

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the  
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> June,  
2017**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M May	Resident of Waterside
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
Jim Smart	NVRA
David Cleal	Police
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council

**1. Welcomes and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies were received from Sue Bryant-Sharples, Cllr. Jonathan Nixon, Alice Mann and Carol Riley

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**CCTV Cameras** – Naomi from the Town Council has been getting a lot of requests from the Police to view CCTV footage from the new system. This is causing some issues as it is adding more tasks to her already busy workload. The Police were offered a device to keep at the station to view these things as and when they choose but declined it when the system was being set up. An arrangement is to be made where the Police just go at set times during the week (unless it is an emergency).

**Action:** Tim Hitchen to get in contact with Naomi about arranging a specific time in the week to view the recordings that suits both parties.

**Hubs House Farm vehicle** – case due to be picked up in August after the deferral last month. Reports that sheep have now been leaving the fields at Hubs House Farm and wandering around on Briercliffe Avenue and other areas nearby. Neil Watson had reported this to the RSPCA, but they said there was not much they could do.

**Restorative Justice Team** – Jerry spoke with Paul Goodall at the Full CSP with regards to the RJ team and Police working together more closely. Paul will chat with the relevant people and ensure that this now happens.

**Drunk outside library** – more reports of issues with Paul Manley being drunk and disorderly in and around the town centre. Sue Bryant-Sharples had gone round to the police station to report this but could not get a response when trying to contact somebody from the phone outside the station.

**Action:** Nick Harbour to forward Alice's email on to Tim Hitchen.

**49 North Street** – work ongoing.

**Glen Street Shop** – as above.

**Pavement Parking on Harrison Drive** – Ivan from the Police had been up to assess but there were no offences taking place when he visited. Residents have reported that the problem is still ongoing with cars and vans parking on the grassed areas and damaging the verges. It was suggested that if there are any cars parked where they shouldn't be – can we re-introduce the little stickers that were previously used saying that they shouldn't be parked there?

**Action:** David Cleal will ask Ivan and the team to keep an eye out when passing the area and monitor the situation further.

**Greenfield Road Rat Run** – Issue still ongoing, particularly bad at weekends now. The item is on the agenda for the Colne Area Committee meeting which follows this meeting. Councillors will raise their concerns and report back at the next meeting of this group.

**Drug dealing on Knotts Lane** – Nothing reported to the Police directly. Alice emailed to say that the issue is still ongoing.

**Action:** Police to continue to monitor the area.

**Vandalism on West Street** – Nothing reported this month.

**Capping stone thefts** – A number of incidents reported. A further one has also taken place this week. Police are working on this.

**Fern Street drug dealing** – David Cleal is monitoring this situation and is gathering evidence to look to get a warrant.

**Burglary attempt at Varley Street** – following on from reports at the last meeting, a woman has now been caught and given a sentence for the crime.

**Police Presence at Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council meeting** – Margaret Foxley has asked that the Parish Council contact the police to notify them the dates and times and then hopefully an officer will be able to attend future meetings.

**Wycoller car thefts** – CCTV cameras will be going up at the site in the coming weeks after approval was given to funding at the Full CSP. Two men have been arrested for the recent break-ins.

#### **4. Matters of Concern**

**Caravans at Belgrave Road** – reports that two people are living in caravans that are on Belgrave Road. David Cleal is aware of this and monitoring the situation.

**Suspicious activity – taxi's in parks** – reports that taxis are meeting up at Alkincoats Park near to Alkincoats Villas, acting suspiciously. Similar things have been happening at Ball Grove Park too.

**Action:** Residents to take details of the vehicles if they are spotted again.

**Vandalism in Alkincoats Park** – Seat and table broken up at Alkincoats Park. CCTV caught the perpetrator from the café and they published his image on Facebook. The perpetrator's mother actually handed him in. The Restorative Justice Team will work with him. It was requested that any further CCTV capturing an offence be handed to the Police rather than published online, despite the outcome of this incident. It can cause problems when trying to prosecute if things are published online first. The Police can then decide to publish the images if they require help identifying any future offenders.

**Potential Grooming** – reports that there could be grooming happening down at the McDonald's car park. People seen picking up young children and possibly taking them over to Sainsbury's car park.

**Action:** Kevin to pass on details to David Cleal so that he can investigate further.

**Speed trap on Castle Road** – query on how the speed trap is getting on up on Castle Road and if it is catching many offenders.

**Action:** David Cleal to get the results from the trap and report back at the next meeting.

**14 Allendale Street** – dog waste in the back yard of 14 Allendale Street and on the street nearby.

**Action:** Nick Harbour to report the issue to Fleet Street.

**Byron Road dog bins** – residents unhappy with dog bins frequently overflowing with waste.

**Action:** Nick Harbour to report the issue to Fleet Street.

**Colne In Bloom shed break-in** – An attempted break in has occurred at the Colne In Bloom shed - sited in the grounds of Primet Community Centre. The door has been damaged.

**Copper pipe stolen** – copper piping has been stolen from Holy Trinity Church over the weekend.

## 5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

David Cleal presented the crime figures for May 2017, together with figures for the same period in 2016

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	
Burglary in a dwelling	2	2	2	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	4	10	+6
Burglary other than in a dwelling	6	3	2	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	10	7	-3
Vehicle Crime	4	6	2	3	1	4	2	6	1	0	10	19	+9
Hate Crime	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	+2
D/V assaults	2	3	2	5	1	1	2	1	0	0	7	10	+3
Licensed premises assaults	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	+6
Other assaults	8	7	5	5	1	2	2	7	1	0	17	21	+4
Criminal Damage/ Arson	7	4	7	5	2	0	9	8	0	0	25	17	-8
All Crime	60	49	37	48	10	15	31	42	2	0	140	154	+14
ASB	46	35	29	28	10	10	26	30	3	3	114	106	-8

### PACT Priorities

#### Waterside:

- 1) The building site just off Carry Lane (rear of Peter Birtwistle Close), they have reported issues with youths getting into the site and causing damage within.
- 2) Shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks.
- 3) Motor cycle causing a noise nuisance on Blucher Street.

#### Horsfield:

- 1) ASB on King Georges playing field

- 2) ASB in and around the North Valley retail park (KFC, McDonalds, Sainsburys).
- 3) ASB and on-street drinking in Colne town centre.

**Vivary Bridge:**

- 1) Youths congregating and causing ASB on Alkincoats Park.
- 2) Youths congregating and causing ASB on the North valley estate.

**Colne Rural:**

- 1) Thefts from vehicles on Wycollar car park

**6. Any Other Business**

No other business was raised.

**7. Date of Next Meeting:**

- Thursday, 06<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Commencing at 5.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall