

LEVERINGTON PUBLIC MEETING.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

Wednesday, 5th July 2023.



Left to Right:

C.Seaton (Fenland District Councillor),
Sgt. D.Arnold (Wisbech Neighbourhood Policing Team),
Inspector A.Morris, (Neighbourhood Police Inspector for Fenland).
Chairman J.Downes (Chairman of Leverington Parish Council),
Mrs. B.Barber (Fenland District Councillor). S.Clark (Fenland District Councillor).

Over 60 parishioners packed into the Village Hall for the meeting with the Police representatives.

The Chairman opened the meeting and introduced the 'top table', and a short talk was given by Inspector Morris before the public was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Among the many items brought to the attention of the Police was the abuse and stoning of the Village Hall proprietor Mrs. P. Manley, and the climbing on the roof of the Village Hall. The Reverend Gardner spoke of the broken windows in the church and the Coordinator of Street Pride, Mr. Bruce about the potential dangers of the burning of rubbish and the bins and Reverend Tanner has been abused and stoned while in her own garden.

Residents were very concerned that the problems had escalated and reported that the speeding and noisy motor bikes, ridden by the youths are causing dangerous situations with all residents -and to themselves. The language and intimidation by these youths are causing anger and frustration with residents as there does not seem to be any action by the Police.

Inspector Morris answered all the concerns and issues frankly and gave an insight into the protocol. He urged people to continue to report all incidents. There is a system in place so that people will not be identified if they report. The Police need information, proof and evidence.

Looking forward, he gave a summary of actions that will be put in place: A special patrol will be set up, traps will be set and speed checks. A mobile CCTV camera will be used. It will be beneficial to have a 'Speed Watch' in Leverington to highlight the issues and give feedback. His letter for the people of Leverington is copied here....

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My name is Sergeant Dave Arnold and I am the Policing Sergeant responsible for Wisbech and its surrounding areas.

Can I start by thanking those residents who were able to attend the public meeting held at Leverington Village Hall on the 05/07/23? The meeting was very beneficial for us as a local team but I hope beneficial to all of you and I hope you will start to see some of the outcomes as agreed.

The issue of anti-social behaviour whether by individuals, groups or those using motorbikes is quite clearly having a major impact on the lives of those living in the village. Whilst the team have been aware of issues and have been completing a whole manor of tasks in response to this, I wanted to assure you this will continue to get the teams support for the immediate future.

I want you to feel empowered by the meeting and start to build that trust back with your local team and importantly feel you have been listened to. As such and as part of the agreed outcomes an email mailbox will be created for Leverington residents to send us a quick email after you have already reported your incident/crime to our control room so that we can be appraised of all goings on. It is my commitment that each email will receive a reply as early as possible accepting the team does have days off and therefore there may be a short delay at times. I must stress this is not a reporting tool and you are required to still call 999, 101 or report the matter online but a quick email with your reference number on will then provoke interrogation and a response from one of the team. This is so important to allow me to hold others within the constabulary to account for the actions taken during the call taking stage and early investigation stage.

When the mailbox has been arranged and is ready for use, I will ensure it reaches as many of you as possible. It will be sent for publication in the subsequent Leverington Letter, I will send to your local parish council and district councillors.

In the meantime, please can I ask you continue to report on 999, 101 and online reporting. We will continue to complete our daily scanning to ensure matters are not missed.

Yours in Policing

PS 1454 David Arnold

Wisbech Neighbourhood Policing Team

[Cambridgeshire Constabulary](#)

Wisbech Police Station,

MAILBOX:

As mentioned in the meeting it is essential this email is not used for reporting to police but as a way of notifying the local team of a report made to the police. If an incident number (CC-*****-****) or crime number 35/****/23 can be included that would be ace

OpLambretta@bch.police.uk

Kind regards

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The Parish Council believes that we need to have a positive engagement with the teenagers in the village to get their views on what we as a Council - in conjunction with District Council and Local Police can do to alleviate the situation caused by the boredom brought about by lack of facilities in the community for them.

The Chairman would be pleased to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues and can be contacted at downesleveringtonpc@gmail.com to see if a way forward can be agreed on how we proceed. He urges the young people to get in touch.

The Chairman J.Downes, will contact everyone when a further meeting is arranged in three months' time and he urges all of you in the Parish to come along and have your say. It is important that the concerns of the Parish of Leverington are addressed and action taken positively.