

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the  
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford –Chair – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Alice Mann	Waterside Neighbourhood Action Group
Yvonne M. May	Resident
Pat Howarth	Resident
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
PC Carl Nevison	Lancashire Police
PCSO Kevin Dolphin	Lancashire Police
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, Cllr Nixon, Carol Riley and Jim Smart.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The rest of the minutes of the meeting held on 07<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Late night speeding cars & traffic matters** – no problems to report in relation to speeding cars in the area this month. Also, no sightings of the quad bike that was causing problems around the Birtwistle Avenue area.

**Air-rifle discharge in Waterside** – no new reports from residents of the air-rifle being discharged this month. Nothing reported to the Police either.

**Street cleaning complaint** – apologies were received from Denis Joyce at Pendle Borough Council in relation to the street cleaning complaint made up at Knotts Drive. The mess has now been cleared up and the person responsible has been spoken to following an internal investigation at the Council.

**Contacting Police issues** – Jerry had received an email from the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to a complaint made about the lack of response to residents calls from the Police. Numerous residents had called the 101 number to report a crime and by the

time they have got through (if someone had eventually picked up) the crime had been committed and the offender has left the scene. The reasoning given was that there was an increased demand for the service so operators are dealing with more time consuming calls. There is going to be an increase in contact centre staff in the coming weeks, which will hopefully help to reduce the waiting time for somebody to pick up any calls. Analysis is due out at the end of January from the figures last year and this will be followed by a consultation where the Colne CSP will put forward their views after viewing the results.

**Colne Town Council CCTV** – problems reported with the new CCTV up in Colne Town Centre. Apparently, Police are not allowed to have direct access to the footage in the station or on tablets as first thought. This is due to the potential of evidence tampering so the courts would not allow it to be used when trying to prosecute.

**Persimmon development – Knotts Lane** – no new problems reported this month. Noise at a minimum and cleanliness of the road surface nearby has been much better recently.

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

**No PCSO in Laneshaw Bridge** – concerns raised that Laneshaw Bridge now has no PCSO patrolling the area following the departure of Luke Gregory. Unfortunately due to the budgets, no replacement will be brought in yet and time will be delegated from the remaining PCSO's schedules to spend time patrolling the area.

**Oak Mill, Skipton Road** – problems with children pulling down fencing around the Earby Light site and throwing it in the middle of the road. Potentially dangerous for oncoming vehicles. Stone and eggs also been thrown at passing cars. Also deep holes on the site that could be dangerous for children to fall in (though they shouldn't be on there).

**Action:** Nick Harbour to notify Tim Horsley at Pendle Borough Council. Police to send the ASB car down to the site to try and identify the perpetrators.

**Lighting at Peel Gardens** – Council have replaced lighting at Peel Gardens with LED bulbs. Complaints that they aren't bright enough for the elderly residents in the area to see properly.

**Neighbourhood Watch at Talbot Street** – as mentioned at the last meeting – a Neighbourhood Watch meeting was set up for residents of Talbot Street following an attack on an elderly resident a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, only one person along with the organisers showed up to the meeting.

**Break-in at Cricket Club** – report that the cricket club had been the subject of a break-in around Christmas time. Fortunately, not too much seems to have been taken. Police are aware of the theft and are working on it.

**Ball Grove car park** – three cars have been recently spotted at Ball Grove car park with people inside them smoking drugs.

**Action:** Police to send the ASB car down to the site to try and identify the perpetrators.

**Speeding tractors** – a tractor and digger have been spotted parked up on the pavement going into Lidgett. No registration plate on the tractor. Jerry has taken some photographic evidence.

**Action:** Jerry to send the photos to Tim Hitchen, Cllr. Nixon and Simon Bucknall at Lancashire County Council.

**Damage to bus shelters** – reports that damage to bus shelters has started to occur again following on from difficulties last year. Albert Road bus shelter has been reported to the Police and they are monitoring the area.

**Double parking at Knotts Lane** – cars have been spotted double parking outside the Premier Shop on Knotts Lane. Police are aware of this and are monitoring the situation.

**Burnt out caravan at Basil Street** – following on from a fire in a caravan on Basil Street, one of the local residents had spotted what happened in the build-up and was ready to make a statement to the Police. The fire service said the Police would call round at the resident's house, but as yet, have not been.

**Action:** Police to notify the person investigating the case that a witness is there prepared to be interviewed.

## 5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Carl Nevison presented the crime figures for December 2016, together with figures for the same period in 2015

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
Burglary in a dwelling	1	0	2	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	5	5	=
Burglary other than in a dwelling	7	4	7	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	18	9	-9
Vehicle Crime	5	11	8	1	5	4	6	1	0	1	24	18	-6
Hate Crime	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	-1
D/V assaults	2	1	1	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	5	7	+2
Licensed premises assaults	1	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	+8
Other assaults	2	7	4	6	3	3	3	5	1	0	13	21	+8
Criminal Damage/ Arson	2	3	4	9	2	3	11	10	0	0	19	25	+6
All Crime	46	54	44	47	13	15	36	30	3	2	142	148	+6
ASB	29	21	33	24	22	6	22	11	3	0	93	62	-31

## **PACT Priorities**

### **Waterside:**

- 1) Discharging an air-rifle indiscriminately in public spaces Knotts Lane/ Blucher St.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Parking on Knotts Lane and Green Rd nr shop, causing issues for residents.

### **Horsfield:**

- 1) King Georges Playing Field - ASB.
- 2) Oak St/Fern St/ Cleveland St – ASB.
- 3) Drunkenness and loutish behaviour on the benches in front of Colne Library during the day. The two main offenders have been served with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

### **Vivary Bridge:**

- 1) Youths using unregistered quad bike on public roads
- 2) Parking on Zig-Zag – LCC to enforce but police to monitor.
- 3) Alkincoats Park – ASB/Fire in the nature reserve.

### **Colne Rural:**

- 1) Speeding on Keighley Road.
- 2) Sexual Activity/graffiti in toilets – Laneshaw Bridge.
- 3) Vehicle crime – Wycoller.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Jerry asked for any volunteers to attend a reception at Lancashire County Council for volunteer groups across the County. The event will take place at County Hall in Preston on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 6:30pm to 9pm.

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

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

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