

# **BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM**

**Thursday 22 November 2018  
Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way,  
Rochdale**

## **MINUTES**

**Present** B. Hudson (Chair), F. Hamer, B. Frost, D. Frost, K. Huggett, K. Khan, R. Coles, R. Yasmeen and D. Hall

**Councillors:** Jane Howard, Angela Smith and Pat Sullivan

**Officers:** Rochdale Borough Council: S. Hay (Townships)

**Apologies:** B. Goodwin, L. Stansfield, G. Birch and M. Hamer

### **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

Introductions were made and all were welcomed to the meeting.

### **2. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Chair referred to the code of conduct and asked all to abide by the code for the duration of the meeting.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 23 August 2018 were agreed and the following updates were given:

#### **Fly tipping**

Public Realm Inspector, Diane Lodwig, has continued to remove all reported fly tipping from around the Holborn Street area and all the bins left out have had enforcement tickets placed on them. Rubbish dumped near Derrick Walker Court has all been removed.

#### **Cotton Lane water problem**

Following the clear up of Cotton Lane and removal of the further dumped rubbish, Rochdale Council's Rights of Way Officer has submitted a Project Brief to resurface the lane, which will be put forward for funding.

#### **Roch Valley Way speed survey**

Following the speed survey on Roch Valley Way, Highways have been asked to consider installing the central traffic island referred to in the report on safety grounds given the results, to create a gateway and pinch point to slow traffic down.

#### **Blocked drains**

The blocked drain on Old Manchester Road in Sudden Village outside the bookmakers was further investigated, cleared and replaced.

## Manchester Road and Law Street junction parking restrictions

Parking Services were asked to conduct enforcement visits at the junction of Manchester Road and Law Street where regulations were persistently being contravened throughout the day with vehicles obstructing sight lines exiting the junction and making it dangerous.

### 4. POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

PC Giblin introduced himself as the new Neighbourhood Officer for the area. Since 7 November 2018 he is part of the new Neighbourhood Team including a new Inspector and Sergeant, to coincide with a change in response shifts to maximise staffing levels and allow targeted policing.

He was unable to attend but supplied the crime statistics from 20 August 2018 to date:

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Burglary dwelling	4	6	17	5	33
The main Modus Operandi of the burglaries being smashing rear patio doors, the prime time being between 4pm to 8pm and 2am to 4am. Primary target area was Bagslate Moor Road, Birdy Estate, Bury Road and War Office Road. A lot were attempts. The last recorded burglary was on 11 November 2018.					
Theft in dwelling	1	1	0	0	2
Both were insecure premises.					
Criminal damage	2	6	8	9	25
Primary area is Marland, time is late evening, various targets, throwing stones at dwellings and damaging vehicles.					
Theft from motor vehicle	2	7	4	4	17
Mostly Bury Road and Marland, some vehicles insecure, various times of day.					
Theft of motor vehicle	0	1	4	0	5
Various beats and times.					

A targeted Burglary Operation is ongoing involving staff from other areas, plain clothes patrols and both liveried and non-liveried police vehicles, hi visibility patrols, leaflet cocooning, liaison with Home Watch coordinators, use of social media, Force Intelligence Officers and analysts and a lot of CCTV attained.

One prolific male burglar in the Norden and Shawclough areas was arrested on 22 October 2018 and remanded in custody and due for sentencing next week. Over the weekend of 11 November 2018 two males, from out of the area, were arrested in Norden for an attempted break in. They are believed to be part of a bigger team using two vehicles. There have been no burglaries since these arrests.

Residents from Springbank Lane recently held a residents meeting with Police and Councillors which resulted in the sharing of information and the setting up of a What's App Group where residents are now able to pass messages, look out for each other and be aware of when one is away from home. This initiative was thought to be an excellent model which others could emulate.

Burglaries will remain a priority for the foreseeable future.

The need to be aware of vehicle security was expressed; do not leave valuables or any item on display and check the vehicle is locked. Also ensure during the winter months not to leave vehicles unattended whilst defrosting.

Speed awareness operations in the area will take place and anyone wanting to volunteer to conduct a Community Speed Watch is welcome.

Enforcement of vehicles parked on footpaths was explained, namely where parking restrictions are in place it is the responsibility of Rochdale Council's Civilian Enforcement Officers and where no restrictions are in place the Police can enforce where an obstruction is being caused or a vehicle is

parked in a dangerous position.

Online PACT meetings will continue; the next date is yet to be set.

The monthly Communication Newsletter now being produced by the Police was welcomed and it is effective in letting the community know what is going on.

## **5. OPEN FORUM**

### **Manchester Road planter**

A resident commented that the newly installed planter at the entrance to old Manchester Road, as lovely as it looks, when in full bloom obstructs the street sign, which is not visible from the main road. Environmental Management will be informed and they will be asked to consider types of planting to not cause obstruction or possibly moving the street sign.

### **Cotton Lane overgrowth**

A request to have the nettles and shrubbery obstructing the lower end of Cotton Lane, where it is narrow from Lancashire Wallpapers up to where it widens, to be cut back and cleared will be made.

### **Springfield Park**

Ward Councillors are working together with the Friends of Springfield Park and Environmental Management to restore the park and create a programme of works with a view to obtaining Green Flag status.

### **Dog fouling problem**

Councillor Howard is working with residents and Rochdale Council's Enforcement to solve the problem of dog fouling in the ginnel at the rear Mayfair Gardens and Finsbury Street.

### **In Bloom Awards**

Roch Valley Educational Partnership won an outstanding award for the fourth year in a row from North West In Bloom for their award winning outdoor learning site which has been reclaimed from disused land that was previously plagued by fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. Work will continue to improve the site further, and should they achieve an outstanding award next year they will receive special recognition.

Derrick Walker Court won their first outstanding award.

### **Street Cleaning Team**

Thanks were given to Rochdale Council's Street Cleaning Team for their regular hard work in Sudden Village.

### **Brimrod Lane issues**

There is currently a lot of unrest on Brimrod Lane which the Police are aware of and dealing with.

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**6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21 February 2019 at 6.30pm in Brimrod Methodist Church