

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 07th December, 2016**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford –Chair – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve
Jim Smart	North Valley Residents Action Group
Janet Whincup	Resident
Luke Gregory	Lancashire Police
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	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, Kevin McNulty, Cllr Foxley, Sue Bryant-Sharples, Cllr Greaves and Carol Riley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Two items were accidentally deleted from the minutes that were circulated (air rifle activity and a parking issue). These will be added back in. It was also noted an attendees name was misspelt (amended to Jim Smart from Jim Sharp).

The rest of the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Late night speeding cars & traffic matters – To help combat the issue of speeding cars, Sgt Hitchen has ordered a new speed gun which can be used to help catch offenders in the area. This should be ready to use in the next couple of weeks once it arrives from Preston where it is currently being calibrated. Once it arrives, an operation will be set up to crack down on those speeding and using mobile phones whilst driving.

A road safety awareness campaign also took place in November. Members of Pendle council, the Police and the Fire Service took to the streets of Pendle to warn residents of dangerous driving. A crash car was also used to make sure the message got home to those who saw it. The reaction was good from those who the team spoke to, and over 150 people signed a pledge to drive safely on local roads.

Parked cars – Hartley Terrace – Sue Bryant-Sharples had passed on her apologies and could not attend the meeting so no update could be given at this meeting.

Quad biking around Birtwistle Avenue – The quad bike is still being spotted on Birtwistle Avenue and surroundings areas. It is feared that speeding and dangerous driving will eventually cause an accident. The Police have patrolled the area but had no sightings of it. Some residents have called the Police but by the time they have reached the scene the quad bike is long gone.

Action: Housing Pendle have CCTV up in that area. Police to ask to view the tapes and try to identify the perpetrator. Residents to continue to update Police with any more sightings.

Contacting Police issues – Jerry has written to the Police and Crime Commissioner to complain about the lack of response to residents calls from the Police. Numerous residents have called the 101 number to report a crime and by the time they have got through (if someone has eventually picked up) the crime has been committed and the offender has left the scene. Jerry is awaiting a response and will update at the next meeting.

Action: Jerry to update the partnership with feedback from the Police and Crime Commissioner at the next meeting once a response has been received.

Dangerous dog – The Police have prosecuted the owner of the dangerous dog reported at the last meeting. A court order is now in place and the dog must be muzzled at all times when out of the house. The Pendle dog wardens are aware of the situation and will also monitor closely.

4. Matters of Concern

Damage to bird table – Reports of a bird table being damaged up at Alkincoates Nature Reserve. Not known if the crime was reported to the Police or not. Similar issues occurred during the summer. A number of small fires have also caused from damage in the area.

Dangerous taxis – a discussion was had surrounding the recent work that has gone into ensuring that taxis in the local area are road worthy and safe for members of the public to use. A number of vehicles have been taken off the road. Audrey Broughton, along with the rest of the partnership, noted their thanks to all those involved, particularly Cllr Clegg.

Attack on elderly resident – Neighbourhood Watch – due to a recent attack on an elderly resident on Talbot Street, some residents have called for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme to be introduced.

Action: A meeting is being held on Monday 12th December to see who would be willing to support the scheme. An outcome from this will be brought to the next meeting of the Colne CSP.

Street cleaning complaint – A complaint was made to Fleet Street Depot after a sighting of someone leaving human excrement on a footpath at Knotts Mount. The report was made a week ago and nobody has been to remove it after saying somebody would be up later that same day.

Action: Nick Harbour to contact Denis Joyce at Fleet Street Depot to see why the initial complaint was not followed up.

Building site mess – report that the new Persimmon development near Knotts End is causing a mess to roads surrounding the site. Diggers and other work vehicles are dragging mud and debris onto the roads, which make driving along them hazardous as well as making them look unsightly.

Action: Continue to monitor. If things do not improve then it could be referred to the Planning Team whereby Persimmon could be under a breach of condition.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Luke Gregory presented the crime figures for November 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	2	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	7	+3
Burglary other than in a dwelling	10	3	1	0	3	2	4	2	1	1	19	8	-11
Vehicle Crime	9	2	3	1	3	5	3	0	2	1	20	9	-11
Hate Crime	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	=
D/V assaults	2	1	4	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	9	5	-4
Licensed premises assaults	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	=
Other assaults	4	7	8	4	0	2	3	2	0	0	15	15	=
Criminal Damage/ Arson	7	8	3	5	1	2	4	6	0	0	15	21	+6
All Crime	56	70	40	29	12	14	31	20	4	3	143	136	-7
ASB	27	32	21	36	6	6	17	19	2	2	73	95	+22

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 – Laneshawbridge.
- 3) Vehicle crime – Wycoller.

6. Any Other Business

No other business to discuss

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 12th January, 2016

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