

**Notes of the Bassingbourn/Melbourn Neighbourhood Panel
Held at Bassingbourn Village College on 20th July 2010**

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2	<p>Notes of previous meeting Agreed as accurate record. All actions complete. N.B. 22 conditional cautions given for June, all conditions complied with.</p>																						
3	<p>Update by Sgt Rebecca Williams on previous priorities and community feedback – details given in profile update</p>																						

	<p>- Tackle anti-social use of vehicles in Melbourn Multiple instances of engagement with community to tackle this, including with sports centre and Melbourn Village College. Practical solutions group has met to discuss the issue. Surgeries conducted locally and young people spoken to. Several instances of responsible driving indicate a small minority are causing the problem. Request made to those reporting the problem to include registration number of vehicle where safe to do so. Roads policing unit are looking at quality of registration plates etc.</p> <p>- Road Safety Breakdown requested by village of issue of advisory letters and parking advice given. The differences between speed checks and 'Speedwatch' were highlighted: PCSOs undertake speed checks, they cannot stop vehicles, letters are sent to speeding drivers; Speed watch is undertaken by community volunteers and they are present for longer periods of time, letters also sent out.</p> <p>Request made for a speed check on the approach to Steeple Morden and an approach to be made by police to Co-op Manager re: delivery lorry parking in Melbourn – Action point. Question asked whether flashing speed signs in villages had a positive affect. Comment was also expressed that proliferation of flashing speed signs reduces effectiveness. County Council to be asked for an opinion. Action point. PCSOs can issue tickets for poor / dangerous parking so please continue to report it.</p> <p>- Dangerous and obstructive parking around Foxton, Shepreth and Meldreth railway stations This is a partnership issue and as such is being worked on by police and Cambs County Council. Patrols of identified areas have been undertaken. Residents and drivers spoken to during patrols. Low numbers of parking offences committed. More people now using Meldreth car park due to reduction in fees, which might have resulted in fewer cars parking along roads.</p> <p>Yellow lines requested in Station Rd Foxton - multi-agency meeting held to address competing priorities. Highways department have assessed it and conclude there would be displacement issues causing parking offences elsewhere and speeding through clearer street. Parish Council could consider funding new orders if still needed.</p> <p>British Transport Police data was considered very informative and appreciated by residents present. Request that focus be maintained on Ashwell and Morden station where there are also parking issues – BTP statistics for this area to be made available. Action – John Fuller to obtain and included in future documents.</p>
4	<p>Emerging issues – feedback from community members</p>
	<p>ASB has normally been the focus of panel meetings and consequently, some more detailed information on this issue is to be included in future reports. Feedback on this new style is welcome.</p> <p>Abington Pigotts – quiet apart from drive-by theft of BBQ</p> <p>Bassingbourn Cum Kneesworth – thanks from community for dealing with nuisance quad-biker, although there are still other scooter issues. Thanks also given for separating out hospital-related crime incidents – of the remaining 13 violent crimes in the profile it was reported that the majority were mostly domestic incidents or incident where the victim and offender were known to each other.. There is no discernable pattern regarding who is committing crime locally.</p>

20mph speed sign has been requested outside BVC – **WL to chase up.**

Fowlmere – High numbers of thefts from vehicles at local beauty spots –

Fowlmere Nature Reserve. Work being done to identify who is doing this.

Foxton – Parish Council wish to pass on their thanks to PCSO John Coppard for all his support and hard work in the local community. Insp. Chris Savage reported an increase county wide of household burglaries where car keys are taken and vehicles stolen from driveways. These tend to be high value prestige cars. All villages urged to remain vigilant.

Concern expressed about increase in crime and disorder in village linked to parties. Will this happen again? **Action – Insp. Chris Savage to look into details of a party in Foxton and report back to Parish Council how many crimes were recorded and consider any current intelligence.**

Great Chishill – speeding is an ongoing issue for the Chishills, in particular along Hall Lane and Barley Road. Offences generally committed by adults in powerful cars and they are starting to ignore speedwatch activity. Request made for follow up action. **Action – John Fuller/Jon Capes to action.**

Guilden Morden – no report

Heydon – speeding along Fowlmere Road.

Litlington – no report

Little Chishill – see Gt Chishill re: speeding.

Melbourn – Similar behaviours that have been raised previously continue. In one case the offenders disappeared, seemingly with knowledge that a 999 call had been made. Insp Chris Savage explained there could be many reasons for this, including warnings from one group to another by mobile phone of approaching police. Nothing sinister involved here – the radio system is secure and code words are used.

Congestion caused by lorries loading/unloading outside the Co-op in High Street. **Action point.**

Impact of a lack of ASB case-worker at SCDC has been felt in and around the community. Paul Howes explained the challenges faced in recruiting maternity cover for the post and how SCDC are now working with Cambridge City to resource this work. **Action – Paul Howes to follow up with SCDC.**

Meldreth – Level of ASB is stable in this area. Parking information relating to the station and in Shepreth is very useful.

Shingay Cum Wendy – no report

Shrepreth – see Meldreth re: request for station parking info.

Steeple Morden – Rave happened. Police approach in Cambridgeshire to illegal raves is zero-tolerance as in Norfolk and Suffolk. However, greater publicity in these counties may have resulted in a reduction in activity. Difficult to dismantle a rave without knowing in advance it will happen and when the nature of the event

	<p>is such that attendees are often confrontational – police continue to address the issue. Parish Council requested feedback on what had happened at last event. Action – Chris Savage to provide. BTP crime statistics requested for Morden and Ashwell railway stations. Action – John Fuller to obtain and include in future reports.</p> <p>Tadlow – no report</p> <p>Whaddon – no report</p>
5	<p>Speedwatch Data given in presentation from John fuller who has taken over administration from Jan Dean. Request for identifiable repeat offenders to be punished. Registration numbers are collected and there was a request for this to be used in identifying repeat offenders. Better analysis of data is needed. Letters continue to go out and hand delivered to owners that are resident in the village where checks are completed.</p> <p>Bassingbourn is short of volunteers who have become disillusioned by the Speedwatch process and a lack of action on repeat offenders. Some drivers are treating it as a joke and wave as they pass. Is a different approach needed now?</p>
6	<p>General questions from the floor Q: Sale of alcohol to underage drinkers A: Work to tackle this is led by trading standards – if community members know of hot spots, trading standards would welcome the information.</p>
7	<p>Priorities agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tackle anti-social use of motorcycles in Melbourn and Bassingbourn. ◆ Tackle road safety issues across the panel area (people’s priority) with a focus on supporting Speedwatch. ◆ Continue to tackle problems relating to dangerous and obstructive parking around railway stations (Foxton, Shepreth, Meldreth, Aswell & Morden) particularly Station Rd, Foxton. This will be through working with residents and partners to identify longer term solutions. ◆ Tackle thefts from vehicles when parked at places of recreation e.g. Fowlmere Nature Reserve and Shepreth Animal Park.
8	<p><u>Date of next meetings:</u> Tuesday 19th October 2010 at Melbourn Village College Tuesday 18th January 2011 at Bassingbourn Village college</p>