

Residents' Association Committee meeting – March 2016

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 8th March 2016. In addition to Committee members, Inspector Angie Austin was in attendance.

Police report:

Inspector Austin gave brief details of her Police career to date and then gave a summary of the changes being made to Surrey Neighbourhood Policing, brought about as a result in changing patterns of crime and resources available to the Police.

- Whilst there had been a decline in the number of burglaries and thefts from vehicles, there had been an increase in sexual crime and domestic violence – with internet crime becoming a major problem. Demands on Police time had also increased in respect of missing people and elderly/vulnerable members of the community.
- She was in charge of a team of some 150 Police officers and, with the assistance of modern technology, was ensuring that contact with the Police and response times were as effective as possible. This team covered all aspects of crime, thus avoiding the need to bring in outside resources.
- In addition to making contact with the Police by telephone (999 for emergencies and 101 for less important matters) the Police were increasingly using the various forms of social media – with full details being shown on the Surrey Police website.
- Local Neighbourhood Policing would be maintained through the use of visible dedicated Police officers, but it would not be possible to guarantee attendance at local meetings except in the case of specific crime issues. On being advised of the date of the Association's AGM, Insp. Austin stated that Police representation might be possible.
- In answer to questions raised, Insp. Austin noted that under the new structure she would have more Police vehicles available to her team and that she was not aware of any plans to close Reigate Police Station.
- It was agreed that Insp. Austin would provide a summary of these various changes by way of an article for inclusion in the next Association newsletter.

Matters for Councillors:

In the absence of any of the Borough or County councillors there were no matters for discussion. However, it was noted that both the continued fly-tipping of rubbish at the Stubbs Lane recycling point and the placement of a sign relating to the time-limited parking of vehicles outside The Grange would both have been raised.