

SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

9 September 2020

Present – The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brockbank, Brown, Hull, Jaquin, Mercer, Moorby, Shuttleworth, Solloway and Sutcliffe.

Officers – Democratic Services Manager, Community Safety Officer and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Also in Attendance – Inspector Lorraine Crossman-Smith.

Apologies for Absence – An apology for absence was received from Councillor Harbron.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.40pm

Confirmation of Minutes –

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes – One Member expressed concern that no response had been received in relation to road safety issues. The Chairman advised that he had contacted the Executive Member at North Yorkshire County Council, County Councillor Don Mackenzie and a formal response was to be provided.

Public Participation –

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of Interest –

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes for Report

OS.452

Community Safety

The Community Safety Officer presented an update on the recent work undertaken by the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and Craven's Community Safety Hub.

The key points of discussion were:

- North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership – Members were pleased to note the formation of the Task and Finish Group and the priority areas for the NYCSP.
- Craven Community Safety Hub – One Member queried the advertisement of a PC to support the PCSO role of Child Sexual Exploitation/Child Criminal Exploitation and the increase in the type of work. Inspector Crossman-Smith explained that the additional staffing resource was due to an increase in self-generated work which was considered to be positive. Members acknowledged the 'high' and 'good' ratings received by the Community Safety Hub from the partner agencies.

- Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) – The annual review of the PSPO (Town Hall Car Park) was presented to Members including the proposal to continue with an extension of the order for a further three years. Members highlighted the success of the PSPO in place and supported the extension. One Member raised concern about the condition of some lighting in council car parks, particularly in anticipation of winter months. It was suggested that this issue was referred to Asset Management for a response.

Resolved –

- (1) That the update in relation to Community Safety is noted.
- (2) That the extension of the PSPO for a further three years is approved.

OS.453 **Local Policing - Local Crime Overview and Priorities**

Inspector Crossman-Smith presented an update on local policing within the Craven District, which included crime figures for the previous six months.

The key points of discussion were:

- Rural Crime – Members noted the three Rural Watch Volunteer Schemes in Craven (Wharfedale, Settle and South Craven) and the continued success of the private WhatsApp group.
- Covid-19 – Members noted the 198 locally issued tickets during the lockdown period. Members were pleased to note the ‘Problem Solving Plan’ introduced to support local communities with an increased number of visitors.
- Crime Figures – Inspector Crossman-Smith provided the latest crime figures. One Member raised concern about off-road motor biking and drug paraphernalia in Cononley. Inspector Crossman-Smith confirmed that the issue had already been raised and patrols had taken place in the area. One Member requested a breakdown of the crime figures for the Gargrave area which Inspector Crossman-Smith undertook to provide. One Member emphasised the need to tackle speeding and HGVs in Wigglesworth.
- Members were advised that it was Inspector Crossman-Smith’s final Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee before taking up a new role. Members wished to place on record their thanks to Inspector Crossman-Smith for all her hard work and support to the Committee and wished her well in her new role.

Resolved – That the update in relation to ‘Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities’, is noted.

OS.454 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Resolved – Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 6.30pm.

Chairman.