

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the  
Pendle Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford –Chair – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve
Carol Riley	Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve
Mark Hartley	Resident
Sue Bryant-Lauder	Resident
Yvonne May	Resident
David Foat	Resident
Carol Riley	Nature Reserve & Parks
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
PS 4021 Kim De Curtis	Lancashire Police
Alice Mann	Waterside Neighbourhood Action Group
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Graham Roach	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Graham Waugh	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mary Peden, Marion Snowden and Peter Atkinson

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015 were approved as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Ambulance Attendance at Accidents** – long delays reported in time between initial phone call and ambulance turning up to incident. Two issues reported, each taking over an hour and a half for an ambulance to arrive. This is a cause for concern, particularly when involving older people. Cllr Greaves is currently gathering evidence and will take it up with the relevant authorities and report back at the next meeting.

**Shaw Street speeding vehicles** – Audrey Drinkwater logged a call with LCC. Extra provisions will be provided in due course.

**Dog owners with dogs off-leads** – the matter was raised at the last Colne Committee meeting and is now being looked into by the Borough Council.

**Burnley Road late night car gymnastics** - issue still ongoing. Police not really had chance to monitor due to the festive period. Will pick up again in the coming weeks.

**Vegetation at Sub-Station, Parker Street/Barrowford Road** – all vegetation now been cut back. There is now clear visibility along the highway.

#### 4. Matters of Concern

**Traffic Lights, junction of North Valley and Langroyd Road (A6068)** – still some concern in relation to this. Low staff levels mean it is difficult to monitor but PS De Curtis will try and get someone out there in the next few weeks to monitor.

**Pedestrian crossing at Byron Road** – pedestrian crossing lights not working outside the school at Byron Road. Dangerous for children and parents when going to school. It was also noted that there was no lollypop person to help people across the road. Jerry Stanford has raised the issue with Simon Bucknall and Cllr Lord has also reported the problem with the lights to the highways department.

**Parked cars at Hartley Terrace** – problems arising with cars being parked all along Hartley Terrace by the owner of the garage site up. Problem was reported a year ago and seemed to be resolved but now the issue is re-occurring. Cllr Greaves questioned whether a community protection notice could be served. Nick Harbour to check with Tim Horsley (who dealt with the case last time it was raised).

**Stone theft** – numerous reports of stone theft in the local area, including sites on Carry Lane and at Skipton Old Road. PS De Curtis noted that the Police are working on catching the people responsible and suggested it was the same gang responsible for the thefts. It was advised that residents mark their stone and take a photo of it to help identify the stolen property then it could be returned back to the owner and also help to catch the people responsible for taking it when they come to sell it on.

**Millennium Green graffiti** – reports of graffiti appearing on the walls at Millennium Green.

**Clinical Commissioning Group update** – Jerry Stanford has been involved in discussions regarding doctors in the local areas being able to provide out of hours services. Local doctors in East Lancashire wanted to run the out of hours service between themselves but the CCG are likely to block this and just have one out of hours doctor based in Nelson. This would not be good for people in Colne or further afield having to go all the way to Nelson. Jerry will monitor the situation and update at the next meeting.

#### 5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

PS De Curtis presented the crime figures for December 2015, together with figures for the same period in 2014

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
Burglary in a dwelling	2	1	2	2	4	0	1	2	1	0	10	5	-5
Burglary other than in a dwelling	4	7	2	7	5	1	2	3	0	0	13	18	+5
Vehicle Crime	2	5	10	8	2	5	5	6	0	0	19	24	+5
Hate	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	+2

Crime													
D/V assaults	4	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	8	5	-3
Licensed premises assaults	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	-2
Other assaults	6	2	7	4	1	3	4	3	0	1	18	13	-5
Criminal Damage/ Arson	9	2	5	4	3	2	2	11	0	0	19	19	=
All Crime	43	46	46	44	17	13	17	36	2	3	125	142	+17
ASB	24	29	25	33	5	6	17	22	0	3	71	93	+22

Burglary – thefts at shops, schools, nursery's, businesses etc. Investigations are ongoing but no forensic evidence has been found at yet.

Vehicle crime – figures show an increase but evidence doesn't appear to show it being linked to one person.

Criminal damage – no particular patterns.

Assaults – an increase in assaults compared to recent months. This is likely to have been caused by more people being out drinking during the Christmas period.

ASB – A large increase showing in ASB (+22). Due to an increase in people being caught shoplifting and other public order offences.

## **PACT Priorities**

- Please see attached PACT Priorities document.

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **(a) Publicity**

At the previous meeting of this group, the Chairman was asked to draft a press release to ensure the promotion of the Colne Community Safety Partnership meetings in the wider media. The Chairman distributed a draft press release to those in attendance and asked for any comments. After a brief look, it was requested that a more positive spin be put on the opening paragraph. See attached sheet.

**Action:** Jerry to amend opening paragraph. Anybody with any further amendments to let Jerry know by 15<sup>th</sup> January. Jerry to send to the paper before the next meeting of the group.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting:**

- Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Commencing at 6.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall