

South East Local Community Network (LCN) – AGM Summary

Date: Wednesday, 16th July 2025

1. Introduction of New LCN Link Officer

James Moore was introduced as the new LCN Link Officer — a role that appears to be newly established. James made a strong first impression, showing high energy and effectively leading much of the meeting.

2. Report from Wincanton Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO Supervisor Melanie Cherrington-Firkins and PCSO Alison Loker, both relatively new to the area, provided an update.

Key points included:

- Initiatives to address anti-social behaviour
 - Community speed monitoring
 - Neighbourhood Watch schemes
 - Farm and Horse Watch programs
 - The Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee
- The team emphasized their commitment to being accessible and responsive to residents.

Suggestion: This may be a good opportunity to invite one or more PCSOs to a Parish Council meeting to discuss ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour.

3. Election of Officers

- **Joint Chairpersons Elected:** Judi Morison and Tim Carty
- **Vice Chairperson Re-elected:** Nicola Clark

4. Reflections on the Past Year

Judi Morison and Ewan Jones shared reflections on achievements over the past 12 months.

5. Planning Enforcement Concerns

A spirited discussion arose from attendees regarding Somerset Council's enforcement of planning regulations. It was clarified that **planning enforcement is not a statutory obligation** of the council.

6. Next Meeting

- **Date:** Wednesday, 15th October 2025
 - **Location:** To Be Confirmed
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