

## Appendix 2

### Local Beat Officer; PC Andy Reid, Hampshire Constabulary:

#### Parish Assembly Ellisfield

REPORTED CRIME 2016	11
REPORTED CRIME 2017	10
REPORTED CRIME 2018	5

**2018** was the second year in succession that reported crime fell in this parish with a reduction of five on the previous ten reported in 2017.

The five crimes were two criminal damage offences, one being a car windscreen being smashed on New Year's Eve, a local female had enforcement taken against her for this offence which she admitted. The other criminal damage was poaching related. We also had one burglary dwelling offence for which a man was later arrested, an 'Other Crime' offence which was also detected and an attempted theft of a Land Rover from the field whilst its owner was working in a field driving the combine harvester. In all three of the five offences were detected.

Other incidents in the parish included a suspicious incident where an elderly resident reported someone knocking on his door in the early hours, a domestic related incident, and a concern for welfare where a local man had not been seen for a few days, but was found to have been admitted to hospital. We had an abandoned 999 call, two trees across parish roads, a suspicious vehicle linked with poaching, two other poaching incidents, and a dog seen in a car during the very hot weather.

I also had a report of a man taking photographs of houses then drove away when challenged. I carried out various enquiries and established that he was a professional photographer but suffered slight autism and so drove away when challenged. I also had reports of a builders van obstructing a narrow lane with his van so issued no waiting cones to keep the road clear. We also had a false / faulty burglar alarm activation.

Sadly we had a man who had been reported missing from Basingstoke who was found dead in his car in the parish.

### **2019**

We have attended 2 false burglar alarm activations, 2 reports of trees across roads, 1 abandoned 999 call - all in order, a suspicious vehicle seen at the Solar Farm in the early hours and a suspicious man with a dog seen in the same area in the early hours of the following day, and a drink driver.

#### Crime

1 Non dwelling burglary at renovated bungalow in Green Lane  
4 criminal damages, three to crops, 2 fences, 1 padlock & theft of sheep fencing & two batteries two £700.

I wish to thank all members of the Parish Council for their continued support to me and the Constabulary, to Rev. Stephen Mourant for his help and assistance within issues that come to my attention and of which the person needs further support for which he readily gives.

I also wish to thank all the local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in the parish and to Jane HANNAH in particular for her continued help and support as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and dealing with Parish Magazine articles.

## **Mark Ruffell, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor for Upton Grey and Candovers**

Councillor Ruffell expressed his disappointment that after 18 years as our borough councillor, he will not represent Ellisfield next year if the final recommendations for new council ward boundaries go ahead. It is his view that the changes will be difficult for landowners who have land in both wards and for schooling and policing issues across the borders.

He reported that although council tax in Basingstoke & Deane has increased, by £5 for a Band D property, it remains the lowest shire council tax in the country.

He acknowledged that the new contract for bin collections was unsatisfactory and unreliable, and he has suggested that there needs to be better communication with Parish Councils to inform residents of latest updates.

He reported on a number of on-going projects in the borough:

- The application for a new motorway service station south of the M3 at Junction 6 has not been decided. He has raised objections to the plan on grounds of safety and potential harm to the environment. It is still being considered by Highways England and if they reject it there is no possibility of it going ahead. Therefore, he is of the opinion that a delay waiting for their consideration is better than trying to rush through a decision.
- Cliddesden has now obtained a neighbourhood plan which, as Cabinet Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, he supported. He encouraged Ellisfield to consider this idea in order to provide some level of protection about planning decisions in the village.
- He has expanded his portfolio to include environmental issues, including allotments and nature reserves. He has redeveloped the Green Area Strategy to promote the enhancement of the environment to compensate for some of the harmful effects of new buildings.
- Councillor Ruffell was passionate about local policing. He commented that without frontline policing, trust in the police decreases and fear of crime increases. The police force is under-resourced and we need to continue to demand and argue for a permanent dedicated policeman.

The Chairman commented that EPC had investigated neighbourhood plans some time ago and had come to the conclusion that Ellisfield is too small to benefit. Councillor Ruffell offered to speak to the EPC about this if necessary.

