

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the  
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford –Chair – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M. May	Resident
Jim Smart	North Valley Residents Action Group
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
PC Dave Cleal	Lancashire Police
PCSO Kevin Dolphin	Lancashire Police
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	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 Tim Hitchen and Sue Bryant-Sharples.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The rest of the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Oak Mill Site** – no new problems have been reported since the last meeting. The Police have been monitoring the area and nothing new from residents either. Pendle Borough Council's Building Regulations team are also in contact with the owners of the building to ensure that the fencing is kept in place to keep people out of the site.

**Peel Gardens** – a response was received from LCC in relation to the dim lighting at Peel Gardens. Unfortunately, not much can be done with regards to the brightness of the new lighting. It is mainly down to the energy and maintenance savings that the changes took place. Also, the trespass of light from the new bulbs is greatly reduced for the residents who have them outside their homes, which is better for them.

**Colne Cricket Club** – currently awaiting the results from a forensic test on a glove that was found at the site of the robbery. Hopefully this will lead to the capture of the perpetrator.

**Ball Grove Car Park** – the Police ASB team have been frequently visiting the area. There have been no recent signs of criminal action/ drug taking at the car park.

**Bus Shelters** – more damage reported to the bus shelter outside Colne Muni. It has been reported that a new bus shelter is being installed which is good news.

**Basil Street** – the Police have visited the resident who witnessed the incident regarding the burnt out caravan on Basil Street. The person did not wish to make a statement.

**Tractor at Lidgett** – following on from Jerry reporting the incident last month, Simon Bucknell has been in touch. As the tractor did not have any registration plates on it, no fixed penalty notice can be sent out. Double yellow lines can only be put down if a serious accident has happened at the site in question. The PCSO's have been looking out for the tractor whilst patrolling the area, but have no new sightings since it was reported at the last meeting.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – any support that can be offered to the proposed set up of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Talbot Street area will be gratefully received.

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

**Hubs House Farm** – after reports of multiple fly tipping issues, a meeting took place recently between various agencies on how to combat the problem. Mr Alison has now been taken to court by the Environment Agency in relation to pollution issues and Lancashire County Council have taken action against him in relation to Planning matters. The Environment Agency and Lancashire County Council are now working together to try to ensure that no more problems arise.

**Feeding pigeons in the town centre** – problems with people feeding pigeons in the town centre despite the signage already in place.

**Town centre cameras** – cameras are now set up and working well. Pictures in the evening looks to be even clearer than the day time pictures on the old cameras. The team are currently awaiting some training then things should be good to go. The Police are also working on a solution for the best ways to get the images sent to the station.

**Drug dealing at Glen Street/ North Street** – reports that people have been spotted selling drugs at Glen Street/ North Street and offering them to young children. The people are on foot so no registration plates have been taken.

**Action:** Police to monitor the area closely for the next few weeks.

**Glen Street Off-licence** – reports that people are buying alcohol and cigarettes for under-age people at the off-licence on Glen Street.

**Action:** Police to speak to Mick Armfield from Pendle Borough Council licencing.

**Gangs of youths** – gangs of youths have been running amok in Colne. This has been reported numerous times to the Police but no action appears to ever be taken. People have been reporting various incidents on Facebook too. People have taken pictures of damage that has happened. Friday and Saturday tea-times are reported to be the worst time for it. Youths have been identified by their school uniforms (Park High and Fishermore).

**Action:** Cllr. Lord will forward on the images to the Police. She will also call in at the schools and ask that they help come up with something to prevent any further nuisances being caused.

**Slippery surface at Bradley Road/ Byron Road** – lots of dead leaves are piling up on the snicket at Bradley Road/ Byron Road. An elderly resident has recently slipped and injured herself on them.

**Action:** Nick Harbour to report this to Pendle Borough Council officers and ask that the leaves be cleared.

**CCTV at Alkincoates Park** – Audrey Broughton enquired as to whether the old CCTV cameras used in the town centre could be installed up at Alkincoates Park.

**Action:** Cllr. Cockburn-Price will make enquiries and let Audrey know at the next meeting if this will be possible.

**Sunken paving blocks** – reports that paving blocks have sunk outside Shaw's Fruit Shop in the town centre.

**Action:** Cllr. Lord will report this problem.

**Dumped bags containing drugs** – 10 bags of rubbish were dumped up at Greenfield Nature Reserve. The bags also appeared to have cannabis leaves in them. David Alexander from Pendle Borough Council had traced the bags back to a property at Oak Street and issued them a fine.

**Action:** Details of those responsible to be passed on to PC Dave Cleal for more follow up.

## 5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Kevin Dolphin presented the crime figures for January 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	0	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	7	4	-3
Burglary other than in a dwelling	6	4	3	5	0	0	4	2	1	0	14	11	-3
Vehicle Crime	2	0	1	1	1	6	3	1	2	1	9	9	=
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
D/V assaults	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	6	+4
Licensed premises assaults	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	-4
Other assaults	3	6	3	6	1	2	0	5	0	0	7	19	+12
Criminal Damage/ Arson	10	8	6	9	2	0	5	7	0	1	23	25	+2
All Crime	44	43	32	40	4	11	29	25	6	4	115	123	+8
ASB	27	31	38	30	4	7	23	16	1	5	93	89	-4

## **PACT Priorities**

### **Waterside:**

- 1) Shoplifting in Colne town centre is still at a high level – Regular foot patrols carried out around the town centre and larger stores. On-going operation to combat prolific offenders.
- 2) Parking on Knotts Lane and Green Rd nr shop, causing issues for residents.

### **Horsfield:**

- 1) King Georges Playing Field - ASB.
- 2) Oak St/Oak St Mill/Fern St/ Cleveland St – ASB.

### **Vivary Bridge:**

- 1) Parking on Zig-Zag – LCC to enforce but police to monitor.
- 2) Alkincoats Park – ASB/Fire in the nature reserve.

### **Colne Rural:**

- 1) Speeding on Keighley Road.
- 2) Vehicle crime – Wycoller.

## **6. Any Other Business**

The Scrutiny Management Team are once again inviting suggestions for topics for scrutiny for 2017/18. If anyone has anything they would like to propose, they are encouraged to pass on the idea to either Jerry Stanford, Cllr. Cockburn-Price or to the Council directly.

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

- Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

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