



Minutes of the Community Safety Committee Meeting held on **Monday 6th March 2023** at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr M Reilly, Cllr C Aird, Cllr A Fox, Cllr L Murray and Cllr E Sinfield
Mrs A Reynolds (Clerk to the Council)

	Action
<p>CSC/23/69 – Acceptance of apologies for absence Cllr S Shrubbs RESOLVED: That absence be approved</p>	
<p>CSC/23/70 - Public Session No members of the public present.</p>	
<p>CSC/23/71 – 1. Declarations of interest - None 2. Requests for Dispensation - None</p>	
<p>CSC/23/72 – Response to issues raised in the Public Session Nothing to respond to.</p>	
<p>CSC/23/73 – Approval of Minutes of 5th December 2022 RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>CSC/23/74 – Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda The Clerk updated the committee that the community speedwatch team have confirmed that they've been allocated dates for when they'll receive the kits from Northants Police for this Spring's Speedwatch campaign. The Clerk confirmed that she has sent the VAS data to the community speedwatch team as they'd asked where the VAS devices were being moved to.</p>	
<p>CSC/22/75 – Receive and note the following reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local crime stats – (Appendix One) The report shows that there's been an increase in reported crimes. We are unable to break down the categories as these are stipulated by the government for national recording purposes. 2. CCTV requests – (Appendix Two) The Clerk confirmed that since the last meeting we have received two requests to view CCTV, footage of one of these incidents was forwarded to the police. She confirmed that all cameras are working. <p>The Clerk has received a request from a resident asking whether the parish council would consider leaflet dropping houses on Stratford Road asking if they see any antisocial behaviour in the bus stops to report the time to the clerk to check the CCTV (this comes after leaflets from the notice boards in the bus shelter had been set on fire). As we are unable to view CCTV unless the incident has been reported to the police, it was agreed that the Clerk will produce some leaflets encouraging residents to report any antisocial behaviour to the police and will arrange for these to be put on the noticeboards around the village.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion was had about revisiting investing in a shelter that youths can use to congregate in. The Clerk will contact Elizabeth Woodville School to ask them to confirm the best way to engage with students to find out what they would like in the village. Cllr Fox will draft a proposal and the Clerk will investigate various options and will bring this back to the next Community Safety Committee meeting to be held on 5th June 2023.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Fox & Clerk</p>



<p>3. VAS data – (Appendix Three) Cllr Fox was unable to download the footage from the camera outside EWS again. The Clerk will contact Swarco and ask them to visit to resolve the problem. The devices on Ashton Road and the High Street need to be re-calibrated, the Clerk will ask Swarco for instructions on how to do this.</p> <p>4. Update regarding lollypop person – The Clerk has enquired with other clerks who have lollypop personnel and they advised her that they are usually employed directly by the school or local authority. The Clerk will further enquire as to whether we have a power to enable us to employ them directly.</p> <p>5. Feedback from schools regarding supporting further safety measures – Both schools confirmed that they do not have any records of near misses, but will write to support us requesting further safety measures. We need evidence from the VAS outside Elizabeth Woodville School to assist with our request. The Clerk will also ask the schools to keep a log of any near misses that are reported.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>CSC/22/76 – Streetlights</p> <p>1. Receive update regarding new streetlights and resolve next steps RESOLVED: Cllr Shrubb is in the process of updating the parish online map indicating where new lights are needed in the village. The working group had discussed to replace all the concrete lights, and to investigate lighting in the rec and churchcroft. Once the parish online map is completed the Clerk will obtain quotes for both solar and mains powered lighting and will bring these to the next community safety committee meeting. The project is likely to be a three-to-four-year plan.</p> <p>2. Resolve to change the repair to streetlighting policy to enable individual lights to be repaired rather than waiting for a minimum of three to be faulty. LED lights are lasting much longer than the previous lights, so waiting for three lights to fail could be a health and safety concern for vulnerable residents in the village. The Clerk had received three quotes, and the quote from E-on was significantly cheaper than the other two. RESOLVED: For the Clerk to arrange for E-on to visit and repair to faulty light on Grafton Road and obtain a quote for Eon to carry out an inspection of the brackets on the wooden telegraph pole lights. It was agreed for the Clerk to set up an inspection governance for the brackets on the telegraph poles as these should be inspected every 3 – 5 years.</p>	<p>Cllr Shrubb & Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>CSC/22/77 – Close The meeting closed at 8:10pm</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.15pm</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Appendix One Crime in Road (and surrounding area)

In this report you will see a monthly break down of crime for 2022. The figures are of ALL Crime (including Anti-Social Behaviour) and that were recorded with Northamptonshire police.

