

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 04th August, 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
Councillor Jonathan Nixon	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	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 Craig Jarrett, David Foat and Marion Snowden.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 07th July, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Late night speeding cars & traffic matters – Andrew Stephenson has 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.

Parked cars – Hartley Terrace – Sue had emailed some more photos of a car that has now been parked there for a number of weeks and also scattered rubble and car parts. Tim Horsley had been round to the garage site again on 3rd August to speak to the owners. 2 of the vehicles on the street belonged to the owner of the garage – one in which he travels to work in and the other being a van which he also uses for work. The owner is not doing anything wrong at present and knows he's being monitored by the Council. There is one abandoned vehicle on the street (not owned by the garage owner) which Tim will get removed.

Action: Tim to look at getting the abandoned vehicle taken away.

Taxis parking at Hippodrome – Simon Bucknall had responded to Jerry's email requesting a drop off point being put in place outside the Hippodrome. Unfortunately this isn't possible, however the Hippodrome are working with the taxi owners to agree a solution. The taxi drivers won't park outside the Hippodrome on the night's when an event is taking place to allow access for disabled people. It was also suggested that cars may briefly double park as long as they are moved along not long afterwards.

Action: Monitor the situation over the coming weeks and report any further issues.

Stolen bird table – Reports of another attempted theft of a bird table. Fortunately, the would-be thieves didn't manage to take this one, but slight damage caused.

Bus stop at Alkincoates – redundant bus shelter not yet transferred to new location but is due to be moved soon.

Tractors speeding – Margaret Foxley reported that another speeding tractor was seen doing 52mph – way above the speed limit for the area for any vehicle.

Action: Jerry to email Simon Bucknall to report the issue.

Uninsured taxis – issue where a resident knocked off his bike now dealt with.

Signage in Laneshawbridge – reported that old signage mentioned at the last meeting has now been removed.

4. Matters of Concern

School Warning Light off Wackersall Road – reports of a school warning light constantly flashing despite it now being the school holidays. Fears drivers won't take notice when schools restart after the summer.

Action: Tim to find out who is responsible for this and ask that it be turned off.

Anti-Social Behaviour at Alkincoats Park – Issues reported of anti-social behaviour at Alkincoats Park, including damage to trees, and suspected drinking and drugs misuse behind the tennis courts and pavilion. Concerns that there isn't enough PCSO presence in the area. Suggestions that old cameras can be installed at the café to act as a deterrent.

Action: Jerry to email Craig Jarrett with the complaint.

Damage to Trees at Ball Grove Park – Trees also damaged at Ball Grove Park. Looks to be someone with a knife who has destroyed two large trees. Anti-social behaviour as well as dangerous someone is walking around with a large blade.

Action: Jerry to email the Ball Grove Park Leader and to copy in Craig Jarrett and Lee Johnson.

Rats at Lady Hartley Court – People have been throwing out bits of waste food for wild birds but this is causing issues with rats. Margaret Foxley has reported this and is awaiting word back from Pest Control. Unfortunately, there is little to be done as people are throwing the food in their own back gardens.

Parking Outside Schools – Still reports coming in that parents are parking outside schools on the zig-zags that are meant to be kept clear for emergencies. It is requested that when the Police patrol the areas they start to issue fines rather than verbal cautions to deter others parking there.

Action: Jerry to email Craig Jarrett to request this happens.

Road issues at Skipton Road – More problems with some areas of roads in the town. People are ignoring double yellow lines around Skipton Road. Numerous speeding vehicles also pass down this road and articulated vehicles also park here causing poor visibility. Particularly concerning during the summer holidays. It was mentioned that some money could be available for a new crossing in this area.

Action: Jerry to email Simon Bucknall to highlight the issues and check on the funding availability.

Road surface issues at Foulridge – Concerns raised about the state of the road surface on the way into Foulridge from Colne.

Action: Jerry to email Simon Bucknall to highlight the issue.

CCTV Update – Cllr. Cockburn-Price gave a brief update on the CCTV situation. Full Council had a lengthy discussion and opted to go for the 'full bells and whistles' system which is great news for the town. She also highlighted that a lot of the shops have radios to communicate with one another to warn of any potential shoplifters or suspicious activity and suggested that they be encouraged to use these more often.

Pavement Damage – Reports of some damage to pavements that could be a trip hazard at Portland Street and Stratford Way. This has been caused by tree roots.

Action: Jerry to email Simon Bucknall to highlight the issue.

Byron Road Community Centre – People been seen on the roof at the community centre. Could do with some anti-vandal paint putting on.

Suspected Drug Dealing at Sainsbury's Car Park – two reports in of suspected drug dealing at Sainsbury's Car Park. Details taken down of the suspected cars involved.

Action: Jerry to email Craig Jarrett with the details.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Jerry Stanford presented the crime figures for July 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	4	1	0	1	0	5	1	1	1	0	6	8	+2
Burglary other than in a dwelling	7	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	3	-5
Vehicle Crime	4	3	4	3	4	10	2	3	5	0	19	19	=
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
D/V assaults	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	+5
Licensed premises assaults	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
Other assaults	5	6	8	5	0	4	2	3	0	0	15	18	+3
Criminal Damage/ Arson	4	16	7	2	0	3	11	8	1	0	23	29	+6
All Crime	40	58	32	23	11	34	32	35	8	0	123	150	+27
ASB	28	26	16	22	4	7	27	17	3	0	76	72	-4

***Some members of the group requested a link to where the statistics can be found in full for all crimes – they can be found at <https://data.police.uk/>**

PACT Priorities

Waterside

- Increase in shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks – regular foot patrols carried out around the town centre and larger stores.
- Youths causing anti-social behaviour on Hawley Street, Colne.

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.

Vivary Bridge

- ASB on the area including Alkincoats Park/ Nature Reserve and Barcroft Street Bowling Green – attention by the dedicated evening ASB car.
- Parking on ZIG-ZAG's outside schools – police patrols at dropping off/ picking up times. Motorists warned where appropriate. Daily patrols both on foot and during ASB patrols in the Alkincoats Park/ Nature Reserve area. Sporadic visits to both Lord St and Sacred Heart Schools, with few parents being warned re parking on Zig-zags and double yellows.

Colne Rural

- Speeding on Skipton Road, Colne.
- Night poaching in the rural areas
- Wycoller Car Park patrols increased

7. Any Other Business

Trawden Agricultural Show

Not a matter of safety as such, but it was noted that the Trawden Agricultural Show is due to take place on Sunday 14th August at the Recreation Ground. All from the Colne CSP are welcome to attend.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 08th September, 2016

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