

Report on One Hundred and Second Open Forum held on Tuesday 6th January 2015, 7.00pm prior to a meeting of Bourne Town Council at the SK Community Point, Bourne

(Recorded by the Deputy Town Clerk)

2 members of public

The Chairman, Cllr B Russell, declared the Open Forum open and welcomed the two members of the public present.

The Chairman invited one of the members of the public to speak.

The first member of the public to speak raised the subject of the Town Christmas Illuminations and commented that two sections of the lights let the display down. First the lights opposite the Corn Exchange only a small proportion were lit, and the motif above the Shalimar Indian restaurant only had four fully lit bulbs. He continued that this had been the case from Day 1 through to the end of the season and wondered if the contractor responsible could check the display once installed.

The Town Clerk said that this had been reported to the contractor concerned and the Chairman endorsed this by stating that in future years a check would be made after installation

The Chairman responded that this would be the case in future years.

PCSO Graeme Parrott was the other member of public who handed out contact details to members and explained that Bourne & Billingborough still has 4 PCSOs and 1 Community Police Officer.

2 PCSOs covering the town by splitting it down along the A15, the other two cover nearby villages.

PCSO Parrott reported that the local Neighbourhood Policing Team now had 1529 followers on Facebook and that Lincs Alert had 1200 subscribers.

The priorities set for the Neighbourhood Team at their last quarterly meeting was to try and reduce dwelling burglaries. PCSO Parrott said that this had been quite successful as only one had been recorded this year and one was to be clarified.

PCSO Parrott also reported that quite a number of notices had been issued on drivers for vehicle lighting defects.

He continued that the investigation into the attempted abduction of a local schoolboy was ongoing.

PCSO Parrott wished to remind members of the benefits Bourne has with regard to the Towns CCTV camera's and that the tapes are held for four weeks before being erased.

He further reported that micro chips for dogs becomes a legal requirement from 16th April 2015.

The other member of the public then spoke and wished to thank the Cemetery Supervisor for his Prompt action at dealing with the fallen branch in the Cemetery grounds.

The Chairman thanked the public for their attendance and questions and with no further questions:

The Chairman declared the Open Forum closed at 7.20pm