

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the  
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 08<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford –Chair – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Carol Riley	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne May	Resident
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
Alice Mann	Waterside Neighbourhood Action Group
Councillor Graham Roach	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	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 Horsley, David Foat and Cllr. Jonathan Nixon.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Parked cars – Hartley Terrace** – Tim Horsley has been up to visit the site again. The red car that was causing most of the problems is in fact the garage site owner's personal vehicle which he uses to travel to work in, which he is well within his rights to do. The van on the street is currently not drivable, but this is being sorted out in the next few days. The 4x4 belongs to a resident on Lenches Road and parked within the building line so nothing can be done about this. The garage site owner is being co-operative and assisting as best he can with the requests.

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

**Late night speeding cars** – Andrew Stephenson has again been in touch with the Police Commissioner and Chief Constable to express his concerns with the issues around the town. Andrew is currently still awaiting a response to see if any additional funding can be put towards resolving the ongoing issues. He will contact Jerry once he receives a reply.

Jerry got an email from Andrew Proctor, Inspector of Police, regarding some of the speeding issues. He stated that the Multi-Agency Speed Tasking Group have requested more information regarding dates and times that issues are happening. Jerry sent across all the

current information and asked that members of the CSP ask residents who notice the issues to take down the date and time, and if possible, a registration plate number of the cars causing nuisance.

Cllr. Greaves noted that the issue was not just happening in Colne and Laneshawbridge, but all across Pendle. He suggested that it be raised as a high priority to the relevant people before someone is seriously injured, or worse.

**Action:** Jerry to raise concerns about speeding traffic at the Full Community Safety Partnership meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Everybody to monitor any speeding issues and take down as many details as possible. Ask residents in the problem area's to do the same.

**Parking on zigzags outside schools** - The Safer Travel Team have been out around the local schools providing A Frames to help to deter the parking on zigzags which is causing issues in the area. It was agreed something is finally being done about the problem, but the signs on the pavement caused a woman to step out in the road to avoid them, who was then nearly hit by a passing car. It was suggested that fines are the only thing that will discourage parking on these zigzags.

**Action:** Monitor the situation over the coming weeks and see if Police are able to monitor these problem spots.

**Road surface at Castle Road** - The road surface issues at Castle Road are due to be addressed very soon. This should resolve the problem.

**Speeding tractors** – Jerry had raised the issue with Simon Bucknall. The best course of action is again to note down as much detail as possible about the incident (time, date, registration plate if possible) and report to the Police.

**Damage to trees at parks** – Kieron Roberts has sent an email with an update about the damage to trees and hedges at both Alkincoats and Ball Grove Park's. Hedges keep being pulled out and have to be replanted by local residents. Police have been patrolling the area between 6pm and 10pm but residents feel that it would be more beneficial if they were to patrol later on at night. CCTV cameras have now been installed to it is hoped that this will stop the needless vandalism of the trees and hedges.

**Action:** Monitor the situation over the coming weeks and see if the CCTV cameras deter the perpetrators.

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

**Drug dealing on Sainsbury's car park** – Jerry has raised the issue with Craig Jarrett and passed on the appropriate information that was supplied at the last meeting. He is awaiting a response on what will happen next but Craig has passed it on to the appropriate team.

**Byron Road manhole cover** – Issue with a sunken man hole cover on Byron Road. Cllr. Cockburn-Price has already reported this problem to LCC who will be sorting it.

**Grass cutting** – Problems when the Council are cutting grass that they are leaving big clumps of grass when they've finished, which are then being blown onto the roads and pavements, potentially being a hazard as well as being unsightly. It was brought up that the Council will be drastically reducing the number of cuts to grassland in the near future due to budget constraints, so this will at least cut down on the issue of the left over grass.

**Cutting in cars on Vivary Way** – Concerns raised about the amount of cars cutting in on Vivary Way. A 'Right Turn Only' marking could help reduce the number of incidents with this one.

**Action:** Jerry to email Simon Bucknall to see if this is a possibility.

**Fires in Waterside** – The Fire Service released latest statistics for the number of call outs in the local area. The figures showed a large increase in Waterside for June, July and August. A number were suggested to be stemming from anti-social behaviour on waste ground. Others were thought to be from burning waste and trees

**Action:** Fire service to continue to monitor. These fires could lead to a serious issue if they get out of hand.

**Parking at Sacred Heart** – Another discussion around parking on Red Lane outside Sacred Heart School. Waiting restrictions are being ignored and again it was suggested that the only way to address this is to fine people who are causing the offences.

## **5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities**

Unfortunately, there was no Police presence at the meeting and no crime statistics had been sent through in advance so there could be no update this time.

**Action:** Jerry will bring up the concerns of the group at the Full Community Safety Partnership on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **Hen Harriers**

A leaflet was distributed asking for support to protect Hen Harriers from being hunted at The Forest of Bowland. The birds have been fully protected by law since 1954 yet they are still being killed on some grouse moors.

A petition is available online to sign at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/125003>

### **Grass Roots Giving Initiative**

Alkincoates Woodland Nature Reserve Group has been shortlisted for Skipton Building Society's £500 Grass Roots Giving Initiative. In order to receive this grant it is now open to the general public to vote for them online.

To vote, please visit [www.skiptongrg.co.uk](http://www.skiptongrg.co.uk) – for more information please call either Carol Riley (01282) 868224 or Dave McQuillan (01282) 712793.

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

- Thursday, 06<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

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