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Hi Amy,

All good thank you.

“Apologies for not being in attendance tonight to this meeting, my shifts and personal commitments have not made it possible for me to attend. I would however like to provide my input in this project to reassure the Parish Council and the community that I have a continued commitment to the area.

As the local Officer for Bearsted I am aware that there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area over the past three to six months. This is consistent with the neighbouring wards and Maidstone as a whole. My colleagues and I work hard to address these incidents by identifying those responsible and taking appropriate action. I also strive to maintain a visible presence within the community, not only to deter anti-social behaviour and criminality but also to provide reassurance to residents. However, due to operational demands, the size of the area I cover and the constraints of my shift pattern, I cannot always be present as often as I would like.

There is considerable evidence to suggest that the presence of CCTV reduces levels of anti-social behaviour and criminality however, not only is it an effective prevention, it also provides us as the Police with quality evidence to use in the identification and apprehension of offenders. This has been proven already in Bearsted. The Parish Council’s ANPR system on the Church Lane car park has yielded many good results, numerous Section 59 warning notices have been issued off the back of this camera as well as a vehicle seizure. I am sure that the presence of the camera will have also prevented issues occurring to some extent.

I wholeheartedly support the Parish Council in their endeavour to get some CCTV in various locations in Bearsted and thank them for allowing me to contribute to the project. I hope the community recognises the significant benefits that this project can bring, and I am confident it will prove to be a valuable asset in helping to keep Bearsted a safe place.”

Many thanks,
James

PC Phillips

Police Constable 30079

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Hi James,

I hope all is well,

You may have seen the Council are holding an extraordinary meeting to discuss options for CCTV.

It would be great to have your attendance and input if you are available?

If not, would it be possible to share a few words / short report in favour of the project please? We can read this out at the meeting.

I have attached the agenda with further details.

Kind Regards

Amy

Amy Bush

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