## **Representatives of Ellisfield Village Organisations**

### **St Martin's Church and District Church Council**

Revd. Stephen Mourant, Associate Rector reported:

- . He and Revd. David Chattell serve the whole benefice between them, although most of his time is spent in Ellisfield, Cliddesden, Dummer and Farleigh.
- . Much work continues behind the scenes. This year there are 20 weddings across the benefice, which is a much higher number than the national average. Marriage preparation courses are given a high priority
- . A WC and kitchen area has been installed in St Leonard's church, Cliddesden and a few pews have been moved, which will enhance worship.
- . Stephen runs a fellowship group on Wednesday evenings for those wanting to go deeper in their Christian faith, and also runs Exploring Faith courses leading to confirmation, which have been well enjoyed, and if anyone is interested in knowing more please ask for details.
- . The parish playgroup for children up to 3 years old continues to meet on Friday mornings at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall and about 20 families are involved.
- . This year the snow caused significant damage to trees in St Martin's churchyard, which cost approximately £800 to sort out.
- . Stephen reminded the meeting that St Martin's church is a collection point for Basingstoke Food Bank which is part of the wider ministry of the church. Non perishable foods can be left in the basket in the church and the website gives details of specific items that are in short supply.

### **Belles of St Martin's Choir**

Theresa Webb, Choir Leader sent a written report:

The Belles had a very busy year last year performing in their 3rd Basingstoke Festival of Choirs concert at The Anvil which took place last September.

Together with various village church services, the choir was asked to perform as guest soloists with The Basingstoke Ladies Choir at The Mayor's Annual Christmas Carol Service at St Joseph's Church in Basingstoke. The choir sang John Rutter's Angel's Carol accompanied by The Heritage Light Orchestra.

The choir sang on Easter Sunday at St Martin's this year and on June 8th they will be singing at the Sherfield Fete. They have been invited to sing as a guest choir with The Tadley singers on July 6th. On August 3rd, together with The Heritage Light Orchestra, they will be performing at The Bell House for an outdoor Prom concert being organised by Adrian Hamilton, so a date not to be missed!

Theresa would like to thank all the ladies of the choir for their commitment and wonderful singing, and to Caroline and Sylvia, who play so beautifully and give up their time to rehearse with the choir. It is always appreciated and we couldn't do it without you.

### **Ellisfield Allotment Gardener's Association**

Vicky Reed sent a written report:

There is now only one vacant allotment space.

Veolia kindly donated a load of Pro Gro, which was collected by Tim Cooke. Also Chris Allen gave a load of manure. I would like to thank Chris and Tim very much for their generosity and help.

The Potato competition is happening again, and the "weigh in" will be at the end of July.

Everything looks flourishing on the allotments.

### **Ellisfield Ladies**

Diane Sandeman, Chairwoman, reported on behalf of the recently re-elected Ellisfield Ladies Club committee, along with Sue Self, Kim Evans and April Carroll. (This is our fourth year!)

Since last year's AGM, we've organised the following events:

- A Cookery Talk: A Grandmother's Legacy by Jenny Mallin;
- Ladies Club Lunch for Jane Evans to give her a good send-off and to wish her and John all the best in the future at their new home in Alton;
- Another Skittles evening at The Northbrook Arms;
- Wine Tasting Event here in the hall;
- Pig Racing Evening also here in the hall;
- Ellisfield Scarecrow Competition;
- Winchester Ghost Walk;
- 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 The Centenary Commemorations of WW1 event, organised by the Ellisfield Memorial Hall Committee with help from the other village clubs;
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018: Christmas Carols around the Village;
- Ellisfield Ladies' Puddings Evening.

This last year has seen club membership settled at **42 members**. We have tried to be inclusive with most of the events inviting partners, and families where we can.

The finances remain very healthy. We have been nibbling away at this by eg. paying for the hire of the hall for most events, to help in keeping costs down.

I'd like to once again say a very big THANK YOU to my fellow committee members April, Kim and Sue. It has been a real pleasure working with them again, their commitment and enthusiasm ensuring that we make a great team.

## Ellisfield Memorial Hall Committee

Ray Reed, Chairman, Ellisfield Memorial Hall Management Committee reported:

The Hall is coming to the end of a significant refurbishment thanks to a grant from Basingstoke and Deane. This includes;

New heating, new lighting, new kitchen, repair of internal window, repair of rear fire escape doors. fireproofing curtains including stage, some internal redecorating, and installation of a keysafe.

