



## Council

**Monday 14 December 2020**

### **Agenda Item 3, Thames Valley Police - Address by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable**

Members were asked to submit questions in advance of the meeting. The following questions were submitted.

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Question</b>
Cllr James Macnamara	Fringford & Heyfords	<p>“Parish Councils value having a direct link with a known and trusted Police Officer, or at least a PCSO, who can attend meetings when necessary and is immediately contactable when issues arise. Can the Chief Constable please ensure these links are supported by the Police and that local officers have the means to attend Zoom/Teams meetings?”</p> <p><i>I'd like the answer to reassure us that local officers strive to contact Parish Clerks so the effort is not all from the PC end and that, now we are into remote meetings, officers have the IT resources to attend online.</i></p>
Cllr Carmen Griffiths	Kidlington East	I would like to know the figures for sex offences & rape in 18/ 19 and now 2020. Last year they had increased quite substantially so I would like to see what the 3 year trend is
Cllr Surinder Dhesi	Banbury Cross & Neithrop	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There have been ongoing complaints in recent years from residents about the non-emergency police number, 101. When calling, they have had difficulties to get through. What progress has been made to rectify problems with the 101 number.</li><li>2. In my ward, Banbury Cross &amp; Neithrop, 10 businesses have been burgled in the past 2 weeks and there have been 2 cases of arson. What are the police doing to address these matters?</li><li>3. Drugs is a big problem in Banbury with exchanges done in public, what are the police doing about the problem?</li></ol>
Cllr John Broad	Bicester West	Motorcycle theft in the UK is worse in some areas of the UK than others and with the increase in the sales of electric motorcycles from electrically assisted pedal cycles up to large touring motorcycles, knowing the statistics for each area is important for the police to be able to determine any focus on action. The Motorcycle Action Group requested motorcycle theft data from

		<p>each police area under an FOI back in June 2020 and most responded but the Thames Valley Police suggested that they would not be able to separate this data from the general theft of motor vehicles without spending considerable time going through the lists and so refused under the grounds of cost. Slightly odd as most other Police areas did provide the data requested.</p> <p>As the theft of motorcycles, or more correctly Powered Two Wheel (PTW) vehicles, is completely different to the theft of motor cars, vans, etc it is important to be able to identify the numbers to fully understand the problem, especially in one of the largest Police areas. In an answer to my request to the PCC by email on the 30th August 2020, Sierra Reid responded with the following:-</p> <p>"I understand your views that motorcycle crime needs to be recorded separately to other four-wheeled vehicles however it has been confirmed to me by TVP that changing the vehicle classification to mandatory could currently impact their ability to capture other offences on the system. They have informed me however, that as this is now a known issue, they are looking to see if they can improve on the situation in their next system update."</p> <p>My question is that "as this is now a known issue", they suggested this might be accomplished "in their next system update"; has this occurred yet? If not, why not as PTW theft is completely different to four wheel theft and without the data the Police cannot address the issue correctly?</p>
Cllr Ian Middleton	Kidlington East	<p>"After the revelations about the behaviour of the hunting community in a recent virtual meeting of hunt leaders, which included some retired senior police officers, will TVP now be paying closer attention to the behaviour of the hunts themselves, rather than those groups seeking to ensure that the hunting act is being properly adhered to?"</p>
Cllr Mark Cherry	Banbury Ruscote	<p>As a local councillor who also works in building industry there still a lot of building vans being broken into in Banbury . As a consequence the damage caused to the vans let alone if tools are stolen that can cost trades people thousands of pounds due to cost of replacing the tools and in some cases major lost income .</p> <p>What is the long term plans to tackle this type of crime by Thames valley police, this also includes catalectic the converter thefts?</p>