

CSC 6/4/22

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.00 PM

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Peter Harris – Chairman  
Councillor Peter Harman– Vice-Chairman  
Councillor Emma Ben Moussa  
Councillor Lorna Cross  
Councillor Lesley Howes

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer  
Billy Unsworth – Kent County Council Community Warden  
Tony Henley – Dartford Borough Council (DBC) Community Safety Unit (CSU)

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Anita Barham

**418/21-22. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.**

The Chairman explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

**419/21-22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sue Butterfill, due to other commitments.

Councillor Jay Shah had previously received dispensation from attending meetings for a six-month period commencing 9 December 2021 (minute 315/21-22).

An apology was also received from Martin Smith (DBC – Parking Enforcement), David Mote (DBC Borough Councillor – Greenhithe) and PCSO Alan Mitchell (Kent Police)

**Recommended:**

That the reasons for absence, for the Councillors listed, be formally accepted, and approved.

**420/21-22. SUBSTITUTES.**

There were none.

**421/21-22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

***As per Standing Order 34 c) the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business being transacted at the meeting.***

**422/21-22. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.**

The ATC/RFO reminded those present that no case specific detail, names, and addresses, should be discussed during the public section of the meeting.

**423/21-22. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2021**

**Recommended:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 December 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

**424/21-22. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.**

PCSO's Digby-Baker, Mitchell and Lewis were absent but had provided the monthly update reports for September and October on recent activity and investigations undertaken in the areas of Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

**Recommended:** That the reports be noted.

**425/21-22. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.**

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on matters he had been involved with in the area, including safeguarding, welfare support, CCTV advice, underage vaping and a human faeces complaint prosecution.

**Recommended:** That the report be noted and KCC Warden Unsworth be thanked for his attendance.

**426/21-22. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.**

Local schools – Councillor Emma Ben Moussa updated on recent parking issues highlighted at Swanscombe Health Centre involving parents from Manor Community Primary School. A visit was also scheduled for later this month to Tunbridge Wells to look at a scheme of road closures around schools.

Kent Fire Service – Councillor Peter Harman updated that he was due to attend a meeting on 18 February where the Fire Service would be setting their budget for the coming year.

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) – The Chairman updated that he had attended a recent meeting with the CEO of EDC regarding the vehicle accessway from the development area onto Mounts Road. It had been assured that this would be closed in June / July this year when it was no longer needed for emergency purposes. At the same time the additional traffic island installed for this entrance would be removed.

Neighbourhood Watch – The Chairman updated that a recent meeting of the Ingress Park Neighbourhood Watch had taken place, and the ongoing issues of double yellow lines and anti-social behaviour and been raised.

Community Speed Watch – The Chairman updated that no recent activity had occurred due to the weather, but that it was hoped the group would receive a speed gun as opposed to the freestanding speed indication device as this was better suited to inclement conditions.

DBC CSU – Tony Henley updated that work was continuing across the Borough to address shop lifting which included incidents raised at the Swanscombe Co-Op. An update was provided on the joint approach to working with troubled families and a discussion held on e-scooters and nuisance vehicles.

**Recommended:** That those who provided reports be thanked and the information be noted.

427/21-22. **DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CRIME STATISTICS FOR SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.**

Members were provided and discussed the up-to-date detailed analysis of crime figures for Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

**Recommended:** That the information be noted.

428/21-22. **DARTFORD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY PRIORITIES – PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2022.**

Members were sent a copy of the consultation questionnaire that had previously been emailed to members on 7 February 2022 and can be viewed electronically at <https://www.dartford.gov.uk/community-safety/community-safety-partnership>

Tony Henley (DBC) (CSU) advised that the consultation was targeting individual responses as opposed to the opinion of groups and organisations

**Recommended:** That no response be submitted to this consultation.

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Date

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## Greenhithe and Knockhall

February 2022

Information provided by: PCSO Alan Mitchell Dartford CSU

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### Crimes of note:

