



Community Tea & Talk with Neighbourhood Police Team held 19th November 2020 via zoom.

Hosted by Cllr James Hughes and Cllr Marie Woollard.

Attendees: Clerk, PCSO Harkin, PCSO Murdoch and 5 members of the public.

Summary

- Objections to a license application made in the village.
 - Residents raised their concerns about the application. MPC advised they were putting together their response and that they would pass on concerns relating to the advertisement of applications and the information on the License Portal. The Parish Council asked whether residents would like the PC to facilitate a meeting between the applicant and community, residents felt that this was not suitable.
- Police discussed/reported back on general crime
 - Vehicle Crime has fallen since the last meeting. Number plate theft is on the increase.
 - Speeding enforcement activity is being carried out in the village by the Police.
 - Due to COVID Restrictions Community Speed Watch is not currently being carried out.
- Police discussed/reported back on drug crime
 - A Cannabis Growth has been dealt with in Meriden.
 - Police are aware and actioning drug related activity. This takes time due to collection of evidence, warrants and resources etc.
 - Should you suspect drug growth or dealing in the village report this via the Police WebChat or 101
- Police discussed /reported back on COVID Enforcement
 - Have attended and dispersed some crowds.
 - If you see a breach of regulations report this as there are dedicated resources dealing specifically with this. This can be done by WebChat or 101.

Actions

- MW to pass on nuisance logs onto the PCSO's
- JH/RW to pass on concerns about licensing portal to SAC/SMBC
- BB to pass on concerns to SMBC about the lack of advertisement of the license application/license portal.

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Additional concerns raised direct with the clerk via parish office email as follows:-

- Location and planting of the gifted Commemorative Flowing Cherry Tree from SMBC to the community of Meriden for COVID 2020.

Action: Letter written to resident's representative explaining decision to site on the Village Green.

- Spruce Trees Fillongley Road and litter/weeds/debris collected beneath

Action: Emails sent forwarded to Darren Parkin and Tammy Rowley. Further reminders to be sent as to date no action from SMBC.

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- The repairs to the collapsed wall Meriden Hill; aluminium structure and lego bricks replaces original stone wall. Not in keeping with remaining wall structure.

Action: Referred to Highways officers. This is a temporary structure only. A new section will be designed and constructed and existing structure will be repaired and repointed. A date will be advised to residents for programme of works.

- Removal of cycle lane signs on Main Road denoting cycle lanes?

Action: Referred to highways officers. In 2016 regulations guiding the provision of highways signage changed. New regulations sought to reduce and simplify the number of signs and declutter. The removal of the signs does not impact on the status of the cycle lanes which all still exist. Main Road is identified as benefiting from a refresh at this location and is in Highways programme of works to be undertaken in April 2021.

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