



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chair: Laurie Bell email: chair@yourmra.org

Virtual Executive Committee Meeting at 8.00pm on Monday 19th July 2021

Present: Laurie Bell (LB) (in the chair)
Sally Babi (SB) Robert Blanks (RB) Astrid Chklar (AC)
Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RM-B)

In attendance: Cllr David Cartwright (DC) Cllr Matt Hartley (MH),
Lesley Robins (LR)
Graham Soars and Robert Lawrie (observers)

Apologies: Carol Borhani, Jane Cornish, James Martin, Cllr John Hills, Cllr Roger Tester

MRA 21-464- Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2021 were approved as an accurate record. LB welcomed RL and GS as observers to the meeting. He also welcomed back LR who was re-elected unanimously to the Executive.

MRA 21- 465 Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

465-1 Village Sign(s)

LB has contacted the Foundry three times, so far without success. He will try again.

465-2 Greenwich Ward Boundary changes

There should be a positive decision on 03.08.21

465-3 Flooding problems nr the memorial roundabout:

The water main has been leaking since early July and has been reported to both Bromley and Thames water. There is another leak at the bottom of Mottingham Lane. This is a Thames Water issue. The water cock is either leaking or has not been closed off properly. DC was asked to pursue, although he noted Thames Water's reluctance to deal with such leaks during the day due to the need to partially close the road.

465 - 4 Constitution review; Deferred until next meeting

465- 5 Contact Bromley re refuse collections: Done, no response.

MRA 21-466 - Representative Reports

466-1 Police, Bromley

No police representation however a Ward status update from P C Fenton was circulated to Committee members on 22nd June, copy to be attached as appendix A to the Minutes for the record. The Bromley Police are not allowed to use Zoom, only Teams. For the Ward, there are currently two constables, one of whom may be leaving and an acting sergeant, who may also be leaving.

There is an effort to resurrect Ward Panel meetings. At the next Ward Panel meeting, terms of reference and draft objectives, (to reflect local and London Mayor priorities), will be agreed.

466-2 Police, Greenwich

The police have been doing a good job during the pandemic. The Safer Neighbourhood Panel is being reinvigorated. Its first meeting will be on 2nd August. An invitation to attend will be extended to the MRA.

466-3 Bromley Residents Federation.

The latest update was circulated to Committee members on 13th July. The most recent meeting was postponed again. The next meeting will be on 11.09.21. There is generally little concerning this end of the Borough.

466 – 4 Planning, Bromley

ClIr DC noted that the recent changes in ‘permitted developments’ have resulted in lots of applications to convert houses into HMOs.. Developers are buying small properties to convert to multiple accommodation. For example, a two bedroom house has been converted to accommodate 6/8 bedrooms. ClIr DC also referenced a similar proposal at 35 Hartsmead Road, (Greenwich – see below) The view is that national guidelines should revert to being local council guidelines and local MPs are taking the issue up in Parliament.

33 Devonshire Road – application refused. There is to be an appeal, the grounds for which are unclear.

68 Grove Park Road – application refused

Eltham College – application for a new Astro turf hockey pitch has been approved, but concerns remain about lighting being on until late – 10.00pm, Monday to Friday and 9.00pm Saturday and Sunday.

Capel Manor College – application received. There are some really impressive plans for improved buildings and better use of the green space. The plans are contained within the Bromley boundary. Students will use public transport or cycle in. It is proposed that the grounds will be more open to the local community and plants grown by the students will be made available for sale rather than scrapped as is currently the case. Some courses may also be open to the local community. Committee members are in full support of this application.

466-5 Planning, Greenwich

1-34 West Park – application refused.

2-35 Hartsmead – application to turn into an HMO with 11 ‘residences’, including converting a ‘shed’ in the garden. Greenwich planning do seem quite good at controlling such excesses.

