



30 August 2012

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CC: NHW Committee

Date: August 30th 2012

Place: Elm Centre

> MINUTES OF MEETING

Alison Homes/Kier Group

D.EXELL Organise a meeting with the Alison Homes representative to discuss areas of concern on the estate. I.e. Street lighting, damage to play area on green, graffiti on lamp posts, lack of bins etc...

Action: Waste bins have been installed on Green & installed next to ponds. There is also now a Dog waste bin on green. These bins have been installed because of the NHW group's hard work and determination. So well done to all involved.

All other issues seem to have been dealt with but this is an ongoing minute & all members of the NHW group need to be fully committed to keep this area & the estate clean & free from any anti social issues.

Geese Concern

M.PIKE It was discussed that the Geese are creating a health hazard due to obvious reasons on the pavements & also creating a danger to children having to walk into the road to avoid their aggressive behaviour. Martin to speak to Environmental Health and also start a petition to get over 90% of the estates backing to move the Geese somewhere else. i.e. Woodhouse Farm.

Actions: It was raised at the meeting and the fact there are now only 2 geese left and both are non aggressive, it's best to leave them alone. This minute is now completed.

Anti Social Behaviour

ALL It was agreed we all need to keep an eye out for any anti-social behaviour on the estate or on the main Elm road. If we are unhappy about anything and it warrants a phone call to the police then please report it. **(use the 101 Number)**. You will find useful numbers attached to the end of these minutes. Remember if it looks suspicious then it probably is.

Action: This is still one of the main issues on the estate and we have now got a wave of younger children coming through who are presenting problems. So we need to find a solution on how we can curb this behaviour but without coming across negative & anti-children.

More Neighbourhood Watch Members

DEBBIE It was suggested that we should attract more Grove Gardens residents to join our NHW scheme.

Action: it was agreed that the NHW group need to come across more positive to benefit the community and hopefully get more members. Debbie is putting an introductory letter together which we will all distribute once completed. This leaflet needs to be agreed by everyone before we distribute.

Condition of the Green

M.PIKE The play area/green is always in need of tidying up due to litter & dog mess & whatever else people decide to throw onto it. Martin has agreed to look into ways of keeping this area clean & litter free. The problem only gets worse as the summer nights draw closer, so we need to all start to think of ways to improve this area and keep it Anti Social free.

Action: Hopefully with the bins installed this minute can be completed. Will monitor for the next month or two.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs

D.EXELL We all agreed that NHW signs are needed throughout the estate for visual effect. It has been proven that areas with NHW signage tend to have less crime & Anti-Social behaviour issues. These signs fix onto lampposts so are quite sturdy & we have to fix them to the lampposts ourselves. They also cost about £12.00 each so we need to find some way of raising the funds to cover the cost of lets say 5-6 signs. Darren to investigate further on ways to do this.

Action: It was agreed that the estate would benefit on having some signs fitted. Some at the very front of the estate as you drive in & some dotted around the whole estate. The signs do cost £12 each so we need to discuss how this will be funded, whether the NHW committee pay for them or we ask Grove Gardens residents to contribute & ask the residents if they actually mind signage being erected. Once we have funding & all in agreement we need permission from FDC to fit them to lamp posts.

Crime Fighter Bus

D.EXELL Sue & Martin (PCSO's) have recommended we organise the Crime Fighter bus to be situated on our estate for the day to help with the promotion of the NHW scheme and to make people aware we are taking crime very seriously within our neighbourhood. Sue & Martin have said it will probably take between 4-6 weeks to organise

Action: Bus has visited the estate once but came at wrong time and wasn't very busy. So we need to ask the police to re-visit but at a time where the children are at home, so after 15:30 ideally. Darren to liaise with the local PCSO's.

Speed Trap

D.EXELL Martin Bogunovic (PCSO) has asked for volunteers to help him with the Speed trap campaign in Elm Village. This trap is purely aimed at making drivers slow down through the village & anyone caught doing over 30mph will receive a warning letter from the police.

Action: The speed traps have proven to be quite successful and the speed through the village has slowed down somewhat. This needs to carry on but Martin has now left the area & we need to meet the new PCSO called Dave Russ (yet to introduce himself) and ask him to carry on. This was also raised to the Parish Council & speed traps were stepped up but haven't heard much since.

Can any volunteers please email the NHW email address and I will forward onto Dave Russ if you are interested.

Distribution of leaflets

ALL It was agreed that we should split the Grove Gardens roads between the groups for leaflet posting & any other NHW related business that needs to be shared to all residents. It was also agreed that the person responsible for the road/street will also be the main point of contact for the NHW Coordinator & will represent their street/road at each meeting. Below is the list of roads & who is responsible.

Action: The distribution of letters has proven to be a success but we need to carry this on and we feel requires stepping up.

Outside of the Estate – Martin & Janice Pike
Cedar Way & Grove Gardens – Darren Exell & Ian Narramore
Richard Baxter – Holly Avenue & Maple Drive
Laurel Drive – Daljit Roy
Nigel & Claire Stevenson – The Oaks

New NHW logo

DEBBIE It was discussed that the current NHW logo isn't very friendly and it doesn't send out the right vibe. Debbie correctly stated that if we want more people to join the group & also see that what we do is positive then the logo needs to change.

Action: Debbie to find different types of NHW logo and choose which one she feels is suited for us. NHW group then need to agree on new logo.

Changing the way NHW is perceived

DEBBIE It was mentioned that currently the NHW group isn't being received very well by other residents on the estate & we are seen as people who just make life more difficult for the children & curtain twitch all the time. As we all know this is completely untrue and what we do is very positive for the whole estate.

Action: Debbie is to put a flyer together highlighting what we have done as a group already so it shows residents that the bins for example are there because of us & the street lights are always working because of us etc.... We need to highlight what the group is all about and show residents the positive side of NHW.

Grove Gardens NHW website

RICHARD A website is required for the Grove Gardens NHW committee & it was discussed the best way to go about organising this.

Action: Richard has offered to host the website once we have come up with ideas on how it's to look. Richard has asked for a sample website from another NHW group so Darren is to find a sample site and email link to Richard.

Adoption Snag list

DARREN The FDC is nearly ready to adopt the estate from Kier group once all the snags have been completed.

Action: Darren to ask Kier group for the current snag list.

Add website & minutes to Elm Parish Council website

DARREN It would be a great idea if we could piggy back off Elm parish Councils website & have a link to the NHW website (once completed). Also to add our minutes to their website aswell.

Action: Darren to liaise with the EPC to get this organised if at all possible.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th November 2012 8pm Elm Centre

(Please remember the room costs £10 an hr to hire so the more people attend the cheaper it will be per person).

USEFUL CONTACTS	
EMERGENCY 999	Crime in progress Life in danger Violence being used
NON –EMERGENCY 101	Contact Police officer Report minor crime Leave messages
WISBECH POLICE STATION ENQUIRY DESK	
Monday - Sunday	09:00am – 17:00pm
Cambridgeshire Constabulary website www.cambs.police.uk	Information on crime prevention and all Police services.
