

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 05th October, 2017**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Roger Whitehead	Resident
Yvonne M. May	Resident of Waterside
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
Jim Smart	NVRA
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Jonathan Nixon	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Matt Lunney	Police
Ivan Hartley	Police

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies were received from Sue Bryant-Sharples and Audrey Broughton.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 07th September, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

ASB in Alkincoats Park – Shaun Spencer is still hanging around up at Alkincoats Park and causing a bit of a nuisance. He is also harassing his grandad, who now wants nothing to do with him – however, his aunt is still providing him with food and money. Sandra Proctor from Together Housing is now looking at trying to find some accommodation for Shaun.

Action: Continue to monitor.

Greenfield Road Rat Run – Humps have now been installed on Greenfield Road and at the Colne Area Committee Meeting there will be a decision made as to whether funding of £600 will be made available to also put a gate up.

Action: Councillors at the Colne Area Committee to support the bid application.

Speed Trap outcomes at Castle Road – No updates from the Police yet as to the outcomes of a speed trap that was recently set up.

Action: Ivan Hartley will ask David Cleal to email the findings to Jerry Stanford.

North Street issues – Reports that another caravan has now turned up at North Street, making 3 in total. Tim Horsley is currently working on this to get them moved. It was suggested that Neil Watson may be able to take some Enforcement Action too. No progress made yet with regards to the man who was seen on North Street with a trolley full of meats that he was trying to sell which it appeared he has stolen from Sainsbury's.

Action: Continue to monitor and work on getting the caravans moved.

Ivan Hartley to go to Sainsbury's and have a meeting with the store manager there.

Cricket Club ASB - Issues with ASB at the cricket club and an assault that took place a number of weeks ago. No update from the Police with this one yet.

Action: Police to check with Tim Hitchen and to reply to Jerry Stanford in an email with an update.

Overgrown hedges on footpaths – All hedges that were reported as overgrown have now been passed on to Lancashire County Council. All but one have now been cut back – awaiting confirmation from Councillor Foxley as to whether the final one has been done.

Action: Councillor Foxley to check that the last hedge has now been cut back.

Large vehicle problems at Swan Croft – Signage has now been turned so that cars can now see them when approaching Market Street.

Large vehicle problems at Glenroy – Lancashire County Council now working on this problem. Jim Smart still gathering evidence in relation to what types of vehicles are using this route, getting registration plates etc.

Action: Jim to continue to gather evidence.

Trawden Graffiti – Police had an informal chat with someone who was suspected of causing the vandalism and the issue appears to have stopped for now.

Park Primary crossing issues – Jerry contacted Sarah Midgley (head teacher) at the school. She is putting an announcement out in the newsletter and also mentioned it in a recent assembly for the children to pass on to their parents. The problem now seems to be sorted.

Survey of ASB/ gangs in Pendle – an opportunity has arisen to undertake a piece of research part funded by the Home Office which will provide a rapid assessment of how young people are being used and exploited by drugs gangs in Pendle and how the drugs markets are organised. This would be a good way to identify problems in Colne and look at ways of combatting this.

Action: Await funding news.

Map of Defibrillator locations – Jerry requested at the Full CSP that maps be provided for the locations of the defibrillators around the town. Councillor Clegg also noted that there will be a defibrillator made available up at Alkincoats Park in the spring.

Hubs House Farm – Pendle Borough Council, the Police, Environment Agency, Fire Service and Lancashire County Council all still busy working on the Hubs House Farm case. The man involved is due to be sentenced in November. Possibility of looking at seizing the vehicle to put a temporary stop to the dumping of waste.

Action: Continue to monitor the situation.

4. Matters of Concern

Rutland Street raised paving – Issue has been reported to Lancashire County Council. As of yet, they still haven't been out to sort.

Action: Nick Harbour to chase LCC to see what progress is being made with this one.

Rutland Street/ Byron Road signage – Some work had recently been done around the traffic lights on Byron Road at the bottom of Rutland Street. The contractors have left the road signs out and people have started to throw them about in the road.

Action: Pendle Borough Council to look into getting the signs shifted.

Primet school crossing lights – the lights are still switched on at Primet School. Jerry has been in touch with LCC and they will be dealing with it.

47 North Street – Reports that there is a person squatting at 47 North Street.

Action: Ivan Hartley to call round to the property to investigate.

McCall's hedge – Lancashire County Council have recently sent a letter to the owner of McCall's shop on Glenroy Avenue requesting that they get the hedge cut behind the shop as it is causing an obstruction. As of yet, the hedge remains overgrown.

Action: Jerry Stanford to also write to the shop owners.

North Street drug dealing – People have been spotted passing packets from cars on North Street in what residents suspect to be drug dealing. There is CCTV available of this and residents have also collected registration plates of the vehicles in question.

Action: Residents to pass on the information to the Police so that they can investigate the matter.

16 Exchange Street – Reports that somebody is living in a caravan outside 16 Exchange Street. Electric is all hooked up to the caravan. The caravan is situated on both the pavement and the road.

Action: Tim Horsley to investigate further.

Fire exit at Hospice Shop – Obstructions have been spotted outside the emergency exit of the Hospice shop on Dockray Street. If there was to be a fire in the shop, people would be trapped inside due to things like mattresses being pressed up against the emergency exit door. The area behind the shop seems to be used as a dumping ground.

Action: Jerry to see if there is any possibility of having the area gated off.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Matt Lunney presented the crime figures for September 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	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	9	+8
Burglary other than in a dwelling	1	3	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	7	8	+1
Vehicle Crime	3	5	1	8	3	7	2	5	2	1	11	26	+15
Hate Crime	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	=
D/V assaults	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	7	+3
Licensed premises assaults	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	=
Other assaults	3	9	3	8	3	0	3	2	0	0	12	19	+7
Criminal Damage/ Arson	2	1	9	2	0	1	2	8	2	1	15	13	-2
All Crime	43	48	39	50	11	12	23	34	5	5	121	149	+28
ASB	22	28	30	26	4	9	30	14	3	2	89	79	-10

PACT Priorities

Waterside:

- 1) Shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks.
- 2) Youths causing ASB and smoking cannabis within the Cemetery grounds on Keighley Road.
- 3) Motor cycle nuisance on Midgley Street and Blucher Street.

Horsfield:

- 1) ASB on King Georges playing field.
- 2) Coping stone thefts from walls.

Vivary Bridge:

- 1) Sean Spencer a nuisance at his auntie's on Talbot Street and also taking drink induced naps on Alkincoats Park.
- 2) Issues at North Street.

Colne Rural:

- 1) Thefts from vehicles on Wycoller car park.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 9th November 2017

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