

REPORT TO GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2025

The matter of getting Kent Police at Ashford to attend council meetings has continued
The Office of the PCC has responded to several councils and I quote.....

“The Commissioner’s expectations agreed with the Assistant Chief Constable is that the local Beat Officer for each area should be attending the Parish/Community Council meetings at least on a quarterly basis.

Concerns have been raised with the Ch Insp. of Ashford Police. Contact should be made with you in due course, however if you have not heard anything within two weeks, please do revert back to me and I will gladly facilitate further on your behalf”

The latest communication is as follows

The PCC was clear that he had agreement with Kent Police for an officer to attend council meetings **“AT LEAST ONCE A QUARTER”**

After several lively correspondences in recent days the following has emerged.

Dear Peter RE: Beat Police Officers attending council meetings

Thank you for your email.

Please be advised that the Commissioner met with KALC and the Assistant Chief Constable Nigel Brookes earlier last week and the principle of regular attendance was confirmed again.

He has raised concerns about attendance in Ashford District with the Commander for the area very recently too.

He is taking this matter seriously and hopes the situation improves.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Haleemah Muddasar

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I would like to place on record my thanks for the excellent Annual Assembly meeting last month and it was good to hear all the presentations.

I have worked hard to build a working relationship with all the new KCC members that cover the Ashford District. Some have been with me as NHW members for years, but I have either met or written to all those councillors now. This builds on my work with both Ashford M.P.s as I already briefed council.

Having made a full presentation at the Annual Assembly I don't feel the need to set out anything further and you know my direction of travel, my thinking and work approach as we pass the halfway stage of 2025.

The coming years and challenges will require us to be at our absolute best.

You will be pleased to know I have been able via NHW to provide addition evidence that should bring about a successful outcome re the bike theft at HOXTON CLOSE.

A recent fatality of a woman in South Willesborough has raised issues of communications with the police,councillors and the community. I would hope by your July meeting to be able to clarify several matters and see if there are any learning points for all councils in the area.

I have also written to two Government ministers about Violence Against Women and Girls, again I will update you on developments in July.

I hope by July's meeting that a much clearer picture is emerging about Chilmington and the way forward in 2025/26. As yet I have no date for the Chilmington AGM arranged by the CMO.

I close by thanking council always for your backing as a group and as individual councillors for me personally.

Regards

Peter

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Community Neighbourhood Watch

