Nottinghamshire Police
Rushcliffe South Priority Setting Meeting

- **Chair: John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC)**
- **Police Representatives: PC Caroline Voce, PC, PC Alfie Russell & PCSO Sampson**
- **Minutes: Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)**
- **Venue: Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall**

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 22th October 2026

Attendees; Anthony Gee (R.O.T. NHW), Andrew Shelton (Bingham TC), Alan Wilson & Pam Wregg (Cropwell Bishop PC), Barry Chadwick (Granby cum Sutton), Bev Bingham (Shelford PC), Jacqui Turrell & Deb Pennington (Flintham PC), Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC), Rowan Bird (Bingham TC), David Cartledge (Flintham), Peter Hortor (for Tina Combellack, Nevile and Langar), Wayne Stapleton (Bingham TC)

Apologies: Marion Blake (Newton), Sue Clegg (R.O.T PC), Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham TC), Maureen Stockwood (Bingham TC), Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave)

1. Local crime levels and trends & recent police activity

The Chair requested delegates provide brief updates on their local crime concerns. Across the district, the primary issues identified were anti-social behaviour (ASB), speeding, illegal e-scooters/e-bikes, unlicensed quad bikes, and vehicle theft.

a. Anti-social Behaviour

Anne McLeod (ROT) explained problems experienced in Radcliffe which were causing a certain amount of alarm, particularly for vulnerable residents. To provide reassurance to residents the Parish Council have employed Magpie Security Ltd mobile security. The company are making regular patrols around ASB hot spots in the town. They engage with youngsters during patrols.

PC Voce said that residents shouldn't be afraid as there was police support and also 'safe havens' within the town. Residents need reassuring that ROT is a safe place.

Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave) requested the Chair report that there were two youths 'flying' around on electric bikes, often across the shopping centre, with full face coverings. This was normally around 4pm but also after dark. There is also ASB around Community Gardens and at the bottom of the Leisure Centre.

b. E-scooters

PC Voce said that the illegal use of e-scooters was a big and growing problem across the district. Culprits move from town to town. Delegates were reminded that it is strictly illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter in public spaces.

Unless the police are on foot and come face to face with offenders they are difficult to catch because of the manoeuvrability of e-scooters and often the riders wear balaclavas hiding their identities. However, PC Russell explained that **the law in the UK has recently been changed** to tackle anti-social behaviour, reduce violent crime, and protect pedestrian safety by removing loopholes that previously let dangerous riders escape immediate consequences. The police can now seize a privately owned e-scooter immediately without giving a first warning – zero tolerance. The rider can also face severe penalties.

To reclaim any seized vehicle, you must prove you have valid insurance and registration, neither of which can be obtained for a private e-scooter. Consequently, most confiscated private e-scooters are eventually crushed or disposed of by the police.

c. <u>E-bikes</u>

It was explained that in the UK, an e-bike is legally classified as an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC). If it violates any of the EAPC rules, it is legally considered an unregistered motorbike or moped, making its use on public roads, pavements, and cycle paths completely illegal

The police representatives were asked how they identified illegal e-bikes. PC Voce said that officers are specially trained to look for subtle details like the rider's legs spinning too slowly for the bike's speed, heavy motorcycle-style tyres, or oversized hub motors mismatched with "250W" stickers. She added that roadside rolling road dynamometers are used to instantly test the motor's true unaided cut-off speed. As with e-scooters, illegal e-bikes can be now be seized immediately without a first warning and disposed of.

d. <u>Quad bikes</u>

Bev Bingham (Shelford) asked about the legality of using these on the public highway. PC Voce explained that If you want to ride a quad bike on UK roads, it must be treated like a car and satisfy certain criteria including be registered with the DVLA and displaying standard front and rear number plates.

When asked about passengers it was explained that these can be carried on a quad bike on a public highway only if the vehicle is specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry more than one person.

e. <u>Hare coursing</u>

Bev Bingham (Shelford) mentioned that there were already signs of hare coursing in surrounding fields. PC Voce said that the hare coursing season traditionally runs from late August or September through to March after crops are harvested. If you suspect illegal hare coursing is actively taking place, call 999 immediately.

f. Shop lifting

PC Russell advised that shops are becoming more pro-active addressing shoplifting. Big names such as Boots and Sainsbury's have streamlined their police reporting systems. Direct sharing of CCTV and automated reporting protocols have reduced the strain on police resources and improved repeat offender identification. Targeted, high-value stock is also being systematically tagged.

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g. Speeding

There was brief discussion on the introduction of "Dragons Teeth" road markings and their effectiveness on road safety. By painting a series of triangles along the edges of a lane, they create an optical illusion that the road is narrowing or that raised obstacles are ahead. This subconsciously prompts drivers to reduce their speed.
They are usually deployed at "gateways" - the entry points to villages, school zones, or sharp bends - alongside physical signage and speed limit signs to maximize their impact.
Bev Bingham (Shelford) warned that to introduce these markings was quite a bureaucratic process.

h. Vehicle thefts

Bob Clarke (Orston NHW) reported a recent wave of car thefts / car-key burglaries in Orston and nearby villages.
To address these concerns, Sergeant Brett Price and members of his team attended an Orston Parish Council meeting in September. A large number of local residents attended the meeting, where officers shared vital home and vehicle security advice. Residents highly appreciated the team's presence and support.

2. Actions/priorities for next three months

On the basis of these discussions the following priorities for the next 3 months were proposed and agreed:

1. Anti-social Behaviour
2. Acquisitive crime (generic term which includes shoplifting, burglary, vehicle theft, robbery, larceny and fraud)
3. E-scooters

3. Date/venue of next meeting

Thursday 21st January 2027.

Venue: The Old Courthouse, Church Street, Bingham, NG13 8AL (TBC)