

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, 26th MARCH 2019**

The Agenda for this meeting focused on Crime & Security.

Ian opened the proceedings by welcoming some new faces, outlining the Agenda and clarified the area covered in Westwood Heath.

Local statistics show that Westwood Heath has one or two burglaries per month, which is low in comparison to others. "Robbery" is not included in these statistics, of which we have had one in the last three months. (Robbery is a more severe crime involving person to person interaction.)

Streetwatch is now up and running but more volunteers are needed and welcome. Training is required beforehand and this can be booked direct with Sgt Randall via email at s.randall@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk. For further details please contact our co-ordinator, Louise Hughes at streetwatch@westwoodheath.org.uk.

Currently no signage is available to advertise that Streetwatch patrols take place but apparently this is being looked at and, for our part, we believe it would be very useful.

Incident Alerting is a WharsApp pilot taking place in Broadwells Crescent with about 40 people taking part so far. Incidents spotted are alerted on the WhatsApp Group and, if necessary, 999 is called. Due to the size and potential revealing of mobile numbers to everyone it was generally agreed that these should be small groups only.

It was suggested that we look to re-energise the use of Street champions and encourage them to co-ordinate these Groups.

Commercial Security Patrols. Ian thanked those who completed and returned our surveys. Results from the Ten Shilling end were very apathetic but the Broadwells end was more positive. It was agreed that a pilot will take place in that area and Anira is taking this up for us.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday, 25th June. Nominations are open for officers and Committee members.

AOB - Lodge Farm plot has had Planning permission granted.

- Helen May is leaving her position at Warwick University. We wish her well for the future.