

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Thurs 15th June 2017

7.30pm at the SHEARSBY Village Hall

PRESENT Shearsby Parish Council Cllrs Martin Reynolds (Chairman), David Durran (V/C), Ralf Dahm, Christine Alam, Phillip Baidon (Clerk SPC) and 32 residents.

INTRODUCTION by Martin Reynolds.

The Council is concerned that there has been as much minor crime in the last 10 months as in the last 10 years and invited the village to an informal meeting to discuss re-starting the NHW of 2008/9 run by resident Peter Dale with attendance from PCSO Neil Patel. Their success won VILLAGE OF THE YEAR in 2009. After Mr Dale left no-one took up the role. Some posters/notices remain round the village.

The local police Nicola Diaper and Steve Adams were invited but the former was not available and the latter could attend only if there were no other duties.

Roy Rudham, Chairman of City & County NHW Association has been notified of our intentions.

The (known) minor crimes in 10 months are:

4 burglaries (2 were in FOR SALE houses), 5 car break-ins, stolen planters. There may have been more from farms or businesses outside the housing area.

Several houses have CCTV fitted and a lot do look out for each other if they tell their neighbours/friends when they are away. Do not leave gates unlocked or ladders unfixed to walls etc. Many older more vulnerable residents would benefit from "looking out"

OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1. The older POLICE FORCE is now a POLICE SERVICE with noticeably less on patrol, more reactive. Police Commissioner confirms INCIDENT NUMBERS are given to aid insurance claims. Keys are the current target to steal cars rather than force car locks.*
- 2. Two ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras are available at £160 loan (Prosecution cannot follow non-police use only warning letters similar to speed cameras that do 2-week visits around the county villages.)
A desk-top study could plot car visitation through 24/7 use as sometimes 4am visitors simply cruise slowly through. (DVLA will only confirm if Regs are taxed/insured , no names/addresses)
One central camera would not cover the only two roads in and out of the village and could not be hung on phone or our poles without permission. No signals will transmit to elsewhere as we found out when EON could not get a signal for their meter readings.*
- 3. Res has CCTV but it cannot read reg plates.*
- 4. Res –some cameras can read in the dark.*
- 5. Res has just installed 2-3 camera system for £300*
- 6. Res had been quoted £350 for his CCTV*
- 7. The "memory recall" is generally 2 months*

8. *Res- signs need renewing if we proceed (ask City & County details)*
9. *Newer res, can we have more street lighting? another res said this was discussed 10 years ago when it was resisted as urbanisation taking away village feel.
The Clerk explained that the parish OWNS the 6 lights with EON maintaining them changing bulbs etc. LED conversions are now being fitted on a 3-year programme, the first in 2016 cost £796.80 inc VAT, the next also bracketed will cost the same then in 2018 the last 3 can be done being bulbs only. (Only Leics owned lights get free LEDs) The spread of light is less "urban orange" and with minimal running costs we could ask these be left on after midnight. A lady opposite the new one supported this.*
10. *Many cars have visible steal-able items openly on seats or shelves.*
11. *If our concerns are spread openly on the website/Facebook it could create unwanted attention from outside thieves.*

CONCLUSION: Martin said the SPC is not to be the lead for NHW but helping with this meeting from which hopefully 1 or 2 residents per ROAD would meet to form a committee and a chairman as did Mr Dale, to join up with Roy Rudham Chairman of the County scheme and take advice as to signage etc. The SPC will support any forward decisions but precepts are already budgeted for so Grants may need to be sought via County.

This group of residents can use the village hall or if they felt more comfortable in someone's house, or a corner of the village pub.

Committee members to include Mick Emary, Jo Quick, Kevin Gill, Katherine Jones, Man Lan Adams, Peter Cosgrove.

The Clerk suggested those with CCTV offer their names/locations to the committee so that a cover pattern of the roads can be drawn up and future crime may be tracked BUT that CCTV must not invade neighbours privacy

Martin thanked those for attending.