

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.15pm.

Cllr M Reilly, Cllr L Murray, Cllr S Shrubb, Cllr C Aird Mrs A Reynolds – Clerk to the Council Present

	Action
CSC/23/107 - To receive and approve apologies of absence Apologies were received from Cllr E Sinfield. Cllr A Fox has stepped down from the committee.	
RESOLVED: That the reason for absence be approved. It was also noted that Cllr A Fox has stepped down from the committee and the clerk will include committee members on the agenda for the ordinary meeting of the parish council being held on 11 th December 2023.	Clerk
CSC/23/108 - Public session No members of the public were in attendance.	
CSC/23/109 - Declarations of interest None	
CSC/23/110 - Requests for dispensation None	
CSC/23/111 - Response to issues raised in the Public Session Nothing to respond to.	
CSC/23/112 - Approval of minutes of 4th September 2023. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.	
CSC/23/113 - Receive and note the following reports and resolve next steps:	
1. Local Crime Stats - (Appendix one). RESOLVED: The committee noted the report.	
2. CCTV Requests - (Appendix two). RESOLVED: The Committee noted the report.	
3. VAS Data - (Appendix three). RESOLVED: The Committee noted the report and agreed to leave the VAS in their current locations.	
Cllr Reilly had problems obtaining the data from the VAS outside Elizabeth Woodville school and Blisworth Road. The Committee were appalled and astonished that someone drove 50mph on Hyde Road.	
CSC/23/114 - Updates Receive updates and resolve next steps: (Appendix four)	

	Action
VAS on Hartwell Road. RESOLVED: Update received and noted, it was also resolved not to take over ownership of the West Northamptonshire Council VASs on Hartwell Road.	
2. Railings outside Roade Primary School. RESOLVED: Update received and noted.	
Village Gateways. RESOLVED: Update received and noted.	
The Clerk will investigate whether we are able to put our own pavement parking signs up on lampposts with WNC.	Clerk
CSC/23/115 - CCTV - KZ8 Resolve to investigate installing a CCTV camera on the KZ8 Footpath. RESOLVED: To investigate installing a CCTV camera on the KZ8 footpath by Swan Lane.	Clerk
CSC/23/116 - Youth Shelter Receive feedback from consultation regarding a youth shelter and resolve next steps. RESOLVED: To obtain quotes to purchase and install a youth shelter, to obtain quotes for purchasing and installing a Zipwire. To investigate costs for marking out the football pitch at the Rec and will ask the Village Hall if they would consider doing the same. The Clerk will also write to both Roade Primary and Elizabeth Woodville schools thanking student's for completing the questionnaires and respond to their comments.	Clerk
CSC/23/117 - Bypass traffic concerns Receive traffic concerns from residents and resolve next steps. RESOLVED: For the clerk to respond to the residents who have raised concerns regarding the increased bypass traffic, and to post on social media.	Clerk
CSC/23/118 - Close The meeting closed at 8pm.	
CSC/23/119 - Date of next meeting Monday 4th March at 7.15pm at Roade Community Library.	

Signed:	
Date:	

Appendix one

Crime in Roade (and surrounding area)

In this report you will see a monthly break down of crime for 2023. The figures are of ALL Crime (including Anti-Social Behaviour) and that were recorded with Northamptonshire police.

ROADE:

	٦	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D		
2021	15	14	11	21	12	13	13	18	8	16	11	10	162	450/ +
2022	20	15	8	10	21	39	17	14	12	18	6	7	187	15% ↑
2023	11	11	12	16	23	12	14	20	29					

July 2023 to September 2023 saw Roade with **63** crimes which is approx. **46.5% increase** compared to the previous year.

South Northants due to its size was split into two areas Towcester and Brackley, for crime purposes. As from July 2023, police stats have been broken down to electoral wards and we come under Towcester ward. It is not possible to give a comparison to last year.

