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South Bucks Community Forum – 14th January 2020 Richings Park Sports & Social Club.

Chair – Graham Young (GY)

Attendees:

- Graham Young - chair
- Jasvinder Cheema
- Jane Brown
- Neil Pennie
- John Lees
- Wendy Matthews
- Ray Sangster
- Jilly Jordan
- Pauline Vahey
- Lorette du Toit
- David Brackin
- Katie Galvin C&SB District Council
- Inspector Brendan Murray TVP (BM)
- PC Will Ranford TVP
- PC Ellie Bleach TVP
- Ian Stacey admin officer TVP
- Plus 3 others

Apologies – Andrew Strathdee

Introduction by Graham Young. Explanation of forum purpose and legislation. GY explained that the on-line survey was a better indicator of what is important to residents than just relying on the number of people at the meeting. There are normally 100-200 responses to the on-line survey which is much more than the attendance at meetings. This time we had 252 responses.

The survey results were circulated at the meetings. GY said that the results were similar in all wards with residential burglary, anti-social behaviour and speeding/parking being the top priorities. Parking is not an issue for police unless it is dangerous obstruction. The results should not just be seen as a wish list we can dump on the police but a method of involving lots of people including residents.

Q - Surprised that theft from motor vehicle was not a higher priority.

Brendan Murray (BM) stated that often there is a reluctance to both report as people often recognised that there was little police could do and to do anything themselves – put identification marks on tools and other property.

The survey generally reflects policing priorities. However, ASB is one of the police's biggest issues and is not reflected in the surveys.

Q - There appears to have been an increase in high end burglaries in the area.

BM stated that the rise in South Bucks is in line with other comparable areas. Burglaries in this area tend to more 'high end' because of the demographics – lots of valuable property. The criminals who target this area tend to be more organised and target particular properties. We all have the opportunity to help police by 'target hardening' our property.

It is still rare for burglaries to be involve violence.

Q – Could officers attend Fulmer Parish Council meetings? She had been told that officers were not allowed to attend.

BM stated that officers were allowed to attend when available.

Q - Why is there only one PCSO for Iver?

BM – there are two PCSO's, one PC and a shared sergeant. We are currently one PCSO short. There is a general recruitment issue with employing PCSO's force wide.

Q – What policing can we expect for Iver? Question regarding HGV's in Bangors Road.

BM – this too wide a question. We are delivering the best service we can with the resources I have. We are 33% down in resources from a few years ago. We would welcome any further

resources. A high percentage of PCSO's get fully trained then leave to become constables. With regards to the HGV's in Bangors Road police officers need to present to deal with offenders. PCSO's can warn, advise and ask to move offenders.

Q – Could you not ask roads policing to assist?

BM – There has been a massive reduction in the number of roads police officers since the amalgamation with Hampshire Police and combined with armed response units. Roads police are mainly dealing with motorway and fast road incidents

Q – If we took photos could police contact the owners? We have contacted the owners in the past. Some of the haulage companies are good other less.

BM – We need to look to the companies regulating themselves with pressure from the local community rather than relying on police.

Jane Brown – Can I thank you for the recent attendance of mounted branch in Iver recently.

Q – Fulmer has three roads in and out. Can we able to use CCTV?

Will Ranford – CCTV for private individuals is generally unregulated. There are guidelines rather than laws. PC Ranford spoke to questioner after the meeting.

Q - What are the top priorities for police?

BM - Domestic abuse would be high on the list but not expected to be selected in the priorities survey. Burglary is the main priority. Anti-social behaviour and violence against the person offences being reduced is a priority. Often if there is a spike in violent crime figures it tends to be numerous offences in a school or similar institution.

With regards to speeding and parking. Police will deal if witnessed but they are a lower priority than other demands. Speedwatch is very effective in identified streets. Parking is generally a council issue.



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Q - Driving on the pavement is an offence as is parking on the pavement. This is a regular occurrence in Iver. It is completely ignored. Police need to say if there are no resources to deal.

Q - Regarding the new community boards for the new Buckinghamshire authority. Will police be attending?

BM - These boards will replace the current LAF's. Unknown what the format will be at the moment.

Q – How do we (parish councils) have a conversation with police? Numerous invites to council meetings and no attendance.

BM – Conversations can take place through this forum, email or telephone. Officers can attend meetings – duties permitting.

Priorities - Burglary, ASB and speeding.

Date of next meeting – TBC