

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 16/05/2022

Purpose of the meeting, this was called due to the increased reporting of damage to the facilities located at the Wortwell Community Centre, Tunbeck Close, Wortwell. In particular damage to the playground equipment located on the Old Field.

Councillors Present:

Cllr Aylett: Cllr Cook: Cllr Eddy: Cllr Worley: Cllr White:

Appologies

Cllr Hadingham: Cllr Copeman Luca Legget (Parish Clerk)

The Parish council would like to thank the support of PC Andy Baker from the safer neighbourhood team for attending and supporting the council in the reduction of the escalating events.

Cllr Aylett opened the meeting and introduced the councillors present.

Cllr White : appraised the meeting with the most recent and historical events related to damage to the Parish Council assets, PC Baker noted all the facts that could be provided, however it must be noted that we were unable to provide any tangible or forensic evidence, however all available information was recorded and a crime reference has subsequently been issued.

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to a brain storming session to explore ways in which these incidents could be reduced going forward, issues discussed are as follows:

- 1. The Pc and the CORE should consider the extension of the current CCTV installation based on the cost to upgrade Vs the benefits.**
- 2. The police will issue Anti Behaviour Contract to suspects if reasonable suspicion and associated evidence can be provided.**
- 3. P,C Baker explained that offenders from the age of 10 years can be prosecuted in the event of a successful case.**
- 4. PC Baker has forwarded warning posters to be displayed around the area warning that plain clothed and uniformed police will patrol the area**
- 5. The forum agreed that something need to be put in to the Mardler, stating that the police are aware of vandalism in the area and will take action against offenders.**
- 6. PC Baker has suggested that the PC explore the possibility of a youth pod, however this will again be cost dependant, but he stated that this has reduced incidents in both Diss and Harleston.**
- 7. Going forward all information related to future incidents MUST be reported to the police in order that they can further support the village.**

The meeting Closed at 20.00 hrs.