ROADE:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
2020	17	26	24	23	23	16	21	8	18	26	18	16	236	
2021	15	14	11	21	12	13	13	18	8	16	11	10	162	31% ↓
2022	20	15	8	10	21	39	17	14	12	18	6	7	187	15% ↑

October 2022 to December 2022 saw Road with **31** crimes which is approx. **16.2% decrease** compared to the previous year. This unfortunately isn't the same for the rest of 2022 as overall there is an increase.

South Northants due to its size is split into two areas Towcester and Brackley, for crime purposes. We come under the Towcester region and below is a snapshot of Towcester region crime for 2020, 2021 and 2022. For the 4th quarter Towcester area is **2.2%** up on crime.

TOWCESTER AREA (inc our village stats)

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
2020	270	311	288	315	349	315	325	279	303	351	318	297	3721	
2021	252	227	309	269	246	260	282	251	236	238	244	191	3005	19% ↓
2022	285	212	286	269	282	316	356	305	263	245	230	213	3262	9% ↑

Below is a breakdown of ALL Crimes (14 different categories) for 2022.

ROADE 2022:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Anti Social Behaviour	3	4	5	3	2	6	4	2	2	2	1	2	36
Bicycle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	5
Criminal Damage and arson	2	1	2	4	3	5	0	0	1	3	1	0	22
Drugs	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
Other Theft	1	1	0	0	2	6	0	1	0	2	0	1	14
Possession of weapons	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Public Order	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	11
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Theft from person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	14
Violence and Sexual Offences	7	4	1	2	12	16	9	10	5	5	3	2	0	76
	20	15	8	10	21	39	17	14	12	18	6	7	0	187

ROADE 2020/2021/2022

Q4 (Oct-Dec) comparison %

	2020	2021	(20-21 diff)	2022	(21-22 diff)
Anti Social Behaviour	7	8	14% ↑	5	37.5% ↓
Bicycle Theft	0	1	100% ↑	0	100% ↓
Burglary	3	1	67% ↓	2	100% ↑
Criminal Damage and arson	5	4	20% ↓	4	0% ↔
Drugs	0	2	100% ↑	0	100% ↓
Other Crimes	0	1	100% ↑	1	0% ↔
Other Theft	7	3	57% ↓	3	0% ↔
Possession of weapons	0	0	0% ↔	1	100% ↑
Public Order	9	2	78% ↓	2	0% ↔
Robbery	1	0	100% ↓	0	0% ↔
Shoplifting	0	0	0% ↔	0	0% ↔
Theft from person	0	0	0% ↔	0	0% ↔
Vehicle Crime	3	1	67% ↓	3	300% ↑
Violence and Sexual Offences	25	14	44% ↓	10	29% ↓
	60	37	38% ↓	31	16% ↓

ROADE 2020/2021/2022

Full year comparison %

	2020	2021	(20-21 diff)	2022	(21-22 diff)
Anti Social Behaviour	44	37	16% ↓	36	3% ↓
Bicycle Theft	0	2	100% ↑	0	100% ↓
Burglary	12	6	50% ↓	5	17% ↓
Criminal Damage and arson	18	12	33% ↓	22	83% ↑
Drugs	4	5	25% ↑	2	60% ↓
Other Crimes	2	2	0% ↔	3	50% ↑
Other Theft	30	18	40% ↓	14	22% ↓
Possession of weapons	0	1	100% ↑	3	200% ↑



