

Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 07th September, 2017

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M. May	Resident of Waterside
Kevin McNulty	Castle Rd NW
Jim Smart	NVRA
Councillor David Clegg	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, Cllr. Tony Greaves, Marion Snowden, Carol Riley and Roger Whitehead.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Drunk outside library/ Alkincoats Park – No new sightings reported outside the library. However, it is feared that they have moved up onto Alkincoats Park. Concerns from residents that when the Police go up to monitor the park, they just turn around in the car park and leave without looking properly. The drinkers tend to congregate around the bandstand, which cannot be seen from the car park without getting out of the car.

Action: Continue to monitor and ask that more thorough checks are carried out.

Greenfield Road Rat Run – Monks have just finished the works to repair the existing 7 road cushions and add 3 new ‘sleeping policeman’ style humps. They will also include road signs and textureflex road markings. The Council will be installing a gate which residents can use on a temporary basis if the traffic is still bad following the road hump repairs. Residents will have a key. Some additional money for the gates is still needed that was not in the initial bid – the bid for £500 will go before the Colne Area Committee following this meeting.

Action: Councillors at the Colne Area Committee to support the bid application.

Hubs House Farm – No updates from happenings at Hubs House Farm this time. It was suggested that a Police Closure Order could be put in place following on from a similar issue

reported in the local press. Unfortunately, this is not an option as the owner at Hubs House Farm doesn't have a permit in the first place.

Delivery vehicle at Cookhouse Road – Jerry has been in contact with Simon at LCC about the problems raised at the last meeting in relation to lorries accessing the shop at Glenroyd/ Cookhouse Road. Simon asked that more evidence be gathered from residents and the Neighbourhood Policing Team visit the shop before LCC get involved.

Action: Residents to create a log of any future incidents (dates, times, registration numbers etc)

Neighbourhood Policing Team to visit the shop.

Jim to try to get details of the companies who's vehicles are making the deliveries so that Jerry can write directly to them so request they take a more suitable route to drop off the stock.

Trawden CCTV – No correspondence from the Police with the offer to CCTV access in Trawden. It had been offered to share the footage of the camera which points towards the church.

Action: Await comment from the Police.

Fern Street drug dealing – The suspected offenders have now moved out of the property on Fern Street so this problem should now be resolved.

ASB at cricket club – Police not present at the meeting to give an update on the ASB at the cricket club.

Action: Police to report back at the next meeting.

Rutland Street paving – Problem was reported but the team went out and could not locate the cracked paving.

Action: Kevin McNulty to speak to the lady who raised this and ask her to pinpoint the location.

Overgrown hedges – Hedge at The Grange has now been trimmed back. No update for the ones along Keighley Road.

4. Matters of Concern

Rough sleeper – Lady been seen sleeping rough outside the library and across from the Glass House.

Action: Nick Harbour to report to Tim Horsley.

Primet school crossing lights – 20mph speed warning signs are constantly flashing at Primet School. If they are constantly on, people will take less notice of them if they see it every day.

Action: Jerry to contact Simon at LCC to see if they can switch them off when the school is closed.

Air ambulance landing area – The air ambulance has been called out a few times in recent months in Colne and it was suggested that a possible designated landing area be identified. There are a number of different spots the ambulance could land and for now, it was suggested it continues to choose spots most convenient to where the incident has occurred.

Taxi's outside Hippodrome Theatre – Concerns raised about the number of taxis outside the Hippodrome. The spaces being occupied by these vehicles have however been approved by the Council.

Spray from garage at Harrison Drive – Residents unhappy with the smell being omitted from the 'W18' garage site at the bottom of Harrison Drive when the staff are spraying cars.

Action: Residents to contact Neil Watson at the Council Planning Department if the smell causes any future problems.

Issues on North Street – Various driving offences highlighted on North Street, including a van driving with no lights, a speeding van, people riding motorbikes without helmets etc. Also, two caravans are currently being occupied up there, one of which has a caged animal next to the front door. A man has also been seen exposing himself outside it and urinating outdoors.

Action: Jim to send on all the details captured (ie. registrations, house numbers) to Jerry, who will then forward to the Police.

Defibrillator locations – Following on from a report that 999 responses are taking more time than ever, it was suggested that the defibrillators would now be being used more frequently. This led to the suggestion that a map should be available highlighting exactly where the defibrillators are located in the town.

Action: Jerry will suggest this at the next Full CSP meeting.

Park Primary road crossing – Reports that parents and children are not using the zebra crossings when crossing the road outside Park Primary School. A couple of close incidents in recent weeks have been noted where cars have almost hit people who have not used the various crossings available to get over the main road.

Action: Jerry Stanford to write to the school asking that they remind both the students and the parents of the dangers of not using the crossings.

Swan Croft signage – Lorries causing issues when turning at Swan Croft. The road was blocked off around 10 minutes when a lorry got stuck trying to turn out off the main road.

Action: Jerry to email Simon at LCC asking that they turn the current signage to make it more visible for vehicles or better yet, get a sign saying ‘No lorries’.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Jerry Stanford presented the crime figures for August 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	3	3	3	0	2	1	3	1	1	6	12	+6
Burglary other than in a dwelling	3	6	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	10	8	-2
Vehicle Crime	3	4	4	5	14	5	1	2	1	0	23	16	-7
Hate Crime	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	+1
D/V assaults	3	3	1	5	0	1	2	4	0	0	6	13	+7
Licensed premises assaults	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	-1
Other assaults	4	3	2	3	2	1	5	4	1	0	14	11	-3
Criminal Damage/ Arson	8	8	2	8	4	6	7	5	0	0	21	27	+6
All Crime	47	67	43	43	25	19	30	30	7	2	152	161	+9
ASB	46	35	32	20	7	9	25	31	1	5	111	100	-11

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.
- 4) Vehicle issues around North Street.

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
- 2) Graffiti issue in Trawden

6. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 5th October 2017

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