

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 05th July, 2018**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Jim Smart	North Valley Residents Association
Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M May	Waterside Action Group
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Action Group
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Hitchen	Police
Mary Peden	Local Resident

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

No apologies received this time.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 07th June, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Wycoller prosecutions –a new system has been put in place for sending information to the CPS. Unfortunately there has been a glitch meaning the information was never actually sent through. This has now been picked up and the case has been prioritised so an update should be imminent.

Action: Continue to monitor and chase for updates.

49 North Street – the Council have issued a section 215 on the property now so progress should be made in the upcoming weeks.

Abandoned car in Waterside – one of the officers from Pendle Borough Council has been out to the site but could not identify the problem vehicle. An email has been sent to Alice to ask for more information (registration, make, model etc).

Issues with Hedges – lots of overgrown hedges reported at North Valley. These issues along with photos have been passed onto Lancashire County Council for them to sort.

Byron Road Community Centre – a meeting has been set up for the 23rd July to discuss driving the project forward.

False Advertising at Off Licence – Jerry hasn't yet had chance to send off the photographs to Trading Standards.

Action: Jerry to email Trading Standards with some photos when he gets a chance.

Memorial bench at Alkincoats Nature Reserve – the memorial bench has now been fixed and put back in the Nature Reserve.

Flags being stolen on Colne Lane – the Police were looking at the possibility of installing CCTV around the site of the area the flags had been loosened which were identified at the last meeting. Unfortunately they weren't authorised to do this. They will continue to monitor the area and look out for suspicious vehicles.

Action: Police to continue to monitor the area.

Suspicious activity at Blascomay Square – no update given on the potential drug dealing that could be going on at Blascomay Square.

Action: Tim to ask Dave Cleal for an update and report back at the next meeting.

New Oxford Street Caravan – the owners of the caravan are currently looking at getting it shifted. The lady who was living in it has moved out and across to Blackburn with the Salvation Army.

Road surface at Skipton Old Road – resurfacing due to take place this month following some work being carried out to prevent surface water issues.

Cars speeding on Castle Road – Jerry spoke to Simon Bucknell, who suggested that the Castle Road issue is reported by the CSP to highways@lancashire.gov.uk who can then pass the information on to the Road Safety Team, who can then consider taking action alongside Lancashire Constabulary.

Speeding in Trawden – traffic surveys in the area have shown that the average speed in Trawden is 20mph, and therefore fails to justify new 20mph signage at this time.

Alkincoats Park Visitors – Travellers returned to Alkincoats Park. Pitched up at a different spot this time following the last visit. They also chopped down a tree to burn.

4. Matters of Concern

Parking at Laneshawbridge – concerns raised about parking issues opposite the Emmott Arms in Laneshawbridge. This was reported by residents at the recent Parish Council meeting.

Action: - Police will visit but chances are that if vehicles can pass through then no crime is being committed.

Speeding cars at Byron Road – reports that vehicles are speeding along Byron Road. As well as the obvious dangers of a potential accident, the vehicles are also causing a noise nuisance.

Action: - Tim to ask the Police Patrol vehicles to go up to the area and monitor the situation.

Anti-Social Behaviour at Waterside – lots of anti-social behaviour being reported around Waterside.

Action: - Tim to note this and pass on to the PCSO's for the area and ask that they monitor the situation.

Holt House Bike Danger – a number of youngsters have been spotted speeding around the playing fields at Holt House on mini-moto type bikes. An adult is also with them on a bigger type bike. They are a danger not only to the riders but to those children playing football etc on the pitches.

Action: - Tim to ask Ivan to work with Jim on resolving this.

Fires at Alkincoats – reports that somebody has been lighting fires behind the wall garden in Alkincoats Park.

Action: - Tim to ask Ailsa to monitor the area.

Peel Gardens lighting – Audrey had recently reported poor lighting at Peel Gardens and how it was a danger for residents living in that area. She called the street lighting team and a lady named Melissa was very helpful, and within days the lighting was upgraded making the area safer.

Action: - Note the good work by the street lighting team.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Tim Hitchen presented the crime figures for June 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	4	4	3	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	9	11	+2
Burglary - Commercial	6	6	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	11	+4
Vehicle Crime	3	5	2	2	4	2	3	5	0	1	12	15	+3
Hate Crime	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	+2
D/V assaults	1	7	2	6	1	0	2	3	0	2	6	18	+12
Other assaults	13	11	13	13	0	2	1	4	1	0	28	30	+2
Theft	13	18	13	9	2	1	9	4	0	0	37	32	-5
Criminal Damage/ Arson	6	9	12	15	2	1	5	5	1	1	26	31	+5
All Crime	50	90	52	70	11	9	28	37	2	5	143	211	+68
ASB	38	26	28	27	9	5	21	14	4	0	100	72	-28

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.
- 5) Monitor rough sleepers outside old Blockbusters and the library.

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. Report from Full Committee

Jerry gave a brief update on items of interest that were discussed at the Full Community Safety Partnership meeting held in June:

- Locality review actions now taking place
- Strategic Action Plan now published – see the Council website
- Terms of Reference – currently under review by Jerry, David Whipp and Sarah Astin
- Ongoing issues in Brierfield being looked at
- A discussion on a large increase in crime overall in Pendle – particularly domestic violence

7. Any Other Business

No other business.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 09th August 2018

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