

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 09th August, 2018**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M May	Waterside Action Group
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Action Group
Alice Mann	Waterside Neighbourhood Action
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Jonathan Nixon	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Victoria Fletcher	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Dave Cleal	Police
Mary Peden	Local Resident

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from Tim Hitchen, Jim Smart and Carol Riley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 05th July, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Byron Road Community Centre – Councillor Nixon reported that Together Housing have now given the green light for the project to go ahead as long as a list of volunteers is provided. A meeting is due to take place next week to take the project forward and get the centre back open and running.

Abandoned car in Waterside – the vehicle has finally been removed.

Flags on Colne Lane – unfortunately, these flags have been taken. Nobody seems to have seen anything (ie vehicle registration).

Suspicious activity at Blascomay Square – no update for this one yet.

Action: Dave Cleal will ask a colleague to go and check out the properties in question.

Speeding Cars on Byron Road – nothing new seen or reported this month.

Anti-social Behaviour in Waterside – no specific topics raised at this meeting – a 50% decrease on ASB crimes reported this time around so that is good news.

Fires at Alkincoats Park – more fires reported at Alkincoats Park. It is now thought that it is the park keepers setting them and burning rubbish they find. The fire brigade has been called out on numerous occasions to put out the smouldering mess.

Action:- Nick Harbour to report this to David Walker.

False advertising at Londis – Jerry has written to the shop owners and the signage has now been removed.

Richmond Court Security – Councillor Nixon had emailed Neil Watson with regards to this but has yet to hear back.

Action:- Councillor Nixon to chase.

4. Matters of Concern

Hawley Street Caravan – a caravan was recently burnt out on Hawley Street. Half of it has been removed and the other half is still there – possibly because the remaining half is on private land. The remaining part is dangerous and needs either removing or making secure.

Action: - Councillor Nixon to speak to Neil Watson about the best course of action.

Speeding cars on Shaw Street – still an ongoing issue as reported at past meetings.

Action: - Police to try to continue to monitor the area as best as possible with their limited resources.

Drugs in Waterside – again, reports of drug use in Waterside and the users just discarding their drug paraphernalia all over.

Takeaway on North Valley Road – reports that a takeaway has been pouring oil down the drains on North Valley Road.

Action: - Councillor Fletcher to report to Carmela in Environmental Health at Pendle Borough Council.

Harrison Drive traffic chaos – congestion at the roundabout at the bottom of Harrison Drive leading to all sorts of problems – including an ambulance struggling to get through.

Action: - Jerry will email Simon Bucknell at LCC for ideas on a solution.

Volunteer Firemen – Audrey suggested noting the town's thanks to the firemen who had been out in their own time to try to combat the recent fires at Winter Hill. All agreed it would be a good idea to put something out to them from Colne Town Council on behalf of the residents of the town.

Action: - Jerry to ask that the Town Council send out a publication thanking the volunteers.

New Market Street speeding – more speeding reported, this time around New Market Street and Stanley Street. Residents currently preparing a petition to send to the local MP.

Action: - Jerry to include this in his email to Simon Bucknell.

Dog fouling at St John's – numerous sightings of people letting their dogs foul on the grassed area at St John's Church. Possibly related to the vets being across the road.

Action: - Nick Harbour to ask David Walker to get some signage put up there. Councillor Foxley to call in the vets and mention it to them.

Fly-tipping at Chatham Street – Councillor Nixon has reported some fly-tipping issues behind the garages at Chatham Street.

Skipton Road roundabout – congestion also reported at the Skipton Road roundabout. It was requested that 'keep clear' signage could be put up to help reduce this problem.

Action: - Jerry to mention this to Simon Bucknell when he emails him regarding the other matters raised.

North Valley ASB – problems with children putting stones and super glue on windscreen wipers. Very dangerous if someone is out driving and they turn them on during a journey.

Action: - Contact the editor of Colne Life to warn people to check their vehicle before setting off anywhere.

Trawden Agricultural Show – a reminder that the Trawden Agricultural Show takes place this weekend – all welcome.

Speeding around Lenches – problems with cars speeding around Lenches being reported. They appear to be doing the same circuit – perhaps trying to beat one another's time.

Action: - Police to add this to the PACT Priorities list and to monitor the area.

Disabled parking spots – complaint received that there are currently 3 disabled parking spots outside Fulton Foods – these appear to be rarely used. Could two of them be turned into standard parking spots?

Overgrown vegetation – the vegetation around Spring Grove on Keighley Road has become overgrown again. This causes problems for people trying to walk past.

Action: - Jerry to contact Tim Webber to try to arrange the branches be cut back.

Rats – a serious rat problem has developed on the houses behind Hartley Hospital. Residents are now putting down their own rat poison to try to eliminate the problem but this then presents a problem to pets and potentially children whilst out playing in the sunshine.

Action: - Nick Harbour to mention this to pest control and Jerry to write to Pendle Borough Council.

Drug dealing at Penrith Crescent – a local resident has sent the Police registration numbers of cars that they suspect are drug dealing around Penrith Crescent.

Action: - Dave Cleal to report back to the team and see what action has been taken in dealing with this situation.

Parking at Schools – residents complaining that parking is now becoming difficult outside schools at the usual drop off times during term time.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Dave Cleal presented the crime figures for July 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	4	3	4	2	0	3	0	1	0	14	8	-6
Burglary - Commercial	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	+2
Vehicle Crime	5	4	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	1	8	10	+2
Hate Crime	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	-1
D/V assaults	4	7	2	5	0	0	3	5	0	1	9	18	+9
Other assaults	11	13	12	13	1	3	9	10	0	1	33	40	+7
Theft	21	27	19	8	0	2	7	4	1	0	48	41	-7
Criminal Damage/ Arson	3	9	8	6	2	0	5	4	1	1	19	20	+1
All Crime	59	87	49	61	7	9	33	47	3	4	150	208	+58
ASB	35	10	31	23	10	5	29	16	4	1	109	55	-54

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.
- 6) New Market Street speeding vehicles.

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.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 06th September 2018

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