



AGM for HDNWA

4th November 10 - 12 am

Possible Attendees: Andrew Moffat (AM) Arthur Carden (AC) Ken Broomfield (KB) Martin Bruton (MB) Pete Hansen (PH) Jackie Reader (JR) Roger Noel (RN) Derrick Frost (DF) Mary Irons (MI) Carol Boniface (CB) Graham Beesley, Various Wardens (names added below) Nick Jenkins (NJ) Derek Pratt MBE (DP) (JW) A/Inspector Jason Stanley, Sergeant Chris Moloney (CM) Apologies: Gill Muncey, Penny Groome, Sara Stanborough, Fran Davis and John Wright MBE

1. Exchange welcomes and Introductions. Review of our successes AM
2. Review/Approval of the minutes from the previous AGM MB
3. Presentation of the Association accounts KB
 - a. Highlights from the previous year/sign-off by independent verifier KB
 - b. Vote to {re}select the independent verifier 1st September – 31st August 2022/23 ALL
4. *Amendments to wording in the HDNWA Constitution, to discuss MB
 - a. Clarify the function of an Executive Committee Meeting & Workshops MB
 - b. Add Workshops & Projects Leader to the Executive Committee roles MB
5. Re-election of existing Committee Members/nominees to the committee ALL

Election from the Committee /nominees to any of the Executive positions -

(Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Liaison Officer, Treasurer, Workshops & Projects Leader)
Subject to an agreement at 4b above.
6. Police overview of the year JS
7. Open discussion of the HDNWA's future goals KB/ALL
8. AOB ALL



4. * Please note that we wish to discuss if amendments are needed to the Constitution that these are discussed at Committee Meetings in the future and thereby signed off. This will if agreed, be a change, as previously, all changes to the Constitution were only made at an AGM. MB will propose.

***Key:

AC(s) – Area Coordinator(s)

MC(s) – Main Coordinator(s)

HDNWA – Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association (The H for home, has now been dropped, used to be HDNHWA.)

Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association - New website 2022:

<https://www.horshamnhw.org.uk>

Our mailbox: horshamnhw@gmail.com

A Committee Meeting will follow the AGM, everyone is very welcome to attend



Minutes from the HDNWA AGM held via ZOOM
4th November 2022 at 10 am.

Attendees: Andrew Moffat, Arthur Carden, Ken Broomfield, Martin Bruton, Pete Hansen, Jackie Reader, Roger Noel, Derrick Frost, Mary Irons, Peter Wood, Graham Beasley, Carol Boniface, Derek Pratt, A/Inspector Jason Stanley, Sergeant Chris Maloney, Kamlesh Bala, Lee Pratt, John Evans, Rob Hunt, Louisa Hull, Ross Phillips, Julie Green, Barrie Faust, Bettina Long, Maria Colenso and Charles Nell.

Apologies: John Wright, Gill Muncey, Penny Groom, Sara Stanborough, Fran Davis and Diane Morrison and Janice Brown, District Engagement Officer.

1. The meeting opened at 1000hrs, Martin Bruton welcomed everyone and handed over to AM. AM thanked MB for organizing the meeting and everyone for attending including A/Insp JS and CB Head of Wardens. AM spoke about his ten years as Chair. He also expressed his thanks to everyone on the committee and those associated with it, PW, Police, PCSOs, Neighbourhood Wardens (NWDs) and Coordinators including retiring Coordinators Barrie & Trisha Lane.
2. The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by MI and seconded by KB and unanimously approved by those present.
3. a) KB talked through the accounts and donations from the Co-op and other small donations from Southwater Christmas Fayre and West Chiltington Village Show. The accounts were proposed by KB, seconded by JR and approved by those present. These were also independently verified.
b) A vote was taken to re-elect the verifier for the next financial year 1st Sept 2022 – 31 August 2023. All approved and agreed. Please see **Appendix A** for the accounts and a copy of the verification signature.
4. The amendments to the wording in HDNWA Constitution were briefly discussed. The changes made were proposed by MB and seconded by MI and approved by those present. We also agreed to add the W/P Leader role to the executive roles and the new wording for Honorary President.
5. The elections were passed as follows:
KB as Chair, proposed by MB and seconded by MI
PH as Vice Chair, proposed by MB and seconded by KB
MB as Secretary, proposed by KB and seconded by MI
MI as Liaison Officer, proposed by PH and seconded by MB
MI as Workshop and Projects Leader, proposed by KB and seconded by MB.
JR, RN, AM & AC to stay on the committee



6. A/Insp JS then gave an overview of the year. He thanked AM for his work over the last ten years. He mentioned the various activities and successes in the Horsham district. There has been a 4.9% reduction in crime over the last year, resulting in Horsham becoming the second safest area in Sussex. There are no identified drug lines at the moment and no serious knife crimes. Operation Unify is in place and is a temporary solution to investigating uninvestigated crimes. He suggested using the anti-social behaviour category for reporting speeding/noisy cars. Jason will arrange with the system guys to add an extra miscellaneous category, this will enable online reporting if the number plate is unknown. The A24 situation is not an easy fix. Jason liked the idea of the prompter card for residents to remember to lock cars, etc. Jason praised the work of the NWDs and PCSOs and felt this collective approach was working well. The police are also working closely with schools. He reported that cybercrime is now a problem and PW offered his help and assistance. {JS provided MI with a link to cybercrime information, which has been forwarded to the team and added to the website.} Sergeant Chris Maloney also provided helpful guidance on a range of subjects. He also urged people to remain vigilant at this time of year as shoplifters are likely to be prevalent. Everyone needs reminding to check doors, windows and cars are locked when either leaving or returning home. Use 999 for emergencies, use 101 for non-emergencies - online reporting is a faster method.

CB mentioned the NWDs are doing a good job of keeping crime down in their areas. The NWDs were introduced, Julie Green & Barry Faust, Billingshurst, Bettina Long - Southwater), Maria Colenso & Charles Nell (Horsham – which for NHW includes - Forest, Trafalgar & Denne) and Louisa Hull, Ross Phillips - (Pulborough). Carol mentioned she was pleased Jason recognised the impact of the NWDs and it was worth noting that crime figures in those areas with NWDs were lower than those areas without them. NWDs encourage everyone to report crime and in some instances, they will assist them. Roger mentioned that Parishes prefer not to extend their role into Policing. Nick Jenkins is investigating this further. Parishes are to be encouraged to join the NWDs' scheme

DP raised a question about rogue traders and JS explained that offences are difficult to prove and investigate. DP has put in for funding and awaits a reply. DP mentioned if Parish Councillors wished they can be added to the Alert system.

7. KB thanked Jason & Chris for their comments and reports. KB gave a glowing tribute to AM for his ten years of work as Chair. Andrew leaves the Association as a trusted and respected association. His calm and serene stature has meant he is the glue that has cemented us together. He also felt the Committee were very proactive and doing sterling work for the community. KB thanked all members of the committee for their contributions and PW for all the work and support throughout the year with various technical queries and design of the website and ongoing work.



8. AOB. DP apologised on behalf of John Wright who was unable to attend. He also praised HDNWA for all their work. DP also bestowed on Andrew a great tribute.

John Evans said he is grateful for the Alert messages. John requested a copy of the 'How to report crime' form. AP MI to send to JE. Completed 06/11/22.

All members expressed their many thanks to Andrew Moffat.

The meeting closed at 11.29hrs.

Key:

Police Community Support Officers – PCSOs

Neighbourhood Wardens – NWDs

Action Point(s) - (APs)

Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association - HDNWA

Initials for everyone are shown on the agenda page.