

**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> March, 2017**

**PRESENT**

Councillor David Clegg – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Alice Mann	Waterside Neighbourhood Action
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
Matthew Lunney	Lancashire Police
Ailsa Gill	Lancashire Police
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Jonathan Nixon	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	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 Jerry Stanford, Carol Riley, Jim Smart, Tim Hitchen and Sue Bryant-Sharples.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price asked that in the previous minutes a slight alteration be made to the item in relation to bus shelters. It was noted that a new bus shelter was to be installed. This has not yet been confirmed so the minutes are to be changed to “the possibility of a new bus shelter being installed”.

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**

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Jerry Stanford has spoken with a representative from Lancashire Combined Watch Forum who act as a central support group for all sorts of Community Watch schemes. He is awaiting contact from the secretary/ chairman for steps on how they might be able to assist the Talbot Street group that is currently being set up.

**Feeding pigeons in the town centre** – this matter has now been passed on to the Environmental Health team to look into. No new reports of it having been a problem these last few weeks since the last meeting.

**CCTV Cameras in the town centre** – still one or two problems with the technology that need ironing out but they will be resolved soon. The team will be running a software upgrade and then the cameras will be good to go.

**CCTV Cameras at Alkincoates Park** – the old town centre cameras should soon be available to put up at Alkincoates Park to try to deter any further vandalism up there. It was requested that any other spare cameras be placed up at the Cricket Club after they have experienced similar difficulties. Cllr. Cockburn-Price stated there were 4 cameras available so it was suggested that 2 cameras go to each location.

**Glen Street Off-licence** – the Police are working with Trading Standards and will be out doing some test purchasing in the upcoming weeks to see if there are any sales taking place that shouldn't be.

**Drug dealing at Glen Street/ North Street** – residents have spotted more suspicious activity – including a minibus full of people arriving at the premises in the early hours of the morning and going up into the flat above the shop. The Police are well aware of the situation and have said that things should improve sooner rather than later.

**Hubs House Farm** – no progress has been made by Lancashire County Council since the last meeting with regards to taking action against Mr Alison. The fly-tipping is still proving to be a nuisance across the whole of the Borough. Various new ideas were raised at looking to get Mr Alison's vehicle off the road, even if it is just a temporary measure. The Police agreed they would look at issues regarding the dimness of the lighting on the vehicle, the variation in number plates spotted on the vehicle, whether the vehicle is insured, what type of diesel the vehicle is using and a general check if the vehicle is actually roadworthy. It is hoped that one of the things mentioned in the list can get the vehicle off the road so the fly-tipping stops.

**Action:** Police to do the checks outlined above.

**Slippery surface at Bradley Road/ Byron Road** – Pendle Council have now been up to the site and cleared away the leaves.

**Sunken paving blocks** – the matter is now in hand. A team will be coming to fix the paving blocks in the next few days. For now, some hazard warning signs are placed at the site to warn people of the dangers there until they are fixed.

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

**Incident at Fern Street** – concerns raised following a report in the paper about a stabbing on Fern Street. This of course was a serious incident but Police stated that it was an isolated incident following a family dispute and that the perpetrator wasn't a threat to the residents in the area.

**Fly-tipping on Millennium Green** – more fly-tipping problems occurring at Millennium Green and Green Road woodland at Waterside.

**Action:** Nick Harbour to raise with Tim Horsley to see what can be done to try to prevent this happening again.

**Churned Up Grass at Varley Street** – reports made to Cllr. Nixon about grass being churned up on Varley Street by vehicles going up onto it. Cllr. Nixon has passed this on to Peter Atkinson to ask LCC to look at a solution to the problem.

**Action:** Peter Atkinson is currently dealing with this problem and is in contact with LCC.

**Parking at Knotts Drive Shop** – reports that people are parking up outside the Premier Shop on Knotts Drive and causing problems for other drivers when they try to pass, including double parking. There is poor visibility for passing cars trying to get around the parked up vehicles and it could cause an accident.

**Action:** Police to monitor the area at the times highlighted to try to combat the problem. Request that Peter Atkinson also take this to the County Officer Working Group.

## 5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Matthew Lunney presented the crime figures for February 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	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	7	+1
Burglary other than in a dwelling	5	5	0	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	10	9	-1
Vehicle Crime	2	3	5	1	0	*9	1	4	0	1	8	18	+10
Hate Crime	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	-3
D/V assaults	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	5	3	-2
Licensed premises assaults	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	+1
Other assaults	5	3	7	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	16	8	-8
Criminal Damage/ Arson	7	6	4	3	5	2	3	5	1	0	20	16	-4
All Crime	50	43	32	17	14	13	31	26	2	5	129	104	-25
ASB	35	18	33	23	5	6	11	15	1	1	85	63	-22

\*It was noted that there was a large increase in vehicle crime in Colne Rural. This was down to a large number of incidents occurring at a car park in Wycoller. Measures are being taken to catch those involved. The Police, Pendle Council Officers and Park Rangers are all working together to monitor the site to try to prevent any further incidents.

## **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) Person riding around the area on a motorbike performing dangerous stunts and causing a noise nuisance.

### **Horsfield:**

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

### **Vivary Bridge:**

- 1) Alkincoats Park – ASB/Fire in the nature reserve.

### **Colne Rural:**

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

## **6. Any Other Business**

No other business was raised.

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

- Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

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