

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 11th January, 2018**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Tom Sharples	Resident
Sue Bryant-Sharples	WNAG
Roger Whitehead	WNAG
Alice Mann	WNAG
David Foat	Horsfield Resident
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Dave Cleal	Police
Ivan Hartley	Police

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies were received from Tim Hitchen, Jim Smart, Carol Riley, Marion Snowden, Yvonne May and Councillor Margaret Foxley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

One omission from the previous minutes – apologies were not noted from Kevin McNulty.

The rest minutes of the meeting held on 07th December, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Loss of Youth Centre – A little help has been drafted in for the next couple of weeks but the future of the Youth Centre is still very much in the balance. More volunteers are needed.

Action: Colne CSP members are asked to spread the word seeking volunteers and if there are any, they are to contact Jim. Sarah will also send out the request on Facebook and on Colne Talk.

Hubs House Farm – Owner has now been prosecuted and issued a £9,000 fine for the offence on the lane leading up to the farm. If the area is not tidied up in the coming weeks, another fine will be issued for the farm itself.

Wycoller Prosecutions – Prosecutions for the thefts up at Wycoller have not yet taken place.

Action: David Cleal to see if he can find out when this is likely to happen and report back at the next meeting.

Sainsbury's car park issues – no new incidents reported. CCTV has now been repositioned so that it is facing the recycling bins where the suspicious activity was occurring. Signage is also being put up to notify anyone lurking in that particular area that they are being watched.

Drug activity near the Lord Rodney – No update on this area for this month.

Offenders in Ball Grove – No Police update yet with regards to tracking down the offenders. However, a link has possibly been made when a man of the same description in the park was found to have stolen some Euro's from a property in Colne then tried to cash them in at the local post office. Unfortunately, there is no CCTV in the post office to try to identify the man.

Action: Police to seek public help by sharing the description of the alleged perpetrator on social media.

Response time to 101 - Jerry had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner outlining concerns over the service being provided when the public are calling 101 for assistance. Recent statistics show that up to 50% of people are now hanging up before an operator picks up their call. Andy Winter responded to Jerry sending him a list of local Police contact numbers and a rota of when each member of the team would be working. This is gratefully received and should help to get assistance quickly should 101 be busy.

Shaun Spencer – Shaun currently doing well over in Blackburn working with volunteers from the Salvation Army. No new issues raised in Colne this past month.

Suspicious car activity in Alkincoats – another person spotted taking photographs of the rear end of vehicles in the park.

Action: Residents urged to take down the licence plate details of the vehicles in question.

Progress on ex Blockbuster Building - following a report last month about the building not being secure, the agent for the building has been contacted who claims it is secure. Neil Watson has also visited the site and said the same.

Action: Sarah Cockburn-Price to raise again with Neil Watson.

4. Matters of Concern

Speeding car on Byron Road – Cars have been spotted racing and overtaking again on Byron Road and the surrounding areas.

Action: - Police to monitor when possible. This is difficult due to resources. It is difficult for the Police to catch them when residents call in at the time of the offence as the cars are long gone by the time they get chance to respond. It is advised that the residents try their best to take down the vehicle registration number and report that to the Police.

Road surface on Byron Road – Poor road surfaces on Byron Road and surrounding area. This seems to be an issue throughout the entire Borough. Little the Colne CSP can do about this issue at the moment, LCC are aware of the problems but seem to lack the funding necessary to make all the improvements that are needed.

Taxi's charging too much – Complaints received about taxi's charging high fees for jobs.

Action: Suggested that anyone booking a taxi ask the driver/ phone operator when booking what the price is before getting into the taxi. David Clegg has more information if anyone would like to know more about the process. If anyone is charged more than what was agreed before the journey started, they are advised to take down the taxi drivers licence number on his/ her ID card that should be located in the vehicle and report him/ her.

Drug use at Millennium Green – Still ongoing issues with residents finding evidence of drug use down at Millennium Green. One resident discovered two bin liners full of used syringes.

Action: Dave Cleal to pass this information on to Matt Lunney and ask that he investigate the matter further.

'Pit Bike' on Millennium Green – Reports that there is an issue of somebody riding round the Millennium Green on a pit bike. The rider is going round at high speeds and on footpaths which could cause an accident. He/ She is also wearing a full white face mask.

Noisy vehicles/ bikes – On the back of the pit bike report, it was noted that there was an issue across the whole of the town in relation to noisy vehicles/ bikes.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Dave Cleal presented the crime figures for December 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	0	4	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	5	8	+3
Burglary other than in a dwelling	4	8	2	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	9	13	+4
Vehicle Crime	11	3	1	0	4	0	1	3	1	0	18	6	-12
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	=
D/V assaults	1	2	4	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	7	7	=
Licensed premises assaults	5	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	-6
Other assaults	7	9	6	7	3	0	5	2	0	1	21	19	-2
Criminal Damage/ Arson	3	4	9	4	3	1	10	3	0	0	25	12	-13
All Crime	54	65	47	38	15	6	30	30	2	3	148	142	-6
ASB	21	26	24	21	6	2	11	20	0	2	62	71	+9

PACT Priorities

Waterside:

- 1) Shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks.
- 2) Motor cycle nuisance on Midgley Street and Blucher Street.
- 3) Youths causing anti-social behaviour in the Waterside area.
- 4) Drug issues at Millennium Green.

Horsfield:

- 1) ASB on King George's playing field.
- 2) Youths causing ASB at McDonalds and Sainsbury's.

Vivary Bridge:

- 1) Shoplifting at TK Max.

Colne Rural:

- 1) Incidents at Ball Grove Park.

6. Matters from Main Committee

No matters for the Colne CSP to deal with.

7. Scam Warnings

Jerry quickly noted that a scam was doing the rounds where fraudsters contact victims claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and trick them into paying bogus debts and taxes using iTunes gift cards. He asked that people be vigilant and spread the word to other action groups.

8. Any Other Business

Jerry has reported some parking issues to Lancashire County Council that are happening down at Dockray Street. Vans are parking at 'M65' and blocking visibility for people trying to get out of the junction. This could easily lead to an accident.

Action: - Police to visit the site.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 08th February 2018

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