

Notes on Parish Partnership Panel November 3rd 2022

Roger Dalton in chair

Quite a few absences. 9 persons online

Mark Stubberfield is the new Community Safety Unit Inspector

Matthew Scott was stuck in traffic so Mark had to answer 2 ½ pages of questions submitted by Wouldham, Burham and Kings Hill PCs.

He said that violence against women and girls is top priority. And vulnerable people generally.

Police target high risk suspects.

Nitrous oxides. Education is the key he said.

PCSOs have been directed to look at recreation areas and parks particularly.

Speeding issues. The police have to consider whether it is slightly over or well over? Are there significant injuries at particular places ? Limited manpower is available.

In response to a page of questions from Burham:

He said his expectation was that if a PCSO or the police is requested to attend a parish council meeting, they should do so.

Drug driving will never be considered to be acceptable.

Mike Taylor said engineering solutions to improve road safety by Kent Highways are not likely to come about.

Paul Hickmott. Said Lizzie Jones had promised new resources for Snodland and he asked what had happened to this. Mark said additional resources had been put in. Operation Wave. He said he had a team of a sergeant and 4 PCs and they had been working on Snodland at weekends. Individuals had been arrested. He said he knew who the individuals were and they would either learn the error of their ways or go through the court system.

Robin Betts. Complained about lack of visits by PCSOs. Said 101 service is not working as it should be. Asked if there was a better way to report crime.

Mark said he would take this away and it was something he would look into.

Matthew Scott arrived and said the 101 service was his top priority at the moment. He said they had a very high vacancy rate. He said they were ramping up recruitment. He said there was also a live chat on the Kent Police website.

Sarah Barker asked if they were up to full complement of PCSOs in TMBC. Mark thought they were and Matthew Scott said they weren't.

Speeding came up again and again. Mark said he did not have the resources.

Matthew Scott. We are looking for a new chief constable. They expect to reach their target of over 4,000 officers. They are getting more and more complaints about abuse of women and girls. 27% of complaints are about men and boys. Burglary is down 44%.

I asked what progress there has been with Fraud and Fly tipping.

Matthew: They have been cracking down on waste carriers. The national response to fraud is 'rubbish'. There is a joint team with Essex. Education visits. Locally the CSU is monitoring. There was been local impersonation of police officers who say your card has been used illegally and come round and collect it.

Update on Local Plan: David Davis. So far they have received 2,000 responses. He expected a lot of late responses.

Mike Taylor asked about the consultation process. He asked that when we get to regulation 19, there should be a mailshot.

There were lots of complaints about the difficulty of dealing with the online consultation. David Davis said the complexity comes from legal requirements. There had not been a mailshot because of cost. This was challenged by various people present, arguing that such an important matter should have been the subject of a mailshot.

Sarah Barker asked that there should be a beta testing working group for the Section 19 consultation.

Next PPP Thursday Feb 9th Online by MSTeams.

This meeting is to address climate change issues.

Janet Shenton brought up the question I wanted to put to the next PPP meeting about how the goal of reducing the carbon footprint of new buildings by 30%, which came into force on June 15th 2022 is going to be enforced.

I said I wanted to ask some other questions as well on related subjects and Roger Dalton said I should put them to Janet Shenton now.

This is the list:

1. Could you please tell us how the goal of reducing the carbon footprint of new buildings by 30%, which came into force on June 15th 2022 is going to be enforced.
2. I understand that there is a Part L 2021 uplift, and approved documents F and O. Could you please tell us a little more about these and whether you think they will on their own achieve the required objectives.
3. If not, is there anything else we should be doing?
4. What about retrofitting existing buildings, especially older ones. One of our councillors said they had had a very bad experience with trying to improve the insulation of their property, because of increased damp. I have heard about this happening elsewhere too.
5. Is there any move to ensure the competence of persons who do this kind of work?
6. When are climate change forum meetings going to be resumed? The last one was cancelled when the climate change officer apparently found new employment elsewhere.
7. If anybody can think of anything else they would like me to ask about, please let me know

Tom Shelley

November 6th 2022