Public Order	22	16	27% ↓	11	31% ↓
Robbery	3	0	100% ↓	1	100% ↑
Shoplifting	1	0	100% ↓	0	0% ↔
Theft from person	0	0	0% ↔	0	0% ↔
Vehicle Crime	12	6	50% ↓	14	133% ↑
Violence and Sexual Offences	88	57	35% ↓	76	33% ↑
	236	162	31% ↓	187	15% ↑

Since 2018 when we started monitoring our crime figures, 2021 is our best year yet and the lowest level of recorded crime. (2018 – **167**, 2019 – **190**, 2020 – **236**, 2021 – **162**, 2022 - **187**)

Report by Cllr Stuart Shrubbs and any figures used are up to 15/02/2023 provided by police.uk (a public information website)

Crime Report

A summary of 2022 for reported crime in Roade.

It is disappointing to see an increase in crime for Roade, however we should not be down heartened. There are 6 categories that did see an increase and these are described as below.

- Criminal Damage and Arson
- Other Crimes
- Possession of Weapons
- Robbery
- Vehicle Crime
- Violence and Sexual Offences

In relation to the criminal damage, residents are aware that we had spate of ongoing ASB issues during 2022 and unfortunately these developed into personal and commercial properties suffering from Criminal Damage. Through the use of CCTV, (Parish Council, personal and commercial), certain individuals were identified and through working with the Police, the persons concerned were dealt with, including a number of them being issued with Anti Social Behaviour Contracts. Most of the individuals have shown remorse and behaviours have improved. A couple of them are still being closely monitored by the Police and hopefully will be able to see the errors of their ways.

Other Crimes and Robbery are an abnormally, as both have only seen 1 crime extra occurred but due to thankfully the low numbers, any increase through percentage makes it look bad.



Vehicle Crime has seen a spike this year, and this is due to a one off incident at the beginning of the year where a number of work vehicles were targeted in a very short period of time.

The main concern is the increase in Violence and Possession of Weapons. Unfortunately Possession of Weapons is the only category that has seen an increase for 2 years in a row. Both of these are Force Priorities for Northamptonshire Police.

On a positive note, as mentioned CCTV is a valued asset to the village. The Parish Council also have a greater relationship with Northamptonshire Police and are supporting them as much as possible to help promote prevention events, having more public surgeries with them and pushing for regular appearances from the Safety Speed teams to help deter criminals from using our roads and the village to transact their activities. Recently we have also agreed to contribute towards the purchase of bells/alarms (for our residents only) for the safety and reduction of violence towards women and girls (a National issue). The Parish Council are currently also reviewing areas around the village to ensure the safety of all residents, this may be through additional lighting or making alleyways less intimidating by liaising with owners ensuring hedges etc are cut back.

Social media can be beneficial for residents awareness, however Northamptonshire Police will not see these reports and that means crime can get away with it, Please continue to report crime to the police directly on 101 or 999 if an emergency. (many items can also be reported online). We are their eyes and ears, if they don't know they can not act. Lets show the criminals "the road" out of Roade.

Cllr Stuart Shrubbs

Appendix Two

CCTV report – March 2023

Since the last meeting at the beginning of December we have received **two** requests to view CCTV. We were successful in locating footage for one of the incidents and sent this to the police.

All cameras are working with no faults.

Monthly checks were carried out in February by Cllr Reilly and March by Cllr Fox.



Appendix Three

Hartwell Road (corner of Burman Court, opp. No 27)				
	Total no. of vehicles	>35mph	% of drivers	Max speed
Sep-22	37814	42	0%	35
Oct-22	39084	37	0%	35
Nov-22	38761	26	0%	35
Dec-21	36731	16	0%	35
Jan-22	40938	28	0%	35
Feb-22	37846	115	0%	45

Ashton Road				
	Total no. of vehicles	>35mph	% of drivers	Max speed
Sep-22	37814	45	0%	35
Oct-21	12033	1,753	15%	55
Nov-21	11457	207	2%	55
Dec-21	8853	295	3%	45
Jan-22	11662	1,374	12%	50
Feb-22	12312	1,617	13%	50

High Street opposite Post Office				
	Total no. of vehicles	>35mph	% of drivers	Max speed
Feb-22	5917	148	3%	45