

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Pendle Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 10th Nov, 2016**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford –Chair – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve
Sue Bryant-Sharples	Resident
Alice Mann	Resident
Yvonne May	Resident
Jim Sharp	Resident, Birtwistle Community Centre
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Jonathan Nixon	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Sergeant Tim Hitchen	Lancashire Police

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He introduced our new Police Sergeant, Tim Hitchen and wished him a successful stint in charge.

Apologies were received from Carol Riley, Councillor Dorothy Lord, Kevin McNulty, Nick Harbour

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 06th October, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Parked cars – Hartley Terrace – no changes with any of the issues up at Hartley Terrace. Resident Sue Bryant-Sharples reported that difficulties were still being experienced with parking vehicles at the entrance to the industrial estate interfering with sight lines and vehicles leaving the estate and turning over the bridge without regard to possible vehicles approaching or pedestrians in the road. This continues to be an accident waiting to happen and there is little expectation that LCC Highways will take any action until that occurs.

Action: Continue to monitor and report back at the next meeting.

Traffic Matters –

Speeding cars - Jerry reported that the speeding cars concerns were being investigated by Insp P Goodall with the aid of Insp A Proctor. He observed that this problem is as wide-spread as Blackburn and beyond so is being addressed across the whole area. Pendle BC's action includes a travelling road show during National Road Safety Week (16th Nov on) involving a crash car, videos and a road speed moderation pledge-seeking from the public. They will be in Colne Market Car-Park on Wednesday 23rd so please try and visit them.

Sadly, such events tend to preach to the converted and don't address those who are the real offenders.

Cllr Foxley reported that the activity is still happening along Keighley Rd, often as early as 1900 and especially on a Friday evening. Sgt Hitchens' intention is to attempt to detect and identify offenders.

Actions: It is suggested that Geoff Whitehead be asked to approach the media to support both the road show and the need for the public to report car numbers, times and other details when offences are observed. Sgt Hitchen to pursue additional lines of attack.

Hartley Terrace/Lenches – Further breaches of a Pendle prohibition order by a male individual are occurring involving attendance at a known address in this area. This is causing harassment and concern to other neighbours and seems to be ignored by the authorities. Attempts to report a sighting have been thwarted by the Neighbourhood team being off-duty, and telephone 101, the only other police communication, being unobtainable because it is not answered.

Actions: Jerry to write to the Police Commissioner about the dreadful accessibility level of 101 and to raise it at Main Committee on 12th December. Sgt Hitchen to raise awareness of the offence with the Neighbourhood team. Tim Horsley to be advised for any action he can take.

Yellow line marking – Mr Bucknell was approached regarding the three possible yellow line marking areas raised last month – and he responded to say that as there had been no recorded accidents in those places, and that two of them involved private roads, nothing could or would be done. Thanks to Councillor Nixon for assisting in the efforts to improve road safety. Jerry responded by commenting that it was sad that we had to wait for someone to die before action could be taken.

Car in Colne Water – Jerry reported this to Ribble Trust and Environment Agency and the latter have dealt with it promptly. They assured him that the effects on the River would be minimal.

Damage to trees at parks – the culprit has been identified and action is underway to afford him the help he needs. No further problems have arisen. Further advice is that following action by the Resolution Team, he is now working hard in Alkincoates Park and has asked for a personal project to undertake.

Drug dealing at Castle Road – Police have taken action and results have been more widespread than expected and included seizing the car involved. The car had already been marked as having a drugs connection and further action is imminent on the offenders.

Problem pavements at Rutland Street – roots from nearby trees have been marked for removal and restitution of the pavement.

Trespassing on Byron Road Community Centre roof – reports that children are climbing up onto the roof at Byron Road Community Centre. This has been reported Housing Together and the Area Committee for action.

Manned Crossing near Allendale Street – question raised about whether the lollypop lady could better utilise her time when helping people cross the road. Jerry investigated this and when children leave school the LLP Lady is able to operate the lights and is very well used. It would be less safe if she were to move to opposite the ginnel.

4. Matters of Concern

4.1 Sue raised a problem of a dog-owner exercising a Rottweiler dog in her area that has a frequent record of attacking people and other dogs although a report in the local newspaper reported an incident as a one-off; other incidents have been reported to the Police. Neighbours have recently avoided the walking area from fear of this dog.

Action: Dog warden, Neighbourhood Team and Tim Horsley to be advised.

4.2 Advice by Cllr Clegg to Neighbourhood Team that an unregistered quad bike is being regularly used along Harrison Drive, Birtwistle Avenue and in Alkincoates Park by two youngsters with no helmets, especially at the weekend. This was a more frequent occurrence during the half-term week.

Action: Neighbourhood Team to be aware and include a watch on PACT priority list.

4.3 Jim Sharp from Birtwistle Community Centre advised that following the serious sexual assault in Talbot St the residents had become very concerned and he was anxious to start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. He has the on-line information which is rather overwhelming and seeks help to set up a scheme. Jerry advised that the actual operation of a scheme could be as little or as much as the residents wanted to make it. Sgt Hitchen gave Jim the email contact for the Police NW adviser, Keith Sandon and he will make contact.

4.4 **Trawden PCC** have raised concerns about the further increase in the long-term problem of car break-ins at Wycollar Country Park car-park. Sgt Hitchen advised that this was a serious concern for the police and following their action two cars had been identified from W Yorkshire one of which has been seized, but no prosecutions as yet. He is hopeful that this action will curtail offences but the watch will go on.

Action Maintain this as a PACT priority

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Sgt T Hitchen presented the crime figures for October 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	3	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	6	8	+2
Burglary other than in a dwelling	4	2	4	2	3	1	2	0	3	0	16	5	-11
Vehicle Crime	9	5	3	2	1	0	9	2	0	0	22	9	-13
Hate Crime	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	2	-4
D/V assaults	4	3	5	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	7	-2
Licensed premises assaults	1	2	6	7	0	1	0	0	1	0	8	10	+2
Other assaults	4	6	2	5	1	0	5	5	0	4	12	20	+8
Criminal Damage/ Arson	3	12	4	10	0	1	11	8	0	0	18	31	+13
All Crime	48	63	34	39	8	6	38	32	5	7	133	147	+14
ASB	49	27	30	24	5	2	31	20	2	3	117	76	-41

PACT Priorities

Note – these are the priorities available at time of distribution of the minutes.

Waterside

- Shoplifting in Colne town centre is still at a high level – Regular foot patrols carried out around the town centre and larger stores
- Youths causing anti-social behaviour on Hawley Street, Colne
- Motorcycle nuisance on Basil Street, Colne
- Discharging an air-rifle indiscriminately in public spaces Knotts Lane/ Blucher St

Horsfield

- King George playing fields – anti-social behaviour
- Oak Street/ Fern Street/ Cleveland Street – ASB

- 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
- Drug taking and drug dealing behind an address on Castle Road, Colne

Vivary Bridge

- ASB in Alkincoates Park/ Nature Reserve particularly around the Pavilion
- ASB on Barcroft Street Bowling Green
- Parking on ZIG-ZAG lines outside schools – police patrolling near schools at dropping off/ picking up times. Motorists have been warned in the past but the problem is continuing. Fixed Penalty Notices are being considered where appropriate
- Youths using unregistered quad bike on public roads

Colne Rural

- Speeding on Skipton Road, Colne
- Sexual activity in the public toilets on Keighley Road, Laneshawbridge – Observations in area with a view to detect offenders
- Vehicle crime in Trawden

6. Any Other Business

No other business

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 8th December, 2016 Commencing at 5.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall