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**South Cambs Parish Council Brief****Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July****Minutes**

**Present:** Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby  
 Alasdair Baker, Partnerships & Communities Officer, OPCC  
 Elaine Matthews, Cambs County Council  
 Connie Anker, Communications & Engagement Officer, OPCC  
 Catherine Kimberley, Communications & Engagement Manager, OPCC  
 Sgt Emma Hilson, Neighbourhood Policing Team  
 Tara Dundon, Senior Communications Officer, Cambs Constabulary

**Councillors:**

Cllr Frank Morris
Cllr Wendy Boyne
Cllr Barrie Ashurst
Cllr Suzanne Pattinson
Cllr Sheila Boden
Cllr Jenny Moon
Cllr Kevin Cuffley
Cllr Ian Oxford
Cllr Jim Watson

Connie Anker (CA) welcomed councillors, reminded attendees of the Agenda and introduced those giving presentations.

Acting PCC, Ray Bisby (RB) provided an update on the ongoing public consultation into the proposal to build a new police hub in Milton, Cambridge. He reminded those present about the reasons behind the proposal and asked councillors to encourage residents to provide their views before the consultation closes on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Alasdair Baker (AB) then provided a verbal presentation on how volunteer Speedwatch groups can keep communities safe from speeding vehicles and how Speedwatch Coordinator Mike Brooks can assist local people to set up schemes.

Elaine Matthews (EM) then provided a presentation on CAPASP (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough against Scams partnership) and the benefits of local parishes joining. She provided updates on what communities can do to keep themselves safe from scammers and signposted attendees to resources.

**ACTION** – share presentation and Mike Brook contact details with attendees.

Connie Anker then opened the meeting for questions.

The first question came from Cllr Barrie Ashurst: can we see more police officers in Great Shelford? He requested that patrols are carried out around 10pm when there is anti-social behaviour.

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Sgt. Hilson responded that patrols are dictated to by priority calls and shift patterns. She confirmed that patrols do take place where possible.

Cllr Ashurst went on to complain about a recent experience in calling 101 – officers turned up at 4.20pm which in his view is too early to witness any ASB.

Sgt Hilson responded that it may be the case that young people are gathering and not necessarily committing any offences.

Cllr Ashcroft ended by saying he was not happy with the responses and would be in contact. We have seen received a letter into the Acting PCC's office.

2<sup>nd</sup> question came from Cllr Jim Watson who reported similar problems with Willingham Recreational ground with reports of drug taking amongst young people.

Sgt Hilson responded that a great deal of work has gone into patrolling in Willingham TBC – CK comment - Emma, can you add more here?

Cllr Kevin Cuffley then thanked Elaine Matthews for the Scams presentation and then asked a number of questions about road safety issues in Sawston: residents would like to impose a 20 mph speed limit, could the police support that?

**Action** – CK to put Cllr Cuffley in touch with Mike Brooks.

Also would the PCC be able to provide any funding towards putting speed bumps in the road?

RB asked Cllr Cuffley to contact the OPCC office – CK comment - Didn't catch which Cllr asked this question sorry

? question about the new pop up cyclists – will the police monitor cyclists who ignore red lights?

Sgt Hilson – officers stop cyclists when they are able to and the Constabulary work as part of the Road Safety Partnership to educate cyclists on safer cycling.

Cllr Boyne asked whether Gamlingay residents could be reassured about response times given their location with regards the potential Milton station.

RB confirmed that the move should help improve response times and asked Cllr Boyne to make sure residents feedback their concerns through the consultation.

CA suggested that residents join one of the consultation Live Chats.

**Action** – Tara to send Cllr Boyne details of the next Live Chat sessions.

Question from Cllr Morris regarding arson on the travellers' site in Cottenham. Also asked if local police could provide an update about a recent heavy police presence.

Sgt Hilson explained that the police do follow up on major incidents when it is appropriate to do so.

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**Action** – Emma to follow up however there has been a press release distributed about this. Cllr Morris asked for an email to be sent to the Parish Clerk were possible so the Parish Council can help offer reassurance to residents.

**Action** – Emma to look into this.

CA wrapped up the meeting and asked for any further questions to be emailed into the OPCC. RB reminded councillors to share details of the consultation site and feed any further questions about the Milton proposal through the consultation.

CA closed the session.

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