Purchase of an automatic external defibrillator (EAD), following advice from a Basingstoke A&E Consultant and the British Heart Foundation. An electrician has been appointed to install this. Training will then be arranged.

The County Council has recently unblocked the drainage pipes outside the hall. It is hoped that this will reduce the puddles in the car park after heavy rain.

A website has been established to facilitate bookings. There are currently 40 advance reservations, including 13 this month. We have had several requests from groups from outside Ellisfield such as walkers and cyclists to use parking and plumbing and they make a donation. Up and coming events .... the Wine Walk on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and the Hall Barbecue on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## Ellisfield Village Association

Dee Haas, Chair, reported:

The idea behind EVA has always been to hold expertise on planning issues and to campaign when needed.

Our mission is **To Protect, Appreciate and Enhance Ellisfield and its surrounding landscape.**

Thankfully last year was a quiet one for new developments in the Ellisfield area but we had to lend our support to Cliddesden when the village was threatened with a 40-house development on a flood plain in opposition to the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan.

We are also in touch with the group objecting to the M3 Service station proposed by Moto. We maintain a watching brief and some of us joined Maria Miller's protest against both this service station and the one near J7.

Nearer to home, we continue to monitor the three businesses in Bushywarren Lane and attend the Liaison Group meetings every quarter, chaired by Anna McNair-Scott. Our planning knowledge is increasing and our presence at these meetings is bearing fruit. The main issues to come up this year are as follows;

- **Noise from the solar farm;** a high-pitched whine when the sun is out and the wind is in a particular direction. This is caused by cooling fans in the invertors, which were not of high quality when installed. The owners and managers of the solar farm change regularly and each time Susie Deane, on behalf of EVA approaches them to ask them to dampen the noise and each time they investigate and find that doing the work would be too costly. This is the problem with a project built entirely as an investment on the back of a government grant.
- **AD Maize Harvest;** Barfoot have expressed a need to move maize transport away from farm tracks on to the public roads. This may be a good thing for safety reasons, although it will clog the roads. However, EVA is aware that the AD application would not have been passed if this had been the original transport plan. The AD was passed as being an on-farm digester. As a result of our careful monitoring of this issue, HCC have announced that Barfoot will have to submit a new application to change this condition
- **Veolia's proposal to continue operations beyond their original planning permission;** we have responded to a new planning application to extend operations on the existing site. We maintain that the site is **still** unsuitable for permanent development. Hampshire County Council originally granted permission for a limited period as " **The site is not suitable for permanent development** " due to the Wetland and Ancient Woodland site being a SINC (Site of Interest for Nature Conservation) and being adjacent to several other SINC's. We have had to take this stance because of a lack of confidence in HCC's ability to enforce the current planning conditions.

Our concerns include;

1. Large numbers of HGV movements with currently no restrictions causing frequent dangerous

- situations at the junction of Bushywarren Lane and on the A339
2. Unacceptable pungent smells
  3. Ecology Reports for that area have stated that airborne particulates have contaminated the surrounding SINC's and affected the wildlife. There has been a decline in dormice numbers, from 32% use of nesting boxes to currently zero. In the ecologist's opinion, there is a probable link with air carried particulates from the Veolia site, highlighted in an HCC ecological survey. Dormice are an indicator species so their decline is probably indicative of other wildlife species' decline
  4. Possible problems with excess polluted runoff of leachate during very wet spells due to the wetland nature of the site.

The ecological survey mentioned above should have been published on HCC's website and circulated to Members of HCC before decisions were made. On behalf of EVA, Pat Pegg is in dialogue with HCC for them to fulfill (and publish!) their legal commitment to monitor wildlife.

In addition to planning issues, EVA felt that it was important to support the project to bring high speed broadband to the South of the village and made a contribution towards that.

Generally, we are lucky that Ellisfield and all the villages South/East of the Motorway are in an area of restraint in the Local Plan. If this were to change, we would have more planning issues to contend with.

