

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 08th March, 2018**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

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| Jim Smart | North Valley Residents Association |
| Audrey Broughton | Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve |
| Alice Mann | Waterside Neighbourhood Action |
| Roger Whitehead | Waterside Neighbourhood Action |
| Kevin McNulty | Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW |
| Councillor David Clegg | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Dorothy Lord | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Jonathan Nixon | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Tony Greaves | Pendle Borough Council |
| Nick Harbour | Pendle Borough Council |
| Tim Hitchen | Police |
| Kevin Dolphin | Police |

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies were received from Yvonne May.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 08th February, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Wycoller prosecutions – Jerry has written to Andrew Stephenson to express the Colne CSP's disappointment in the lack of action being taken following the arrests made a year ago in relation to the break-ins at Wycoller. No response has been received yet. Tim Hitchen has been in touch with the CPS again but they haven't really made any progress since the last meeting of this group.

Action: Continue to monitor and chase for updates.

Byron Road Community Centre – Still issues with volunteers and room bookings at Byron Road Community Centre. Jonathan Nixon and Kevin McNulty are both working on addressing these issues. It was agreed that forming a committee would be a good start so that they can manage the running of the community centre.

Action: Jonathan Nixon to report to Together Housing that he will be looking to arrange a committee to help run the community centre.

Youth premises at Waterside – Six interested parties have been in touch with Pendle Borough Council to look at taking over the premises. Three of those have gone on to submit more detailed proposals. A report has been prepared for the Executive committee on 15th

March whereby Members will consider the proposals and look to approve one of the applications.

Issues at Sainsburys and McDonalds – Sarah Cockburn-Price has been in contact with the managers at Sainsburys and apparently things have got a lot better since they had been in touch with the local schools and asked that they speak to the students about the issues raised at the last meeting.

4. Matters of Concern

Housing Development at The Green – Residents heard rumours that new houses are to be erected at The Green off Byron Road. Councillor Greaves stated that this definitely will not happen.

Rutland Street hump – The hump reported on Rutland Street has yet to be fixed by Lancashire County Council. This is even more hazardous when snow falls.

Action: - Nick Harbour to chase LCC for an update.

Empty grit bins in Horsfield – All the grit bins in Horsfield are empty and more grit is needed in case of more snow/ ice.

Action: Jerry to email Simon Bucknell and request that the bins be replenished.

Damaged wall – Reports that one of the gritters from LCC got into a minor accident when the snow fell. As a result, a dry stone wall had to be removed on Cock Hill Lane to get the gritter out of where it was stuck. The wall was never put back to how it was.

Action: Councillor Nixon to report this matter to LCC and request that they come out and fix it.

ASB at James Goodship memorial – Reports of people drinking and rowdy behaviour up at the James Goodship memorial area.

Action: Police to add it to the ASB patrol and monitor the area.

Lack of Police presence at North Valley and crime increase – Residents of North Valley are unhappy with the lack of Police presence up on the estate. Some have claimed to have stopped reporting some crimes they are witnessing as nothing is being done about the ever-soaring crime rate that is being reported. The residents also feel that the huge increase in crime rate over the past year or so will have a negative impact on their insurance costs for the future.

Action: Councillors all to take necessary steps by raising these concerns at the various other meetings they attend to raise awareness of the difficulties in North Valley. Police to look at the possibilities of having a detailed breakdown of where exactly the crimes are taking place (i.e. are they mainly in the town centre).

Empty grit bins in North Valley – no grit left in the grit bins at North Valley. Residents reported this to LCC who stated they would be replenished in two weeks' time. This is not good enough with more icy weather forecast for the coming few days.

Action: Jerry to raise with Simon Bucknell when he emails about the previously discussed Horsfield grit bins.

Potholes – More concerns with regards to potholes. Venables Avenue is currently being dug up which looks like it didn't really need doing (at a cost of £180,000) and there are other more dangerous areas that the money could have been used to treat.

Action: Residents advised to continue to contact LCC to report potholes, and where possible, send photographic evidence.

Crime increase in Trawden – Concerns raised by Trawden Parish Council that crime figures have been on the increase for some time now. Suggestions that this is because there is still no rural beat officer – a position that has now been vacant for a year. Jerry has written to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the local MP to voice these concerns on behalf of the Colne CSP.

Van break-in's in Trawden – Police notified that a resident in Trawden has clear images from his CCTV system of the perpetrator.

Action: Police to get in touch with the resident to arrange to view the footage.

Needles in Waterside – Residents from the Waterside Action Team are still finding lots of needles when out doing their litter picks.

Action: Police to continue to monitor the area. Nick Harbour to check who at the Council can safely remove the larger piles of needles that are found.

Kerb stone thefts – Residents have started to notice that a lot of kerb stones seem to be disappearing throughout the town.

Action: Police working on this. Likelihood that stone prices have increased recently and people are taking them to sell.

Abandoned car in Waterside – A second abandoned car has been left behind the Premier shop in Waterside. The vehicle has no wheels and all the windows are smashed out.

Action: Police to try to identify who the vehicle is registered to.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Tim Hitchen presented the crime figures for February 2018, together with figures for the same period in 2017.

| | Waterside | | Horsfield | | Colne Rural | | Vivary Bridge | | Foulridge | | Total | | Plus/minus |
|------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|---------------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | |
| Burglary - Residential | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | -3 |
| Burglary - Commercial | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 11 | +2 |
| Vehicle Crime | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 15 | -3 |
| Hate Crime | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | +1 |
| Assaults | 6 | 19 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 43 | +29 |

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| Theft | 13 | 25 | 5 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 51 | +22 |
| Criminal Damage/ Arson | 6 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 26 | +10 |
| All Crime | 43 | 73 | 17 | 47 | 13 | 20 | 26 | 27 | 5 | 2 | 104 | 169 | +65 |
| ASB | 18 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 63 | 60 | -3 |

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. Any Other Business

No other business.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

As the Police are not allowed to attend this type of meeting in April, it has been decided that the next meeting will be held on:

- Thursday, 10th May 2018

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

If anyone has any urgent issues to report between now and then, please contact the relevant organisation for assistance.