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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF FAWLEY

Wednesday 26 April 2017 in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley, 7pm.

**Present:** Cllrs R Wappet (Chairman), A Alvey (Vice-Chairman), B Coyston, A Glass, B Hall, L Llewellyn, S Read, K Smith, B Spearing.

### **In Attendance:**

Mrs S Markides, Deputy Clerk  
Joshua Bond, FPC Operations Support Assistant

**Also Present:** Police Inspector Katherine Willoughby, District Councillor Alexis McEvoy, Angharad Vaughan, Community Affairs Adviser ExxonMobil, Canon Stuart Holt, 24 members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr R Wappet welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Michelle Hale, Head Teacher Manor School, Claire Lowe, Head Teacher Blackfield Primary School, Mel Thorndyke, Leader of the local Volunteer Police Cadets, Louise Martin, Editor of the Herald, Cllr Sue Carroll.

**Appointment of Clerk to the meeting: RESOLVED:** That Sue Markides be appointed as Clerk to the meeting.

**To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 2016: RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Presentation by Guest Speaker, Police Inspector Katherine Willoughby of the New Forest East Neighbourhood Team:**

A Power Point presentation - Police Inspector Katherine Willoughby introduced herself to the meeting.



- ▶ Hardley Fire Station
- ▶ New Forest East, Waterside Neighbourhood Police Office
- ▶ Hardley Fire Station,
- ▶ Falconer Court,
- ▶ Hardley,
- ▶ Southampton,
- ▶ SO45 2PY

Estates transformation - the recent Police Station move from Jones Lane, Hythe to the new location at the Hardley Fire Station, Falconer Court, Hardley, SO45 2PY.

# What is Local Policing



What is Local Policing? The answer received was an officer walking the beat, who knows the neighbourhood and knows the local villains as in the “old days”. The Inspector advised of the Police website and how to communicate with the Police. Beat Surgeries take place on a regular basis within the Parish and Inspector Willoughby asked everyone to attend if they can, as this is a good way to let the Police know of any concerns they may have.

## Force Structure



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Force structure- Currently the parish has a neighbourhood team of police officers and PCSOs with various back up as and when required. The four strands of the force structure were explained: 1) Prevention and Neighbourhoods, 2) Response and Patrol, 3) Intelligence, Tasking & Development and 4) Investigation Command.



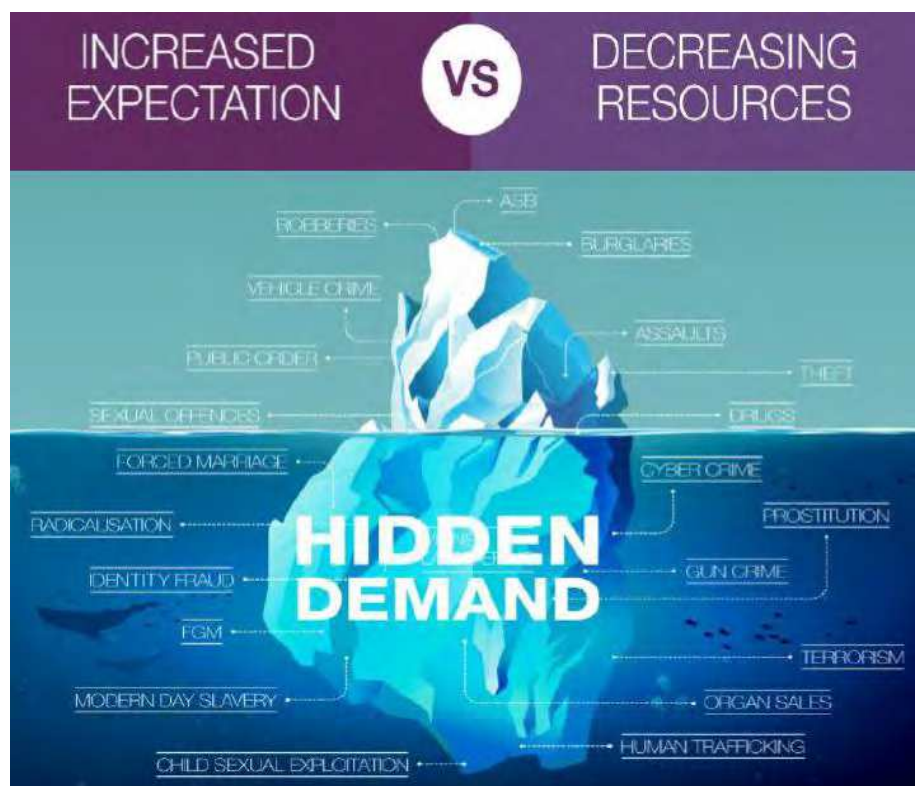
You, Your Family, Our Communities, Safer - The new Chief Constable of Hampshire has also set 6 areas of focus which they link in with – 1) Track, Assess, Learn and Improve, 2) The Values in the Code of Ethics, 3) Looking After Our People, 4) Building Partnerships that enable a better public service, 5) Tackling Crime and Offending and 6) Identifying and protecting those who need our help.

