

# MINUTES OF FORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

23 JANUARY 2018

## Present

Andy Briggs Chair

Gerald Teague, Bill Clyne, David Humphries, Arthur Jones

We welcomed Valerie Horn to the meeting.

## 1. Apologies

Stan Courtney, Fay Courtney, Chris Jones

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2017 were accepted.

3. Couple of matters arising were discussed:

- “Bullying update” in the Parish – PC Cookson spoke to some children before Christmas regarding unsociable behaviour in the village and no further incidents have been reported.
- Vandalism to Village Hall Noticeboard- notices ripped down- disappointing.

## 4. Neighbourhood Watch Update/Police Report

Open Day at Pontesbury Police Station on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> October had a disappointing turn out by local residents despite the offer free security marking. However Arthur mentioned that free security marking of farm trailers at cattle markets had been a success.

Arthur stated that 47 separate calls had been logged with 101 from the Parish during the period of 1 November 17 to 22 January 18.

These included incidents:

- Manor crest x 12
- Dinky’s Diner (suspicious behaviour) x3
- Traffic RTC in the village (mainly around the snowy periods) x9
- Burglary at the Saffron Curry House x 1
- Cartref caravan park- crossbow fired into park x1
- Children Care Home (pump lane) x1

Arthur also spoke about the rise in thefts of lead off roofs in the Shrewsbury area.

Arthur agreed to pass on some signs regarding “cold callers” to Bill for village welcome packs.

He also shared PC Cookson’s work mobile [07814042410] to this group and to be passed onto the Parish Council as an alternative means of contact.

Arthur highlighted the rise in incidents of Electronic Pickpocketing, with criminals using handheld card readers to 'skim' payment details and sensitive information without the victim realising. He passed on some samples of the **Card Defender**.



This is an intelligent card sleeve holder that contains RFID blocking technology that prevents cards from being read, combatting incidents of Electronic Pickpocketing, Card Fraud and Identity Theft.

Some available free-of-charge at your local police station. Alternatively you can buy from <http://redlinesecurity.co.uk/82972223-8774-4a40-9258-03a2491b4d21> at a small cost £1.19 + pp

## **5. Alerts and Scams**

Usual alerts and scams in operation. Lots of guidance in NHW section of the newsletter.

For nuisance calls ring 0800 328 1572 and follow instructions.

## **6. Next Newsletter**

Andy will pass on updated NHW report and highlight “Card Defender”.

## **7. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 7pm.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 7pm. tbc at next meeting

## **8. Any Other Business**

None