

public areas or the names and addresses of the offenders, all of whom would live in the town. With that information the motorcycles could be seized and offenders charged.

A member of the public spoke of the need to increase the Police presence on the Parkway estate, particularly in the area of St Felix Church which had been the subject of considerable vandalism. Inspector Dawson confirmed that Parkway is his priority area for reducing criminal damage, but added that some Officers are currently seconded to the major Police investigation taking place around Ipswich.

A member of the public stated that there were issues with youths, as young as twelve, being drunk and causing damage along the Railway Walk and in Thurlow Place. Inspector Dawson indicated this had not been raised with him as an issue yet but he would investigate.

A member of the public complained of cars parked illegally in the High Street in the evening, and another of speeding cars in the High Street in the evening. The Mayor reported that a Police Community Support Officer had been in the High Street on Monday evening addressing the issue of illegally parked cars.

A member of the public complained of the poor quality of the changing facilities at the Leisure Centre, and the Mayor indicated the Town clerk would write to Abbeycroft Leisure.

A member of the public asked why the Council didn't simply apologise when Mrs Jones' first complaint was received, and another member of the public asked if this was the first complaint of its type. Both were advised that they would receive a written reply from the Clerk in due course.

The meeting was resumed after the Public Forum

6. Adoption of Committee Reports

Planning Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held 7th November 2006.

Arts & Leisure Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Arts & Leisure Committee meeting held 14th November 2006.

Personnel Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 10th October 2006.

Community First Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Community First Committee meeting held 17th October 2006.

Finance Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 21st November 2006.

7. Cemetery Fencing Project

The Council agreed to support the project in principle and, subject to investment by St Edmundsbury Borough Council, to contribute funds to the project, the level of such contribution to be agreed following receipt of detailed costings and an indication of sources, and amounts, of funding.

8. Shopmobility

The Town Council agreed to support the principle of Shopmobility, including a scheme operating from the Arts Centre, subject to more detailed costings.

9. Consultation on Older Persons Local Authority Day Services

The Council agreed its response to the consultation.

10. Correspondence

- a) Cambridge-Sudbury Rail Renewal Association – Rail Lines Issue 19
The receipt of the publication was noted.

11. To authorise payments

The Council authorised the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque No.s	Value
19.09.06	002524 – 002539	£ 3,568.54
19.09.06	002540	£ 300.00
19.09.06	002541	£ 600.00
26.09.06	002542 - 002556	£ 11,945.81
03.10.06	002557	£ 37.00
03.10.06	002558 - 002571	£ 6,618.73
10.10.06	002573 - 002582	£ 4,917.64
17.10.06	002583 – 002612	£ 111,605.39
18.10.06	002613	£ 30,000.00
24.10.06	002614 – 002623	£ 5,352.81
07.11.06	002624 – 002662	£ 49,979.66

13. To receive urgent correspondence

- a) St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Proposed Diversion of Bridleway No. 6 and Footpath No. 2
The Council objected to the proposed diversion because the new starting point would be dangerous to pedestrians crossing Ehringshausen Way.

Cllr Goody proposed, and Cllr Mrs Mary Martin seconded, all being in favour, that section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be discussed will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act.

14. Correspondence from Mrs Joyce Jones

The Council agreed to write to Mrs Jones as follows ""The Town Council is pleased the matter has now been settled by the Court. The Council will bear in mind the Court's judgement in its future procedures and practices. The Council has every confidence in the Mayor, the Members of the Council and the Council's Officers. The Council considers the judgement of the Court closes this matter."

15. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.40 p.m.

Haverhill Policing Stats
April to November 2006

Burglary Dwelling

2005/06	2006/07
50 Offences	45 Offences

Total Criminal Damage

2005/06	2006/07
613 Offences	559 Offences

Although the overall level of criminal damage is down unfortunately within the past few weeks the town has suffered criminal damage sprees on both the Parkway estate and over the last weekend on the Clements estate.

What are we doing about it?

Increased foot patrols by officers at weekends as part of Operation Breakthrough.

Ring back by Anti Social Behaviour Unit and personal visit to victims where possible.

Use of criminal damage camera.

Talk to Middle School pupils

Publicity in order to elicit information.

Collation of intelligence which will be actioned when appropriate.

Total Crime

2005/06	2006/07
1,932 offences	1,952 Offences

The police are reliant upon the public to help solve crime and contribute towards making a safer community in which to live in and would ask that any information is passed using the Community Intelligence hotline 01284 774029.

Serious Violence in a Public Place

This continues to cause concern in the run up to Christmas and the police will be working with the licensing trade as part of the Pubwatch scheme in order to ensure that people enjoy the festivities but drink responsibly. A new Nightsafe campaign leaflet is being launched. This will go to:

Schools with 6th Form students

Supermarkets

Newsagents

Taxi Offices

Pubs and Off Licenses

Staffing

Pc Craig Brett the CPO for Parkway, Chimswell, Castle and Hanchett has moved on to pastures new. I have identified a replacement but am not able to name the officer at this stage.

Pc Rupert Benyon has just returned to work and although on restricted duties for the next week, he should be back on the beat shortly after.