3-Application to turn the Flower Boutique in Court Road into a takeaway. Situation misrepresented with a claim that there is only 1 takeaway in the range of shops conveniently ignoring the 5 or 6 in the other range of shops along Mottingham Road. (*Post meeting note-application refused*)

4- Application to install a telephone mast complete with 4 instrument boxes on the Green in Front of Porcupine Close. See item 12 B below. (*post meeting note – application refused*)

466- 6 Festive Lights

Liz Keable has asked to stand down from the Festive Lights Committee. There is a healthy balance of £6115 carried forward and the Committee will need to meet before the end of August to decide on this year’s programme. Lights could be extended to the Grove Park roundabout and lights put on the trees on the green by Porcupine Close. Two lamp columns still appear not to be powered, one in Greenwich and one by the BP garage in Bromley. DC was asked to follow up on the Bromley one.

MRA 21-467 Committee Membership/workload/positions

These issues need to be tackled at the AGM. Some changes are likely. LR may take over from RB as Secretary.

LB will not be seeking re-election as Chair, but will stay on as an Exec Cttee member and Treasurer if re-elected. Information about important areas that need to be covered will be outlined in the notice for the AGM.

MRA 21-468 Chair’s Report

Nothing further to report.

MRA 21-469 Treasurer’s Report

Nothing further to report since the last meeting. The accounts will be attached to the minutes of that meeting. Signatories need to be changed – this will be done after the AGM.

MRA 21-470 alternative methods of paying subscriptions

This is still to be resolved. At the moment, it is agreed that road stewards will be provided with the Association's bank details, if residents are unable to pay cash or wish to use an alternative method of payment. It had previously been agreed that the subscription fee should be raised to £3.00. Additional funds from subscriptions could go towards an improved magazine or to having planters in Mottingham. Bromley Council will pay for their installation but not their maintenance. DC reports that some shop owners are willing to maintain planters outside their premises. This is to be pursued.

MRA – 21-471 Membership Secretary's Report, inc Section splits.

R M-B has done a survey of the sections. Some people have a heavy workload. There are significant vacancies. We need at least 4 or 5 new collectors. It was agreed that the next newsletter/notice of the AGM should ask for volunteers.

MRA – 21- 472 DRIS Update – No progress to report.

MRA 21-473 Porcupine Update – Appeal lodged

There is no date set for the appeal to be heard. There is currently a long backlog of appeals. Cttee members are urged to note any accidents or dangerous incidents at or near the roundabout and to pass on any information to DC so that this information can be used to fight the appeal. Statistics showed only a handful of accidents near the site but following enquiries it was noted that the bollard on the corner had been re-erected or replaces almost 50 times over a five-year period.

MRA 21- 474 Timing, Structure of 2021 AGM and Officer positions of the MRA

Dates for the AGM and an additional executive meeting to prepare for it were agreed. LB to circulate information about vacancies and roles to be filled.

MRA 21- 475 Local issues & Members' Concerns;

a) Eric Liddell centre

A copy of a letter from the school to Centre members was provided by JM and circulated to the committee ahead of the meeting. Copy to be attached to the Minutes for reference. Committee members were very disappointed by the content of his letter. Whilst it is very difficult to argue against the 'safeguarding' aspects, it was considered that the proposed changes were excessive and concern was expressed that community engagement by the College seems to have declined significantly over the past few years, although it was recognised that JM sits on and makes a positive contribution to the Executive. DC has another meeting planned with the Head master, when he will discuss the matter and see if a compromise can be reached. A letter also to be sent to the Chair of Governors

b) Phone Mast at Porcupine Close

No objection in principle but they could be better disguised and the boxes that go with it are unsightly. Alternative sites should be looked at. It may be worth exploring whether the mast could be located in the grounds of the Church in Leysdown Road. St Albans has a mast and gains an annual income of £12,000. Cllr MH will pursue.

MRA – 21-476 Any Other Business

1. Please could members send copy, including dates of upcoming local events, for the next newsletter to R M-B as soon as possible.
2. It was noted that a serious accident in Mottingham Road was the result of a young motor cyclist, known for reckless driving, hitting a car whilst doing a ‘wheelie’ down the road. The motorcyclist had no protective clothing but was not seriously hurt. He also had no tax or insurance.
3. There will be a horticultural show on 28th August at Eltham College.
4. Cllr MH thanked the MRA and residents for their support regarding the proposed Greenwich Boundary Ward changes. A final decision is expected on August 3rd and it is hoped that the change will incorporate the name of Mottingham in the new structure.

