

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

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Tom Sharples	Resident
Sue Bryant-Sharples	WNAG
Jim Smart	NVRA
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Matt Lunney	Police
Ailsa Gill	Police

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies were received from Tim Hitchen, Sarah Cockburn-Price, Yvonne May, Carol Riley, Marion Snowden, Alice Mann and Roger Whitehead.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 09th November, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

ASB in Alkincoats Park – Shaun Spencer had recently left the Borough and was thought to have gone across to Burnley. However, he was then spotted again at his aunt's house. The Police took him across to the Salvation Army over in Blackburn to try to help Shaun get into some form of accommodation.

Action: Continue to monitor.

North Street caravans – Caravans have now been removed and not spotted anywhere else.

North Street problem house – now being cleared and hopefully no further issues should occur.

Hubs House Farm – no updates this month for Hubs House Farm. No new incidents have been reported.

Sainsbury's car park issues – Police now working with Sainsbury's to help combat the issue of people using drugs in and around the car park at Sainsbury's. Looking at the possibility of fencing the area off to try to prevent people lurking around. More Police patrols also taking place in this area.

Action: Police to continue to monitor the area and update at the next meeting any progress being made.

AED map progress – Jerry has received the following response in regards to a map showing where the defibrillators are located in Colne:

"This is the link to the map of Colne showing de-fibrillators (recorded by postcode). Please note the guidance issued by NWAS about only using them when directed to do so by the emergency operator.

<https://batchgeo.com/map/bdb11fdb97db6c2ca1f1791e0d313958>

please note that these locations are not 24hr access, so at times the AED may not be accessible. In the event of an emergency occurring and an AED potentially being of benefit to the clinical situation our Emergency Operations Centre staff will direct member of the public to these sites. The importance always is to call 999 first before looking at any system/online app to find them so we can get the ambulances cress dispatched to the emergency."

Holt House flashing car lights – no reports of any problems at the site in the last month to the Police.

Suspicious car activity in Alkincoats - following in from the man acting suspiciously last month in Alkincoats Park taking photos of his vehicle, a man has been brought in by the Police for questioning for numerous offences. Since this happened, no new sightings have been made at the park of such activity.

4. Matters of Concern

Louts at Ball Grove Park – Margaret Foxley reported that whilst out walking her dog in Ball Grove Park, she spotted three people who looked to be in their 30's up to no good on the play area. A male from the group then dropped his trousers and began to urinate all over the play equipment. Margaret tried to call the Police but had no response from the mobiles of local officers, nor any help from calling 101. This is obviously concerning that a resident could not get assistance from an officer whilst a crime was taking place.

Action: - Jerry will again contact the Police & Crime Commissioner raising the problem with regards to calling 101. Matt Lunney, who was present at the meeting, stated that whilst there appear to be issues with 101 that "If a crime is being committed and observed by a member of the public, they should call 999 for assistance – not 101".

Parked cars at Hartley Terrace – Concerns raised about cars parking at Hartley Terrace causing issues for vehicles trying to get out of the street. As it stands, there isn't anything that the Colne CSP can try that they haven't already looked into before.

Closure of Youth Centre – New Ground have recently pulled out of assisting with the last youth club in Colne. This is down to funding issues. Concerns raised that this could lead to an increased number of ASB incidents in the area if the children have no place to go in an evening.

Action: Jim working on getting some new volunteers to assist in getting the youth club back open. Bodies in Motion are looking to assist. Jim will also speak to members up at the rugby/football club to look into starting a programme up there.

Mediation in Burnley – Burnley Police have asked Margaret and the restorative justice team to assist with an issue that would require mediation. This is good news that the programme is offering support to neighbouring Borough's.

HGV's using Lidgett – Reports that vehicles are causing problems in Lidgett by turning into the area and not being able to pass through, then damaging property when trying to turn back around. A small wall has been knocked down numerous times now.

Action: - Jerry has already spoken to Simon at LCC. The signage that is currently there warning drivers that the road is not suitable for larger vehicles will be moved further down the road to try to deter them from using Lidgett.

Drug use at garage site near old youth club – Updates on Colne Talk that drug addicts are using the site behind the old youth club near the Lord Rodney to take drugs and are also offering to sell them to children who are in the area.

Action: - Police are already aware of this and are working on catching the culprits. Liberata are looking at securing the building down there too so that nobody can get in.

Shutters at old Blockbuster Videos – The roller blind at the old Blockbuster Video site in the town centre is partly up and it is suspected that people are going in there. This is obviously a danger to those people and the owners of the building need to get it secured.

Action: - David Clegg to speak to Neil Watson about this problem and see if they can get it resolved.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Matt Lunney presented the crime figures for November 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	4	6	2	2	0	4	1	2	0	0	7	14	+7
Burglary other than in a dwelling	3	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	8	9	+1
Vehicle Crime	2	2	1	4	5	2	0	4	1	0	9	12	+3
Hate Crime	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	+2
D/V assaults	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	5	6	+1
Licensed premises assaults	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	+1
Other assaults	7	4	4	6	2	0	2	4	0	0	15	14	-1
Criminal Damage/ Arson	8	2	5	0	2	3	6	12	0	1	21	18	-1
All Crime	70	58	29	40	14	14	20	45	3	3	136	160	+24
ASB	32	24	36	29	6	5	19	18	2	4	95	80	-15

PACT Priorities

Waterside:

- 1) Shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks.
- 2) Motor cycle nuisance on Midgley Street and Blucher Street.
- 3) Drug users hanging around the garage site near the old youth club.

Horsfield:

- 1) ASB on King Georges playing field.
- 2) Coping stone thefts from walls.

Vivary Bridge:

- 1) Sean Spencer a nuisance at his auntie's on Talbot Street and also taking drink induced naps on Alkincoats Park.

Colne Rural:

- 1) Speeding through Laneshawbridge along the A6068.
- 2) Indecent exposure at Ball Grove Park (and culprit been spotted near to schools)

6. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 11th January 2018

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