## PCC – A plan to keep us safer



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PCC Plan to keep us safer - The Police & Crime Commissioner who is an elected officer also sets targets, Champion community needs, Strengthen partnerships, Reduce offending, and enable effective and efficient operational policing.



Increased expectation versus Decreasing resources -

Police Inspector Willoughby advised that Hampshire Police Constabulary is one of the “cheapest” forces in the country to run and that whilst cuts have already been made more are expected in the autumn which could well harm the service.

Assaults, Theft, Robberies, Anti-Social Behaviour, Drugs, Vehicle crime, Burglaries, Public Order, Sexual offences are the type of crime people hear about and are aware of but the ones which place a hidden demand on the force such as Forced marriage, Cyber-crime, Human trafficking, Gun crime, Prostitution, Organ sales, radicalisation, Identity fraud, Modern day slavery and terrorism do also happen in the area, not on a huge scale but they do, and the Police have a duty to protect the public.

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Hampshire Constabulary Volunteer Police Cadets – Inspector Willoughby volunteers as the unit leader. The group meet at Applemore College (a facility which is provided free of charge); some of the young people may have learning difficulties or perhaps challenging homes but we work with them to provide direction, good life skills and engagement with the community. The Cadets have previously assisted at the Fawley Christmas Lights “Switch On” and other events so if you have any ideas where they would be able to help out please send an email to me.

Question & Answer session.

The following concerns were raised:

Parking on pavements in particular Southbourne Avenue, the lack of availability of traffic wardens to combat the problem, whilst this has been raised many times at District Council level the issue remains. Police Inspector Willoughby was unable to address this concern unfortunately due to other policing priorities.

Opening hours of the Police Station at Hardley – staffed from 8am until midnight, though members of the local response and patrol group may often be there during the night.

Communication – a member of the public advised that she was unaware of the police move to Hardley until a month ago although it was a nice surprise. The new name for the force catchment area, which covers the whole of the Waterside, is yet to be decided upon.

Previous Police presence in the parish and the way current services are delivered (differently) now were discussed. It was noted that Hampshire has a smaller number of officers per 1000 of the population than nationally – 2.6 as opposed to 3.6 nationally. A company is employed to map demand for services and staffing is allocated from this data.

Difficulty in parking for residents living close to the Hardley Fire Station in particular on a Wednesday when the Ambulance Service appear to hold classes that day was raised. Allocation of spaces available was explained.

Threat of Terrorism with the refinery so close was raised – Inspector Willoughby advised of the strong relationship between ExxonMobil and the Police, and of an action plan which is already in place to be used if there is any breach of security.

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Concern at the speed of traffic going through Fawley village was raised – more research would be required to get a 20 mph limit in the village. It was noted leaflets asking for volunteers to help run the Community Speedwatch were available at the meeting. Cllr Wappet advised the Council had purchased the necessary equipment originally for use in Church Lane but that it was available for other areas where the statistics were appropriate.

Members of the public also raised their concern regarding the speed of traffic using the B3053; whilst the Parish Council has previously supported these concerns it was considered that this is a Hampshire Highways issue.

Cllr Wappet thanked Police Inspector Willoughby for her most informative presentation and question and answer session.

Police Inspector Willoughby and two members of the public left the meeting.

### **Chairman's Report:**

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### **Chairman's Report**

This is a first for me, who would have thought I would use Power Point, So thanks to the clerk Here we go.

### **Opening Remarks**

- Its been a privilege to have been the Chairman for another year
- I would like to congratulate the new Clerk on the work and progress he and his officers have made over the year.
- I would also like to thank Exxon Mobil for their continued funding to support community events and project in the Parish
- I want to thank those members of the public that take the time to attend our meetings, those who have attended tonight and our Guest Speaker Inspector Willoughby.

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Approx 3000 + attendees, the fantastic fly past by the Spitfire and our first visit by the REME Parachute display team rounded off a fantastic day, We have them booked again for this year,



Top left was an end of term BBQ with staff and Cllr Philip Fawkes who has supported the Youth Club not only last year but this year as well.

The club runs every Friday during term times. We run School Holiday Clubs at Jubilee Hall and QE2. The little boy is playing Pirates at Jubilee Hall.

The bottom right picture shows a group (we had over 40 attend) 'Flip Out' day out paid for from their weekly subs.

This is fantastic work with our youth and I would like to thank all those volunteers that make it possible.

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Our first Strategic Plan is underway with work already started to deliver our action plans.

We have a new section on our website called Local Concerns where we keep you updated on what you said and we did.

We had our first street meet at Calshot in Partnership with the Police and the Local Village Agent.

