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**Minutes of Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting held
on Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 7pm
in the Baptist Church Hall, Green Street Green**

1. Present

Attendance List kept.

2. Apologies for absence

Ed Cobby, Geoff Lewry and Sebastian Coveney.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 5 October 2016

These were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Brenda Newman stressed that PCSO David Lillywhite does an excellent job and objected to some comments made at the previous meeting.

5. Appointment of new Chair

John Leach was proposed by Geoff Wright and seconded by Mike Botting. He was elected by a unanimous vote.

6. Police Report (Agenda Item 4)

- Sergeant Stuart Baker, who covers 6 wards, attended
- 13 Dec – Queen's Head and Bull's Head suffered attempted break ins – all local pubs were alerted and no further incidents
- Marking bikes – only takes 5 minutes
- Street briefings: Pinewood Drive, Spring Gardens, Green Farm Close, St Leonards Drive, Steep Close, Rushmore Hill, Crown Road, Ashbourne Rise, and Hollybush Lane – no specific concerns raised, apart from internet scams
- Had conversations with various religious groups: Nurani Centre, New Apostolic Church, St Nicholas Church (Autumn Fair), and Holy Innocents
- Tweeting activities – Orpington Community will retweet

Promises:

- Youth engagement: Gone to all local youth clubs. Now visited scouts (Highfield) - previously difficult – all asked questions and were interested.
- Personal safety for elderly & vulnerable residents: Visited Saxon Centre – will give out flyers to next of kin; Visited 3 surgeries and visited 4 potentially vulnerable residents from Windsor Drive surgery – well received by next of kin; waiting to hear from 2 other surgeries

- Road safety – speeding on Windsor Drive: Focused round area of shops – most people who were stopped were on foot (walking without looking, focusing on mobile etc). Changes in Windsor Drive to improve traffic safety (see below)
- **Crime Statistics report:** included in the presentation (see separate file)
- **Crime figures** – total offences over 6 month period show reduction on previous year; cluster showed slight increase but our ward went down.
- Residential burglary nearly halved, even better than cluster.
- Big house on Chelsfield Hill on 19 January broken into – heard by resident and 2 ran away but one now arrested.
- Non-residential burglaries – none in October or November.
- Smart water - doing roll outs in Petts Wood and parts of West Wickham.
- Theft and taking of motor vehicles – 7 stolen in November (1 delivery van left running, 3 were powered motor scooters/bikes left on driveway)
- Theft from vehicles – no change
- Safer Transport and Traffic now amalgamated – to reduce no. of people killed on roads. Chimes – massively reduced no. of thefts from there because transport police there so frequently – mobile phone use, untaxed cars. Improvement in staff since became a franchise.
- **Virtual ward panel** – sent to 185 people – completed by 31

Promise options for the next quarter:

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Youth Engagement
- Road Safety – Windsor Drive
- Personal safety for elderly & vulnerable residents
- Theft of and from vehicles

Choices:

- Youth engagement
- Personal safety for elderly & vulnerable residents
- Neighbourhood Watch

The following issues were raised:

- Have you made links with Pratts Bottom Village Hall –where disabled people? (Not yet)
- Orpington High Street – youths on motorbikes very fast, without helmets – not a problem in Green Street Green and Chelsfield
- Bikes riding on pavements – particularly coming from Orpington towards bridge before the hospital. (PC Bradley – answered stating it was a question of balancing catching criminals versus ensuring safety of people- This was being considered at the highest level as it is a National problem)
- Car broken into in Pratts Bottom – Some expensive cars are being left in the area and if they are not recovered as they have no tracker, they are picked up a day or so later and probably exported or sold on. (Be aware of the practice and take note and if your suspicious advise the police)
- Why are the clear up rates not included? (PC Bradley - difficult to get from the system but new system coming in, so will attempt for next meeting)
- Could all the youth clubs that have been visited so far, be listed for the next report?

Cllr Keith Onslow explained the changes to be made in Windsor Drive: There have been a couple of accidents by Chelsfield Station – left turn into Windsor Drive only a slight bend so traffic goes too fast. Looked at zebra crossing – no room and not enough footfall. Additional measures – turn left to be changed to 90 degree turn – will have to turn left out of

Station Approach; Warren Road – painted boxes to be put in; in next 2-3 months. Proposal to put in meters in Station Approach. (Mike Botting pointed out it is owned by the railway, so may not be possible). Continuing to monitor the situation. When complete, the police will do further speed surveys.

7. Chair's Report (Agenda Item 5)

- No report as the Chair was absent

8. Any Other Business

Local village summer fete dates:

- Pratts Bottom 20th May
- Chelsfield Village 8th July

Mike Botting made a point that we have a very good team which he wanted noted.

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9. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 7pm at Green Street Green Baptist Church.

The meeting ended at 8:47pm

Post meeting information from John Leach:

This number could save your life

If you can't talk when on the phone to the emergency services, dial 55

It's a situation we all hope we'll never find ourselves in. You're in danger and desperately need help, but speaking would put you (or the other people you're with) further at risk.

What do you do?

Ringling the emergency services and staying silent would result in your call being cut off, but for these situations there is a "silent solution":

Dial 999.

When you are asked which service you require cough, or make any noise.

Then tap in 55 to your keyboard.

The operator will then connect you to the police so they are alerted to your call.

This is a service that was introduced 15 years ago, but hardly anyone knew it even existed until the police decided to re-publicise it this week following the death of Kerry Power.

Kerry rang 999 in 2013, just before her ex-boyfriend strangled her to death and as she didn't say anything, her call was ignored by the police.

Had she known about 55, she might have lived.

How many more domestic violence victims could have been saved by this simple number?

Tell everyone you know - especially women - about the 55 "silent solution". You might be saving a life.