



Update Meeting Thursday 15th November

Officials Present:

- Jane Gardner. Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Essex Police
- Sergeant Robert Fitt – Epping Forest District Community Policing and Town Centre Team Sergeant, Essex Police
- PC Elliot Harris – Nazeing Beat Officer, Loughton Community Policing Team, Essex Police
- Adrian Petty, Community Safety & Environmental Enforcement Manager, Epping Forest DC
- Tracy Latham, Environmental Enforcement Officer, Epping Forest DC

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Stan Benton of Nazeing Parish Council.

There was no formal agenda and after welcoming visitors and residents and opening the meeting Cllr Benton handed over for each other attendees to provide and update.

Jane Gardner

Jane welcomed the opportunity to come back to Nazeing and thanked her colleagues for taking time out of their evenings to join her.

It has been a busy summer for the fire and rescue service with the hot weather and all services gave fabulous support during the passing of HM The Queen.

A few headlines from her – crime has gone down overall but is still rising. Numbers dropped during Covid but are now rising again. The Police and Crime Plan sets out 12 priorities to address the main focus areas. They are also investing in recruitment, training and improving wait times for 101 calls and in technology to introduce other types of reporting (on-line and live chat).

Fire & Rescue Service also has a focused improvement plan with 8 priorities. Although the management of both Police and Fire & Rescue services come within Roger Hirst and her remit, they are distinctly separate organisations. Having said that she feels we have the best services in both these areas and that she appreciates the men and women who face danger every day and work hard to protect us all.

Sergeant Robert Fitt

Sgt Fitt is supervisor to PC Harris and has 2 teams spread across this area. The day to day of patrolling our Parish is down to PC Harris and PCSO Andy Flett (also present). They should be able to patrol morning and evening each day. He pointed out that he does sometimes need to deploy them to cover other urgent needs, such as following the passing of HRH, and to support protests, music festivals etc. However, in the next month his team will get 4 more officers, which should mean less need to pull officer away from their normal areas.

As well as the local patrols his team also deliver targeted advice for key issues such as violence against women and girls and have been delivering some town-centre campaigns to raise awareness, including giving out drink-testing strips to young people to prevent spinking.

The vehicle collision figures for Nazeing for this year have been a total of 6, which were all non-injury.

PC Elliott Harris

PC Harris recapped that at the last meeting the main issues reported were speeding (especially North Street) and anti-social behaviour (ASB), especially around the Parade/ Langley Green. Since then, they have been doing regular speed-monitoring and there seems to be some improvement, with their presence maybe being a deterrent. They are awaiting training on a new type of camera which will enable them to complete longer periods of this type of operation.

The ASB is more difficult to resolve as there are usually not actual crimes taking place. Although he is now in touch with key residents, there has been a lack of formal reports of incidents, and he would encourage this.

The Parish Council Chairman has been communicating with local employers of those involved to see if there is anything they can do to help.

He has spoken to the shop owners to raise awareness, especially those selling alcohol as this is a contributory factor. He anticipates that there may be less incidents during the winter months but will keep open until next year. Those selling alcohol do have some duty in their licences and another suggestion would be to report to trading standards if these are not being met.

Adrian Petty

Adrian confirmed that the name of his team has changed to the Community Resilience Team. Tracy Latham is one of his officers and is very experienced dealing with incidents of fly-tipping, noise nuisance. The team are also responsible for CCTV throughout the area, both permanent cameras and their large supply of rapid-deployment cameras to cover hot-spots (eg for fly-tipping).

They also respond to issues with ASB and have their own policing team (a sergeant, 3 PC's and a safeguarding officer). He re-stressed the importance of the public reporting issues and he talked through how to report, details of which are all on their website (links attached below sent on afterwards by Adrian – **ACTION: NPC to publish on Website / noticeboards**). From reports, there appears to be very little ASB in our area. He was not aware of the issue that was discussed with PC Harris. He stressed that if they don't know about problems, they can't help.

A resident explained the lengths she had gone to to try and report issues that she and her neighbours had been experiencing. PC Harris has now been in touch, and they have his direct contact details.

Jane Gardner apologised for her experience.

Adrian explained what powers his teams have. They have a 3-day response time to make contact. They need as much detail as possible to be able to respond and will often ask for diaries to be completed. They can issue Community Protection Orders if they have enough evidence.

[EFDC website](#)

[Contact EFDC](#)

[Anti-Social Behaviour Reporting](#)

[Reporting Fly-tipping](#)

[Reporting a Noise complaint](#)

Tracy Latham

Tracey is the Enforcement Officer for the Nazeing area, although only recently moved over from Broxbourne. One of the big issues at this time of the year are bonfires but always fly-tipping as well. We have got some hot-spots for fly tipping in Nazeing and they would consider deploying CCTV if they get more reports. They also distribute information leaflets to address current trends.

The most common step is issuing a fixed penalty notice, which carries a fine. £400 for fly-tipping and £150 for littering. They can pursue offenders through the courts, but this is a lengthy process. They are experienced at investigating and will look for identification of where fly-tipped waste is from. She stressed that, if you are the owner, you are responsible for the disposal of your rubbish, even if you pay someone to take it away.

Q&A

Residents then had the opportunity to ask questions about their own situations, which were answered by the panel.

Close

The meeting was closed by Councillor Benton, with thanks to all in attendance and wishing them a safe journey home.