

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 10th August, 2017**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M. May	Resident of Waterside
Roger Whitehead	Resident
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
Jim Smart	NVRA
Tim Hitchen	Police
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	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 Sue Bryant-Sharples, Cllr. Jonathan Nixon and Carol Riley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 06th July, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Drunk outside library – Police continue to monitor the situation. The man has been spotted a number of times intoxicated outside the library in the past few weeks. Evidence being collected and a ‘Criminal Behaviour Order’ will soon be put in place. Also reports that a man up in Alkincoats Park has been seen wandering around drunk, and suggestions that he has been exposing himself. Obviously this is worrying that it is happening at a children’s play area, particularly during the school holidays.

Action: Continue to monitor and send more patrols up to the park

Greenfield Road Rat Run – speed bumps will be put in place to help deter the irresponsible driving. Funding is being sought from Lancashire County Council to get some gates installed. The item is now on the agenda for the next meeting with LCC so an outcome will be known by the next meeting of this group.

Child Grooming (at McDonalds) – Nothing new reported to the police and no more sightings by residents. People urged to note down registrations and pass on to the police if they spot anything suspicious in the future.

Speed trap on Castle Road – Speed monitoring equipment was installed recently. Need to find out the results from this.

Action: David Cleal to chase when he’s back from his annual leave and update at the next meeting.

Abandoned campervan – Campervan that was abandoned on the garage site at North Street has now been removed.

Hubs House Farm – The occupier of Hubs House Farm was due in court last week but nobody in attendance at this meeting had been informed of the outcome – nothing in the local press either.

Action: Try to find out the outcome of the court appearance – though unlikely it went ahead with nobody seeing any reported outcome.

Fly Tipping – the team down at Fleet Street have been informed about the recent spate of fly tipping and are now monitoring the situation, particularly around the Waterside area,

Raised paving at market – the issue is now being dealt with by Liberata services. It will be sorted out w/c 14th August.

Overgrown hedging – overgrown branches and hedging now cut back at Delta Nursing Home and Hartley Homes. However, the footpath next to The Grange is still being obstructed by overgrown hedging.

4. Matters of Concern

Overgrown hedges – more hedges overgrown – this time between Innerfield and Garfield and Garthholme and Spring Grove on Keighley Road

Action: Nick Harbour to try to contact Tim Webber to try to arrange getting them cut back

Man walking along Keighley Road – man spotted constantly walking along Keighley Road trying to stop traffic and get into cars. Times range from 05:00 – 12:00.

Action: Nick Harbour to speak with Tim Horsley about the best action to take – possibly get in touch with mental health team to check the man is ok.

Vehicle delivering to Glenroy Avenue – a delivery vehicle has snapped some branches off a tree on Glenroy Avenue whilst delivering to the local shop. Either the rest of the tree needs cutting back or possibly an alternative route needs to be taken by the vehicle.

Action: Jerry to contact Simon Bucknell about the possibilities of making the street the vehicle currently uses a one way system.

Trawden graffiti – graffiti has been sprayed on a number of buildings in Trawden, including the phrase 'God is War' on a church. This seems to be occurring on a Monday evening.

Action: Police to continue to monitor the issue.

Byron Road Community Centre car park issues – suspected drug dealing happening at Byron Road Community Centre car park. Cars seen together any the occupiers getting out and acting suspiciously. Also, people are selling cars from the car park and there are issues with the height barrier.

Action: Request that residents take down the vehicle registration plate, make of car etc so that the Police can trace the vehicles and act accordingly.

Fern Street drug dealing – Police are still working on the case. No further update can be given at the present time but residents assured it is still on the Police radar.

Action: Police to update at the next meeting of this group.

Community Road Watch – Tim Hitchen reports that a ‘Community Road Watch’ team of volunteers is due to do some work in the town over the next few weeks. They will work around some of the areas reported by this group in the past. If they find somewhere is particularly bad, the Police can then send officers to monitor those areas to try and catch and people speeding.

Raised paving at Rutland Street – roots from trees are causing the flags to raise on parts of Rutland Street

Action: Nick Harbour to report the issue to the Council.

ASB at cricket club – more ASB incidents involving youths at the cricket club. Threats of violence and drug abuse have taken place. Residents managed to get names of the suspected ringleaders and they have been passed on to the Police.

Action: Police to monitor the situation and look to visit the perpetrators.

Cold calling scam – some residents have received what they fear to be cold calling scam calls.

Action: Residents asked to report any suspicious numbers to the action fraud team.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Tim Hitchen presented the crime figures for July 2017, together with figures for the same period in 2016

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	
Burglary in a dwelling	1	5	1	3	5	2	1	3	0	1	8	14	+6
Burglary other than in a dwelling	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	=
Vehicle Crime	2	5	3	0	9	2	3	1	1	0	18	8	-10
Hate Crime	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	+1
D/V assaults	2	4	0	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	6	9	+3
Licensed premises assaults	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	+4
Other assaults	10	8	4	11	0	1	2	9	0	0	16	29	+13
Criminal Damage/ Arson	13	3	2	8	2	2	7	5	1	1	25	19	-6

All Crime	52	59	19	49	24	7	29	33	2	2	126	150	+24
ASB	27	35	23	31	3	10	17	29	5	4	75	109	+34

PACT Priorities

Waterside:

- 1) Shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks.
- 2) Youths causing ASB and smoking cannabis within the Cemetery grounds on Keighley Road.

Horsfield:

- 1) ASB on King Georges playing field
- 2) ASB in and around the North Valley retail park (KFC, McDonalds, Sainsburys).
- 3) ASB and on-street drinking in Colne town centre.

Vivary Bridge:

- 1) Youths having noisy parties in the fields off Heirs House Lane – lighting fires, drinking alcohol, etc.
- 2) A man causing a nuisance at his auntie’s on Talbot Street and also taking drink induced naps on Alkincoats Park.

Colne Rural:

- 1) Thefts from vehicles on Wycoller car park

6. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 7th September 2017

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