We have Purchased a Community Speed Watch device funded by Exxon with our first Watch being started in Fawley.

We have also started to scope out the provision of a Mens Shed to address Social Isolation amongst older men.



The sight of colourful flower by the roadside and in the planters at Blackfield have been a great success and we have had so many positive comments on how the Parish looks so much brighter we are extending it this year to Fawley.

Can I please thanks Exxon again and our Local businesses who are supporting us by sponsoring a planter.

If you know anyone who would like to sponsor a planter please let us know



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This fantastic bit of work is being done by a group of volunteers and as you can see the before and after pictures speak for themselves.

The Lymington Times article states 'Warren Copse is now a pleasant place to visit and to enjoy the pleasures of the countryside.

This work and the work of the Conservation Group led by Eddie Holtham has created a unique and valued asset in the Parish. I would like to thank him for his untiring efforts.



With over 2000 tickets sold for last years event a fantastic evening was had by all. We will be aiming to make it bigger and better this year

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We are very conscious of making sure we can keep residents rates as low as possible by creating revenue and continue to supply great facilities for community use.

We have managed to help local clubs with new locations to continue to operate from when the Waterside Sports and Social Club folded. We had to be creative using a squash court to house a boxing ring but it works. We have now supported 2 local businesses at Jubilee Hall offering training and advice.

The waterside short mat bowls using QE2 and the Panthers Cheerleaders moving from Applemore to Gang Warily to name just some.

### To Summarise

- Our biggest challenge are the ongoing cuts to local authority budgets which has and will continue to affect us.
- The rises in - The National Living Wage, Pension Contributions and National Insurance continues to impact on our budget expenditure.
- We still have some challenges especially with maintaining our play areas but we are working hard to address the problems.
- We have started to investigate how we support people suffering with dementia
- We have just started to formulate our working groups with local residents and organisation so if you are interested in helping us please let us know?
- We are here to support you our residents in delivering local services for local people.

### Presentation of Chairman's Cup:

Councillor Wappet informed the meeting that often hidden in the community are people doing sterling work, the recipient of the Chairman's Cup for 2017 is one of those people. Some of you may have recently read that Betty received an award at the NFDC'S Annual Volunteers Reception held recently at Appletree Court – she was nominated by District Councillor Alexis McEvoy.

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This was to recognise that Betty has been running the Blackfield and District Senior Citizens Club for quite some time – she celebrated her seventeenth anniversary in March 2017. Although she has several helpers, the continuing success of the club is down to the efforts and hard work of Betty herself.

The lovely, friendly group (Betty's words) has around 40 members who meet at the Royal British Legion in Blackfield and over the years she has organised: Christmas lunches and Christmas parties, Easter parties, coach trips with cream teas included though not so much currently – Betty advises that local trips are more the style of the club now; the local Hideaway café came to the rescue when the Waterside Sports and Social Club folded providing their Christmas Lunch which was most appreciated and the group hope to go to the Falcon Inn in Fawley once the refurbishment is complete.

Entertainment organised has included performances from a local Ukulele group and a keyboard player/singer who has recently retired but Betty is trying to persuade him to come back for their Christmas party!

Bingo, quizzes are also on the cards to ensure the local senior citizens have somewhere friendly to meet and a regular event to look forward to. When I was trying to get hold of her to ask her to accept this award she was organising a fish and chip lunch in the Bistro at Blackfield!

So may I take this opportunity to say that, We, as the local parish council would also like to recognise the achievements of Betty and her helpers who keep the club going – I think she said something along the lines of, "as long as I can keep walking, I'll keep doing the club" and I hope she does for many more years.

I therefore take great pleasure in presenting the Chairman's Cup to Betty Locke.

Betty advised she didn't understand why she was being awarded the Chairman's Cup but she did appreciate it! She thanked her helpers for their support and was thrilled that as a surprise her son and his wife had attended the meeting to see Betty receive her award. She added "It is a lovely group, we never turn anyone away so give us a try and if you don't like it we will not be offended!"

#### **Any other matters to be raised by Parishioners:**

It was queried whether any progress is being made regarding the Lidl in Hythe / PC Builders move to the Hardley Industrial Estate. Cllr Wappet advised that a press announcement would be made once arrangements are completed.

Changes taking place on land to the rear of the Chevron Trading Estate were noted – it was advised that this site will have new gates erected and some maintenance work will be undertaken but the site remains as designated for employment use only.

Charges made at rubbish tips for the disposal of non-household rubbish and the legality of these was raised. Cllr Glass considered the charges were imposed to cover the expensive

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disposal of items that may contain asbestos, however the meeting decided this matter should be taken up with Hampshire County Council.

An update regarding the fly tipping at Park Lane was requested as despite good evidence reported to NFDC no prosecution appeared to have taken place.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.07pm.

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Chairman

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