- 01.02.2022 – Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle – Carmichael Avenue – bike taken from communal rack
- 04.02.2022 – Theft of Mail – Capability Way – delivered package empty
- 04.02.2022 – Other Criminal Damage to a Vehicle – High Street – vehicle kicked by unknown suspects
- 05.02.2022 – Interference with a Motor Vehicle – Dial Close – attempt to cut lock/chain
- 09.02.2022 – Theft if not Classified Elsewhere – The Boulevard – theft of a parcel from outside property
- 09.02.2022 – Attempted Other Criminal Damage – Vaughan Avenue – eggs thrown at property
- 11.02.2022 – Theft from a Motor Vehicle – Knockhall Chase - number plates removed
- 14.02.2022 – Theft of a Motor Vehicle – Bean Road – car stolen overnight
- 15.02.2022 – Theft from a Motor Vehicle – Lane Avenue – number plates removed
- 17.02.2022 – Other Criminal Damage to a Vehicle - Barge Court – passenger side door dented
- 17.02.2022 – Theft from a Motor Vehicle – Cresswell Road – jacket taken from vehicle
- 17.02.2022 – Attempted Robbery – Ingress Park Avenue – attempted mugging
- 19.02.2022 – Theft from a Motor Vehicle – High Street – number plates removed
- 19.02.2022 – Theft from a Motor Vehicle – Bean Road – number plates removed
- 22.02.2022 – Theft from the Person – The Avenue – bag grabbed by suspect on a pushbike
- 24.02.2022 – Theft of a Motor Vehicle – Manor Way – unknown suspects stole vehicle
- 26.02.2022 – Other Criminal Damage to a Vehicle – St. Clements Road – 3 tyres stabbed and deflated



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## Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- Nuisance vehicles - Crossways Boulevard – regular patrols of the area following multiple calls
- Nuisance Youths – ASDA Greenhithe – regular patrols of the area

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## Items of good work:



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Kent Police Dartford @KentPoliceDart - Feb 9

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PCSO Mitchell has cycled through Ingress Park on his way back to the office with 11 miles completed so far. #KeepingDartfordSafe #KeepPedalling AM



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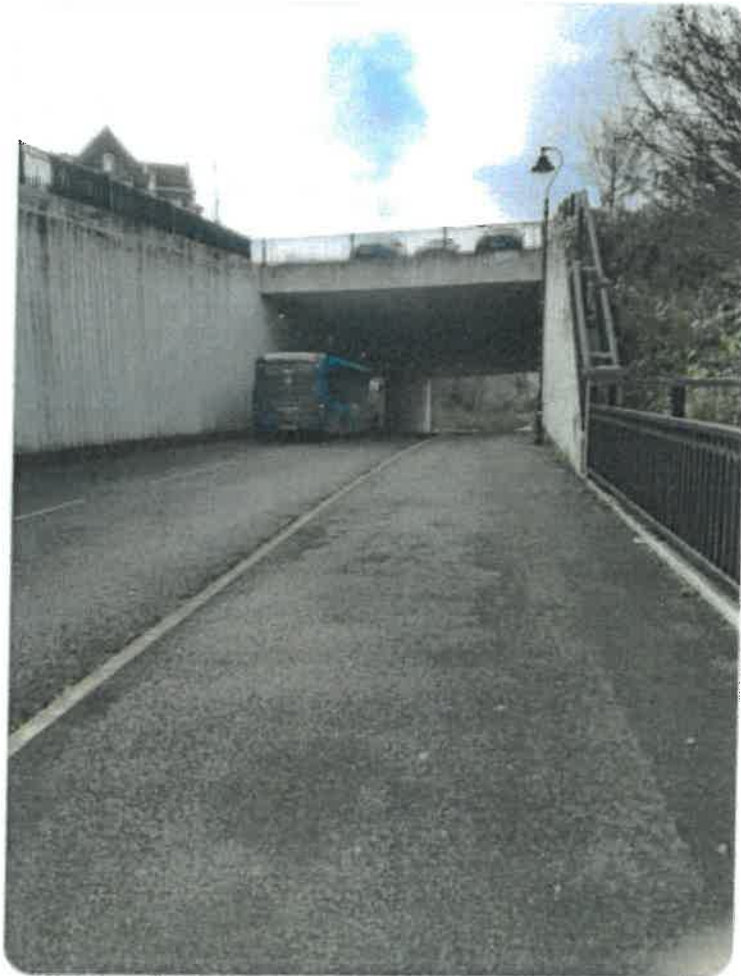
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PCSO Digby-Baker is currently on foot patrol in Greenhithe, keeping eyes out for anyone driving down the bus route between Greenhithe Station and Ingress Park. #KeepingOurRoadSafe #KentPolice #StaySafe TDB



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February 1<sup>st</sup> –  
February 28<sup>th</sup>  
2022

## Swanscombe

Information provided by: PCSO Tilly Digby-Baker

### Crimes of note:

- 05/02 – Attempted vehicle theft – Craylands Lane – Address attended and Report Created
- 06/02 – Vehicle Theft – Castle Street
- 06/02 – Theft of Parcel – Swanscombe Street
- 07/02 – Theft of Mobile Phone – Ebbsfleet Academy, Southfleet Road
- 15/02 – Theft from Motorvehicle – Broomfield Road
- 19/02 – Theft from Motorvehicle – High Street - Under Investigation
- 25/02 – Theft from Motorvehicle – High Street – Under investigation

### Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- 01/02 – Nuisance Vehicle – Alkerden Lane - Patrols attended and area search conducted
- 03/02 – Abandoned Vehicle – Sweyne Road – Registered owner of the vehicle identified, and vehicle secured.
- 03/02 – Nuisance Vehicle – Manor Road – Patrols attended, and area search conducted
- 06/02 – Nuisance Vehicle – London Road
- 10/02 – Nuisance Youths – High Street
- 10/02 – Nuisance Vehicle – Southfleet Road – Patrols attended, and area search conducted
- 28/02 – Nuisance Vehicle – Bodle Avenue



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## Items of good work:

- 06/02 – Stop and search – Manor Road – Male stopped and search, male was in possession of cannabis. Vehicle he was stopped in was also search and large kitchen knife was located in the front passenger footwell.
- 11/02 – Nuisance Youth – High Street – Youth linked to crime report for theft identified on CCTV
- 17/02 – Nuisance Youth – High Street – Youths linked to attempt theft crime report and identified on CCTV
- Throughout the month local patrols have been paying particular attention to Keary Road / Munford Drive / at drop off and pick up times for the school, this is due to ongoing parking issues. Multiple warnings and warning notices have been issued.

## Scam awareness:

- A - Never Assume a caller, email or text is genuine.
- B - Never Believe a caller, email or text is genuine.
- C - Always Confirm by contacting a trusted number or team like Action Fraud, a family member, friend or your bank's fraud department to check if it's genuine.

Please if you hear of someone that has become a victim of a scam encourage them to report it immediately at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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**Coronavirus Scam Warning**  
**Watch out for these fake Tesco emails**

Action Fraud has received 26 reports about fake emails that purport to be from Tesco. The emails claim that the respondent is offering free vouchers during the coronavirus lockdown. The risk is the email leads to a generic-looking phishing website that is designed to steal bank details as well as personal and financial information.

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### Overview

#### Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Jan 2022

**Violence and sexual offences 40**

**Anti-social behaviour 15**

**Shoplifting 11**

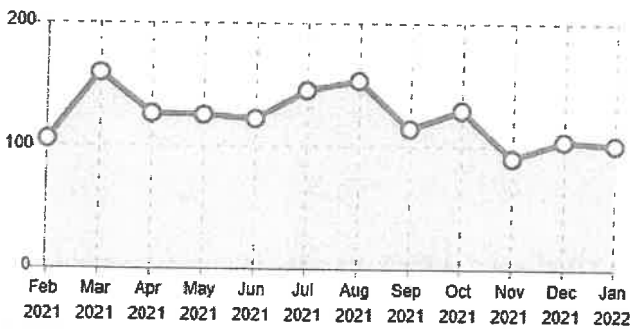
**Burglary 9**

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#### Crime levels overview

Crime for last year

#### Crime per Month



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## Crime levels overview

Month	Total	Percentage
Feb 2021	105	7.1%
Mar 2021	159	10.8%
Apr 2021	126	8.6%
May 2021	125	8.5%
Jun 2021	122	8.3%
Jul 2021	145	9.8%
Aug 2021	153	10.4%
Sep 2021	114	7.7%
Oct 2021	129	8.8%
Nov 2021	90	6.1%
Dec 2021	104	7.1%
Jan 2022	101	6.9%

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- **Priority:**

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**Action taken:**

No update available

Actioned 23 March 2021

^ **Meetings and events**

There are no meetings or events scheduled.

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### Overview

#### Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Jan 2022

**Violence and sexual offences 29**

**Anti-social behaviour 11**

**Criminal damage and arson 5**

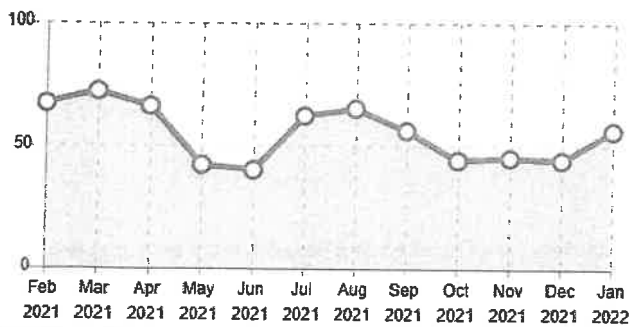
**Burglary 3**

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#### Crime levels overview

Crime for last year

#### Crime per Month



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Crime levels overview

Month	Total	Percentage
Feb 2021	67	10.2%
Mar 2021	72	10.9%
Apr 2021	66	10%
May 2021	42	6.4%
Jun 2021	40	6.1%
Jul 2021	62	9.4%
Aug 2021	65	9.9%
Sep 2021	56	8.5%
Oct 2021	44	6.7%
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