTs/Communications Team.**

- HATE CRIME – Concerns regarding hate crime issues arising out of Brexit. Inspector Salmon offered reassurance regarding the fact that any local hate crimes would be dealt with as a priority.
- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SURROUNDING MARTLESHAM RETAIL OUTLET AREA
The PCC asked Martlesham Parish Council to report their concerns in writing so that the Constabulary could use this to input into further planning applications and assist proactively with demand management.
- ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE –The PCC advised that there was an opportunity for young people to volunteer by joining the Police Cadets, Special Constabulary or to become a Police Volunteer such as a Volunteer on Horseback. There were also 3 new PCSO School Officers starting next year. Further details can be found on the Constabulary Website: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/join-us/volunteers>
- LINKING UP WITH THE POLICE NATIONAL COMPUTER – Suffolk is the second Force to use Athena a ground-breaking collaboration that brings justice systems including the Police National Computer, Police National Database, Court Service together.
- CYCLISTS – Concerns regarding a recent incident involving a near collision of a group of approx 20 cyclists with a blind lady outside St Mary's Church. The Police are aware and will monitor.

The PCC thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:30 hrs.

Notes Circulation: Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable, Assistant Chief Constable, Locality Inspector, PCC Website.