MRA- 21 – 467 Date of Next Executive Meeting(s),

Thursday 16th September 2021 8.00pm at the Chris Mumbray Hall

Thursday 25th November 2021

AGM 13th October, 7.00pm in St Andrews Church Hall

(Post meeting note: due to availability of the Hall the AGM will now be held at 7pm on Thursday 21st October 2021)

Appendix A

MOTTINGHAM & CHISLEHURST NORTH WARD Update

Team Updates

The team has changed since we last met, your local ward officers are as follows;

Acting Police Sergeant – Sam Garrett
Police Constable – Adam Fenlon
Police Constable – Chris Blake
Police Community Support Officer – Sue Kennedy

Ward Priorities

Due to it being quite some time since our last meeting, we feel new priorities need to be set once the full panel is approved.

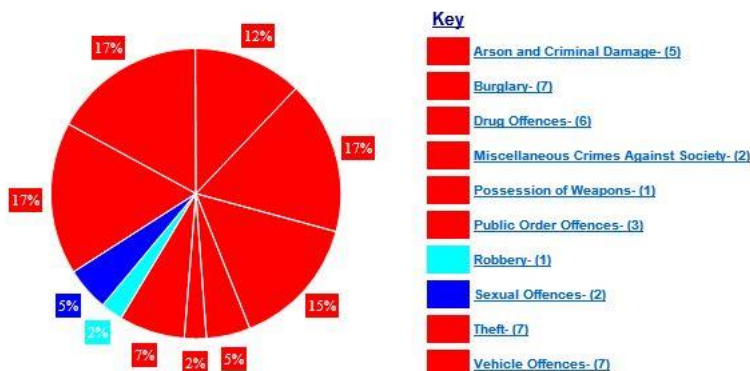
There is usually 3 priorities that we would focus on with the Police setting the first. This can be discussed once this is up and running.

Crime

Below are two pie charts that show Total Notifiable Crimes for April 2020 and April 2021. As you can see Burglary is down as well as Theft.

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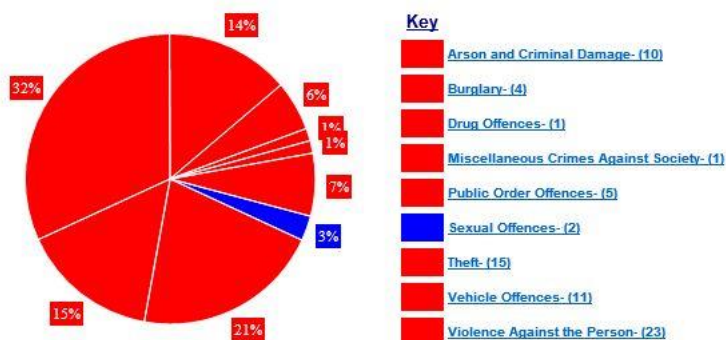
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Broken down by Crime type



Robbery(1 crimes - 2.44%)