### **Ellisfield Volunteer's Group**

Graham Simpson, Chairman reported:

- 2018 was a good turnout for volunteers. After a wet and snowy start the season settled down to be fairly light for the Volunteers' Group with the hot sunny weather. Indeed there were many occasions where we skipped sessions in the schedule because of the lack of growth in grass to cut.
- The consequence of the light season has meant machinery has needed less maintenance save for the annual servicing. However, the ride-on mower used for Lower Common did need some major work during the year and going forward, we will need to replace it within the next 3 to 4 years.
- There were no changes in volunteer personnel last year but we have managed to recruit 4 more for this year: namely Jamie Miles, Dylan and Sarah Butcher - who are all new to the village – and Mark Duncan who has come out of retirement!
- Additional volunteers are always welcome as this lightens the load on others. We try to keep things so people only need to commit to mowing twice a year.
- We like to think volunteering is good for the soul and keeps the village integrated. Anyone keen to get involved, please come and see me afterwards. You will all be warmly welcome and we have now removed the age limit of 80 years old!
- I would like to thank Marcus & Lucinda Rule and Julian & Margaret Evans for letting us use their premises for storing the equipment for the burial ground and gravel pit.
- There have been a couple of changes to the committee: with his promotion to the Parish Council, Andy Swanston has stepped down as chairman and replaced by yours truly and Andy Webb has joined the committee as gravel pit coordinator.
- Lastly, we now have the expertise of Steve Gould to look after the maintenance of the equipment and has already shown to be a great convenience.

### **Horticultural Society**

Claire Cooke reported:

The Horticultural Society encompasses the villages of Ellisfield, Cliddesden and Farleigh Wallop, and has been in existence since 1947. We are classified as a charitable society, and our activities are funded solely by membership fees, entry fees & donations, and funds raised at our annual plant sale. At present our

membership is 64 households spread across the 3 villages.

Our membership is very varied, with all ages, backgrounds and interests represented. This diversity is made very apparent at our bi-annual shows, when not only horticultural skills are exhibited, but also cookery, handicraft, flower arranging and photography. Our evening meetings are held either in Ellisfield or Cliddesden, and we are proud to offer talks on a wide range of subjects to our members and guests.

This year, so far, we have had talks on the roses of Mottisfont Abbey, and the mountains of Corsica. In the upcoming months we will be travelling to Russia on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Greece on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Our main fundraiser of the year is the Plant Sale, which this year is being held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Cliddesden Village Hall at 1pm. Entry is free. Vegetables, annuals, perennials – all kinds of varieties which have been grown and donated by our members will be for sale. Everyone is welcome to come and bag a bargain, as well as socialise.

We hope that next year the Jolly Farmer will be open so we can return to our usual venue.

For a full list of future meetings & events, please refer to the Ellisfield newsletter under groups, and Hill & Dale.

New members are always welcome, membership is £8 per year, per household.

### **Oil Syndicate:**

**Ashley Turberfield reported:**

The Ellisfield Oil Syndicate has undergone a big change this year in that Ted Dowson has stepped down as Administrator of the syndicate. Ted was the originator of the syndicate that he set up many years ago as a way of making savings on heating oil for the people of Ellisfield. During this time the syndicate has processed orders totalling over 750,000 litres and saved the 44 members over £26,000.

The members would like to publicly express its gratitude to Ted for starting and maintaining the syndicate over the years and for his rapid responses to members' last minute requests for oil deliveries when they've forgotten to check their tanks. With the support of Richard Haas negotiating the oil price for each delivery, the syndicate has managed to save a significant amount of money for its members which is a wonderful legacy that Ted has given to the community in starting and maintaining the group.

Recently the syndicate has been receiving deliveries from Rawlings Fuels, a local supplier based out of Hook, who are able to provide the best price during negotiations. It's seems fitting to use a local supplier and hopefully those members will agree that they provide a prompt and courteous service, as well as the best price.

Administration for the syndicate has now passed over to Ashley Turberfield who has worked with Richard and Ted to make a few changes to the ordering process to streamline both the ordering and administration duties. This was implemented in the March order and based on feedback and one slight error, will be improved further for the next order cycle.

The syndicate schedules 5 deliveries per year on January, March, June, September and November. For further information please contact Ashley Turberfield at [ellisfieldoil@gmail.com](mailto:ellisfieldoil@gmail.com)

Dee Haas suggested that as Ted has sold his house and will be leaving the village soon, the village should present Ted with a gift in gratitude for all that he has done.

**Reports and presentation session ended at 9.25pm**