

**Notes of Bassingbourn and Melbourn Neighbourhood Panel  
held at Bassingbourn Village College  
Tuesday 21st July 2009 at 7.30 pm**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
1.1	<p>John Fuller welcomed everyone to the meeting. Agencies were represented by: Wendy Lansdown – Cambs. County Council Panel Support Officer Inspector Chris Savage and Sergeant Rebecca Williams Kathryn Hawkes and Linda Browne – South Cambs District Council</p> <p>Chris Savage mentioned some changes to the policing team. P.c. Andy Bates had left the team and been replaced by P.c. Rachel Mallender.</p>
1.2	Representatives attended from the parishes Bassingbourn, Litlington, The Mordens, Whaddon, Meldreth, Shepreth, Melbourn, The Chishills and Foxton.
<b>2</b>	<b>Notes of previous meeting</b>
2.1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 were a true record Matters Arising Stray dogs - South Cambs issued a helpline number regarding this: call us on <b>03450 450 063</b> or use our <a href="#">online dog service request (This link will open in a new window)</a>.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Update on previous priorities and community feedback</b>
3.1	<p>Rebecca Williams went through the profile update produced by the police divisional intelligence unit in consultation with neighbourhood staff.</p> <p><b>Bassingbourn ASB in South End and Nutsford Road</b> - There have been Patrols in the area at various time of the day. There has been positive engagement with young people most of whom were not behaving anti-socially. Police have spoken to the residents in the area regarding their concerns and the Spar shop has been checking ID. especially on prom night.</p> <p><b>High Street Melbourn</b> – High visibility patrols have been carried out in the area, positive engagement with young people and dispersing groups of youths where necessary and seizing any alcohol.</p> <p><b>Melwood Nature Reserve, Meldreth</b> – There have been patrols at various times, where litter and evidence of fires has been found. Unfortunately no reports have come through whilst the ASB has been taking place. Residents and dog walkers have been spoken to for further information. None of the problems in any of the areas have been completely resolved.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Current issues as identified in profile update</b>
4.1	<p>Bassingbourn-Cum-Kneesworth – As the stats show such a high level of violent crime in the profile a request was made for this to be explained. Residents were aware of the reason however, it was thought anyone moving into the area would not. This was agreed. CS also mentioned he had additional funding for an investigator who would deal specifically with Kneesworth Hospital. CS also gave a brief outline of the term violent crime.</p> <p>Crime levels have remained stable in Bassingbourn and Meldreth, decreased in Melbourn, Fowlmere and Foxton and increased in The Mordens. Dwelling Burglaries have increased in Bassingbourn and Melbourn Burglary and other offences have decreased in Fowlmere and Foxton and increased in Meldreth and The Mordens. Theft has remained stable in Bassingbourn, Fowlmere and Foxton and Melbourn, and</p>

	<p>increased in Meldreth and The Mordens.  Criminal damage has increased in Melbourn and Meldreth and remained stable in Fowlmere and Foxton.  Violent Crime increased in Melbourn and The Mordens  ASB incidents have remained stable in The mordens, increased in Bassingbourn, Fowlmere and Foxton and Melbourn and decreased in The Mordens.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Community feedback on current and future issues</b>
5.1	<p><b>Bassingbourn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-5 Children on mopeds racing round the village</li> <li>• People swimming in the reservoir and using inflatables. Landowner has been contacted</li> <li>• 2 cases of vandalism one to a barrier and a bin set alight.</li> <li>• The summer rave was discussed at some length as this is a yearly event. The hopes were that next year with the help of the residents the police will have more information at an early enough stage to avoid the problems encountered in previous years.</li> <li>• Criminal damage to cars and arson to a building. These are complicated matters and are still being looked into.</li> <li>• Things in the village have generally been a lot better.</li> </ul>
5.2	<p><u>Melbourn</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A disposable BBQ on the Moor was used to set fire to a haystack which was left smouldering for 5 days</li> <li>• Children causing a disturbance by the allotments, even though there are gates they are not locked.</li> <li>• Young people are using the swings in they play area are causing a lot of noise. Also throwing fruit at residents' windows. It is felt now the police station has gone the children feel free to get away with these actions.</li> <li>• Racing cars in a circuit round the village.</li> </ul>
5.3	<p><u>Melderth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relatively stable</li> </ul>
5.4	<p><u>The Chishills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wanted to thank John Fuller for attending their AGM.</li> </ul>
5.5	<p><u>The Mordens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned with speeding through the village in Steeple Morden especially the 505 junction and Odsey turn. This is joint area with Hertfordshire and CS will contact Herts police Team inspector for an update.</li> </ul>
5.6	<p><u>Tadlow</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents are concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling along the 1042 past the junction with the village. This is the only way in and out of the village and is on a bend and often there is overtaking. JF explained there was county were conducting speed checks on all A and B roads, but this is a long term project with a timetable.</li> </ul>
5.7	<p>A community point was raised and discussed by many village representatives concerning the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan consultation and input from the police.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Speed watch</b>
	<p>Bassingbourn have monitored 4600 traffic movements over 24hrs in six locations. The 30 mile limit is being exceeded by 17% of vehicles, 40 mile limit is being exceeded by 10% and 50 mile limit by 5%. In high risk area e.g. the Primary School 25% of traffic exceeded the limit. The school and Police are looking into this.  Warning letters have been sent out.  Whaddon monitored 2500 vehicles on the main road, which has a 40 mile limit. This is being exceeded by 15% of traffic.  Chisel mentioned 500 vehicles and 50% exceeded the limit, letter have been sent,    There was a general feeling the content of the letter was not strong enough and a question was raised about repeat offenders.</p>

	There were concerns about 'what happens next' after all the data has been collected.
<b>7</b>	<b>Priority Setting</b> It was agreed to adopt the following priority: To continue to target ASB in the following areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South End and Nutsford Road Bassingbourn</li><li>• High Street Melbourn and Vicarage Close</li></ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Locations and Dates of Future Meetings</b> Tuesday 20 October 2009 at Melbourn Village College Tuesday 19 January 2010 at Bassingbourn Village College