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Dear Parish Council Members,

I hope this email finds you all well.

I am contacting you in relation to the West Mercia Police Community Charter. Previously we have sent out forms for you to record your 'priorities', however I am changing the format for this quarter, to hopefully simplify things further. Can I please ask that when you have identified your priorities for the period June – August 2024, that you simply reply to this email, with the priorities.

In relation to the priorities, I am aware that there has been some confusion around what this looks like. Firstly, it is important to understand that you do not have to have any 'priorities', and that if you don't, this will not impact on our response to your parish. If you do have a priority (maximum of 3), then please provide what this is, along with details. An example would be – **anti social behaviour which occurs on a Friday night from 2000hrs until 2300hrs at the park, 10 young people are normally present, drinking alcohol, being abusive to people at the village hall and possibly smoking drugs. We don't know any names, but one child gets picked up in a red car.**

What this example does, is help my team patrol at the correct times and correct locations. Currently, most Parish councils just provide – anti social behaviour or drugs, speeding, without detail, which results in my teams being unable to target the problem. If you cannot provide detail, I would suggest that as a Parish Council you ask yourselves 'do we need this as a priority'.

It is also important to remember that the priorities should be community led, rather than from individuals.

I am sure you can appreciate that attending all meetings for my staff is difficult, so please let me know if you would like attendance at a specific meeting, or if you don't need attendance, then also please let me know. As a minimum you should all be receiving quarterly updates on your priorities.

I am more than happy to discuss the subject of the community charter if there is still some confusion or on any other subject around neighbourhood policing. I am always keen for suggestion's around how best my teams can engage and feedback with yourselves but also your communities. For instance, is there value in us holding a 'walkabout' in your village or is there something else the community would like. Please come back to me with ideas.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Regards

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