TOWCESTER AREA (inc our village stats)

	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ζ	D		
2021	252	227	309	269	246	260	282	251	236	238	244	191	3005	9% ↑
2022	285	212	286	269	282	316	356	305	263	245	230	213	3262	970
2023	199	209	264	212	286	258	64	80	80					

Below is a breakdown of ALL Crimes (14 different categories) for 2023.

ROADE 2023:

	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D	
Anti Social Behaviour	2	4	0	2	4	2	4	4	11				
Bicycle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Burglary	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0				
Criminal Damage and arson	2	1	0	2	4	2	2	5	3				
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Other Crimes	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1				
Other Theft	1	1	1	2	4	0	1	3	2				
Possession of weapons	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1				
Public Order	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2				
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Theft from person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Vehicle Crime	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0				

Violence and Sexual Offences	3	3	5	6	7	7	5	7	9		
	11	11	12	16	23	12	14	20	29		

ROADE 2021/2022/2023

Q3 (Jul-Sep) comparison %

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	2021	2022	(21-22 diff)	2023	(22-23 diff)
Anti Social Behaviour	9	8	11% ↓	19	138% ↑
Bicycle Theft	1	0	100% ↓	0	0% ↔
Burglary	4	1	75% ↓	0	100% ↓
Criminal Damage and arson	2	1	50% ↓	10	900% ↑
Drugs	1	0	100% ↓	0	0% ↔
Other Crimes	0	2	200% ↑	2	0% ↔
Other Theft	4	1	75% ↓	6	500% ↑
Possession of weapons	0	0	0% ↔	1	100% ↑
Public Order	4	5	25% ↑	4	20% ↓
Robbery	0	0	0% ↔	0	0% ↔
Shoplifting	0	0	0% ↔	0	0% ↔
Theft from person	0	0	0% ↔	0	0% ↔
Vehicle Crime	0	1	100% ↑	0	100% ↓
Violence and Sexual Offences	14	24	71% ↑	21	13% ↓
	39	43	10.25% ↑	63	47% ↑

Report by Cllr Stuart Shrubb and any figures used are up to 07/10/2023 provided by police.uk (a public information website)

Appendix Two

CCTV report – December 2023

Since the last meeting at the beginning of September we have received **four** requests to view CCTV. We were successful in finding footage for one of the incidents, which was forwarded to the police.

Weekly checks on 26th October showed that CCTV 6 was offline, Locked and Secure visited on 1st November to find that the power supply to the camera had failed, they replaced it with a new one and the camera is now back up and working.

Monthly checks in November showed that cameras 2 and 6 went black when panning, we monitored these and checks the week later showed the camera's working well.

Appendix Three

Hyde Road										
Month	Month Total no. of vehicles >35mph % of drivers Max speed 85th Percentile									
Nov-23	39982	1,657	4%	50	28.2					

Appendix Four

Updates

Vas on Hartwell Road

I have been advised that the WNC VAS on Hartwell Road are nine years old. They are Swarco devices and the detector that was purchased and used back then is not the same as Swarco supply now, so it's not possible to fit a device that collects data to these devices.

We would purchase new signs that can collect data, these will be within the region of £3500 - £4000 each.

WNC were unable to provide electricity costs and advised that Swarco could confirm the maintenance fees.

Swarco confirmed that the devices used to have a silver maintenance contract on them both, this included faults not parts and no maintenance visits. They advised that the contract expired over a year ago and hasn't been renewed by WNC.

A three-year silver maintenance contract for the two devices would cost £1172.65, however as the previous contract has expired they would need to inspect them first at a cost of £658 + any parts that may be found faulty.

Railings outside Roade Primary School

The new headteacher has confirmed that she would support our request to extend the railings by the crossing outside the school. I'm waiting for further information from Highways regarding funding.

Village Gateways

Cllr Shrubb and the clerk met with WNC Highways department to discuss locations of the village gateways. The project is much larger than we had first thought. Highways have met with their engineer to discuss the proposed gateway locations and they are now preparing designs ready for pricing. They did indicate that this could take a minimum of 6 months.