

**Minutes of the Sixteenth AGM of the North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association,  
(NWNHWA) meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15th November 2018  
At the Grimstock Country House Hotel, Coleshill**

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Tony Hardman (Kingsbury) (Chairman) TH; Phill Bent (Kingsbury) (Treas) PB  
John Andrews (Over Whitacre); Colin Cartwright (Austrey), (Secretary) CPC;  
**WCC:** Paul Gudger PG; David Atkin (Asst. Sec.) Mancetter; Jane Owen NW South SNT;  
Cllr Marian Humphreys

**2. Apologies**

Brian/Beryl Grix (Austrey); Cllr David Humphreys; Cllr Sue Hanratty  
Keith Woodward (N.Whitacre), (Vice Chair) KW; Jill Mawson (Ridge Lane) JM;  
Cllr David Reilly; Scot Ramsell NW SNT; Carol Cotterill (Shuttington/Rural Watch) CC

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting** Adopted as presented.

**4. Chairman's Annual Report**

**Chairman's Report 2018 - North Warwickshire NHW**

I'm pleased to report that we will have achieved 33 events this year allowing us to continue being out and about within the community promoting crime prevention and supporting the Safer Neighbourhood Teams throughout North Warwickshire.

My sincere thanks goes out to all the committee members and close friends and associates who have helped and supported us at these event, Rural Watch, Warwickshire Police and North Warwickshire Borough Council are but a few who dedicated their time and energy supporting us this year. I only hope that we have been equally helpful and supportive of their initiatives throughout the year. Thank you all.

The support we have received from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and from the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership at North Warwickshire Borough Council have been invaluable again this year in allowing us to put on and attend so many events, being Road Shows, property marking, carnivals or simply street scheme start up meetings.

Once again it would be fair to say that there appears to be no let up when it comes to people being affected by Cyber Crime, we simply can't keep ahead of the criminals who can so easily con innocent victims into parting with their savings. Many new initiatives such as the faraday pouches for protecting contactless credit cards have proven to be very popular and surprisingly many people are asking for them when we are out and about simply because they have noticed how easy it is to transfer money by tapping their cards on or near a payment scanner.

We have also noticed during the latter half of the year that more residents are interested in becoming Neighbourhood Watch members or indeed wishing to start up their own street scheme. We are pleased to welcome the new schemes from Atherstone, Hartshill and Fillongley.

This year we have been able to expand our contact and information network with the hard work Colin has done in getting us into the realms of Facebook. Where we had a few interested residents of Warwickshire keen to hear of us via leaflets and newsletters we now have thousands of followers on Facebook. Needless to say that the speed of communication between those that are on social media is phenomenal and in some cases has led to crimes being detected much quicker than before.

We are also fortunate to be able to offer the latest security devices, be they personal protection or home protection initiatives to assist in preventing residents becoming a victim of crime. I think I've mentioned it in previous years but it is pleasingly reassuring to have people approach us at some of the Carnival and Agricultural Shows to ask us about security products that they have heard about or have actually received from us in the past, requesting more for friends and relatives. Our presence is really getting known out there.

I would like to conclude by saying a big thank you to everyone who supports and follows Neighbourhood Watch, in particular the Core Group members who have given up their time to help out whenever needed. It will be interesting to know how things pan out next year with so much political unrest at the moment, but you can rest assured we will always be there to help and support the community in crime prevention.

Kind regards to everyone.

**Tony Hardman**

### **5. Treasurers Report**

PB presented a written, audited report for the year indicating that thanks have been extended to our auditors B. Screaton and Co of Atherstone. **PB to thank Screaton's for their continued support.**

Audited Accounts 30th September 2018 Bank Book 2017: £8266.00.

November Balanced Account: £8062.07

PCC balance £360.03

Councillors Fund Balance £1318.20

Accounts adopted: (Proposed by Marian Humphreys and Seconded by John Andrews).

The PCC funding is allocated/spent in accordance with the basis set out in the submitted bid.

Significant elements of these funds are reserved against replacement/future costs associated with equipment and attendance at Roadshow events. Additional expenditure/income will arise in connection with the need to address Cyber Crime issues.

### **6. Election of Officers**

Candidates for the positions in the Association as proposed in the Agenda and Assist.Sec.were nominated unopposed

Chairman (Tony Hardman)	V. Chairman	(Keith Woodward)
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Secretary (Colin Cartwright)	Assist. Sec.	(David Atkin)
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Treasurer (Phill Bent)	Assist. Treas.	(Vacant)
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(Proposed by Marian Humphreys and Seconded by John Andrews).

### **7. Meeting Dates for 2018**

The dates and start time contained in the Agenda were to be confirmed.

Currently meetings are all to take place on a Thursday evening and will start at 7.30pm.

We are looking at the frequency of our meetings and venues and will have an update in the New Year.

***The AGM will continue to be held on the same day as the November meeting.***

*There were no other additional items raised.*

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**Signed Chairman:**

**Date:**