

**Newborough, Borough Fen & Milking Nook Neighborhood**  
**Watch Association**

**Date of meeting: October 3rd 2018**

**Present** Chair: Sean Gleeson, Treasurer: Kevin Richards, Secretary: Diane Collett, John Wright, Dave Bull, Bryan Cole & Amanda Wadley Jones

**Apologies for Absence:** Derek Skingle, Judy Jakes & Pete Edwards

- Committee to accept the minutes from the previous meeting which took place in MAY – proposed by **DC**, seconded by **KR**.
- **SG** opened the meeting and welcomed Amanda as a new co-ordinator for the village & thanked her for her recent efforts in recruiting new members.
- All co-ordinators should now be registered with E cops to view crime reports and also report crime if necessary. Get Safe On line is also another website that could be useful to NHW members.
- **SG** informed the committee that he recently attended the Peterborough NHW committee meeting. The object was to bring all local NHW groups together with the emphasis on sharing information & best practices. Overall the common theme seems to be that the police are well supported by NHW groups in and around Peterborough. That said, it was felt that the follow up on reported crime and support from police was poor.
- During July all the old NHW signs around the village where replaced and a leaflet drop was carried out. From this we had some new members sign up. Thanks to those who took part. There are still other areas to reach out to. A leaflet drop in Milking Nook & Thorney Rd will be arranged in due course. We must also consider encouraging residents moving into the new houses within the village to become members. Another source of communication is the Village website. This contains regular updates from NNHW. Co-ordinators should try and encourage members to view the website regularly. As co-ordinators are aware, the NNHW has its own e-mail address (**nhw.newborough@yahoo.com**). This was organised by Derek Skingle previously. That said problems have arisen operating the address, and messages have been lost in the system. It now appears to be working ok, SG will monitor for the present and liaise with Derek. Either SG or Derek will operate the site.
- **SG** asked co-ordinator's to send an ordinary test message to the website to ensure that it is now receiving messages. A couple of co ordinators also have ID badges, if co-ordinators would like an ID badge please let **SG** know.
- **SG** commented that although we had a slow response from residents when the NHW scheme was re-launched back in January , now moving on 9 months, NHW has gained a solid group of co-ordinator's and would like to thank you all for your efforts in recruiting new members , your awareness and support .

- **SG** put an article together about NHW that should have been printed in the summer edition of the quarterly village magazine. We have been informed that the magazine is no longer generated but there is talk that it will start up again at some point. This magazine was read by residents, especially by those that do not use social media or Internet, so it's important not to overlook these people.
- Discussion took place to ensure members details are secure and comply with Data Protection guidelines. **BC** suggested that when member's details are sent to co-coordinators the file will be password protected. The password will be sent to co-ordinators by text once updated membership is complete & sent out.

**Treasures Report**

- **KR** - The new Metro Bank account is now up and running. Breakdown of expenditure attached
- **AOB**

It's suggested that NHW sponsors one of the Bingo nights at village hall. This will help raise revenue but more importantly an opportunity to promote NHW and gain new members. **SG** to arrange.

It was brought to our attention that the council are replacing village street lights with LED's. If it is a concrete lamppost then the whole thing will be replaced. As most of our NHW signs are on lampposts. **SG** confirmed that they he believes are all on the metal posts but will check this out.

Thanks to all for attending

**Date of next meeting – TBA** this will probably be an open meeting to all residents and will take place in February 2019

**Chair: Sean Gleeson** -----

**Vice Chair: Derek Skingle** -----

**Treasurer: Kevin Richards** -----

**Secretary: Diane Collett** -----