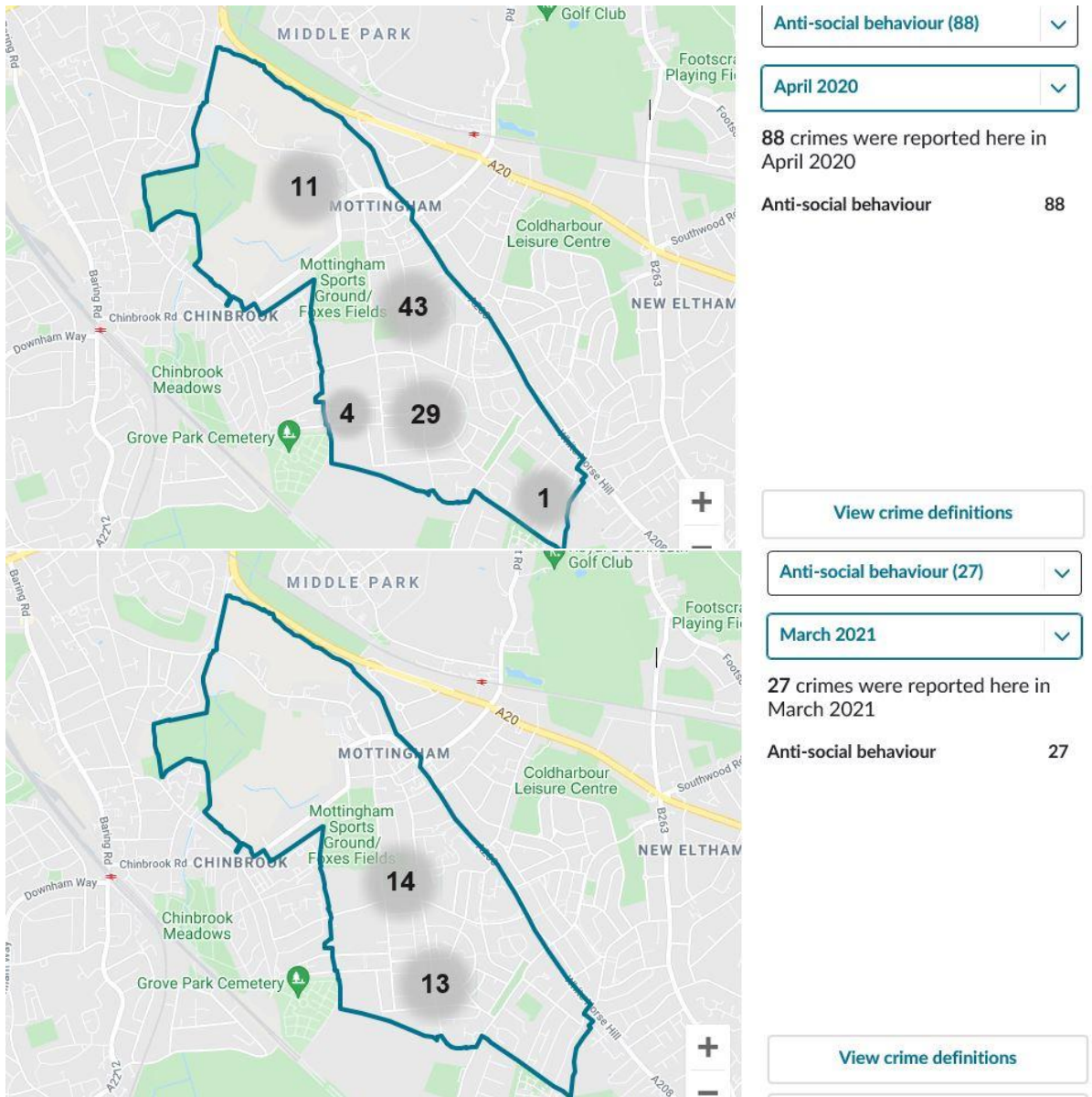
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Anti-Social behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour continues to be an issue specifically around Kimmeridge Road and smaller roads around the area. To combat this we have applied successfully for Dispersal Zones over the last few months on the weekends that we are on duty to combat this issue. This has given us greater powers and the ability to disperse people who are or maybe causing Anti-social behaviour. Officers in the last few weeks have dispersed a number of youths with Anti-social behaviour warnings being issued as well.



As you can see with regards to ASB from Apr 2020 and Mar 2021 (Apr Stats were not available at time of writing) reports of ASB have dropped. We Continue to Patrol the Hot Spot areas and will continue to use Dispersal Powers when Dispersal Zones are in effect.

Other Matters

Palace For Life Foundation

In recent months and with Lockdown guidelines slowly being eased I have been in talks with Palace for Life Foundation to introduce the Kickz Football Programme which I will be running. Palace are all set and ready to go and I await confirmation from the groundsman at Foxes Field as to whether we can use the goals on certain days. This was successful on my previous ward when I worked as a PCSO and helped to reduce ASB on the ward and build bridges with local youths. We hope to have this running in the coming weeks.

We continue to update residents through Twitter and Nextdoor, please follows on Twitter on @MPSMottChisNth and on Nextdoor we can be found under Bromley, Mottingham and Chislehurst North Ward.

I know this update is brief but hopefully we can meet at the next meeting provide you with a more detailed update.

Regards

Mottingham & Chilsehurst North SNT.

Appendix B



ELSC Letter to
Members Final 01072