

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M May	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
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Mary Peden	Local Resident

**1. Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies received from Roger Whitehead, Jim Smart and Carol Riley.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Byron Road Community Centre** – Things now progressing well with the community centre. An open day is being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September (10:00 – 14:00). The Horsfield Residents Association Group has also reformed and will be volunteering at the centre. News about the re-opening has gone down well with residents on Facebook. Councillor Nixon is to approach local businesses to seek funding for items that will be beneficial to the centre.

**Action:-** Note the thanks from the Colne CSP to Councillor Nixon for his hard work on this project.

**Fires at Alkincoats Park** – Nick Harbour reported the issue to David Walker at Pendle Council. No further fires have been reported since.

**Richmond Court Security** – Councillor Nixon had spoken to Neil Watson about this one. Neil has sorted the issue.

**Hawley Street Caravan** – the Council are serving a Section 215 notice on the owner but this could take a while to go through. As the remains are on private land, they can't just be removed and taken away by the Council.

**Action:** - Waterside litter picking group to move the items onto the highway so that the Council can pick them up and take them away.

**Takeaway on North Valley Road** – Councillor Fletcher has chased for a response but nothing received as of yet.

**Action:** - Councillor Fletcher to contact the takeaway again and update at the next meeting.

**Rats** – Jerry wrote to David Walker at Pendle Borough Council, who passed the complaint on to Paul Lloyd in Environmental Health. As yet, he has not received any word from Paul.

**Action:** Nick Harbour to ask Paul Lloyd for an update on the issue.

**Overgrown vegetation** – Jerry contacted Tim Webber as discussed at the last meeting. Tim informed Jerry that the land no longer belongs to him and that it is now owned by a man named Howard Rigg. Jerry has tried to get in touch with Howard but has so far been unsuccessful in having the branches cut back.

**Action:** - Jerry to contact Howard Rigg again to request that the work be carried out.

**Stolen paving flags around Colne** – residents who were litter picking around Waterside noted that some paving flags had been found in some shrubbery close to where some had recently gone missing on Colne Lane.

**Action:** Alice Mann to take some photos of the find and send to Colin Hill at the Town Council and ask what can be done with them. As the flags are on Council land, she is also to request to Peter Atkinson for permission to allow their removal.

**Traffic issues around Colne** – Jerry has written to Simon Bucknell at Lancashire County Council regarding various issues discussed at the last meeting with regards to road issues around the town. As yet, he has had no response so cannot update the group at this stage.

**Action:** Jerry to chase a response from Simon with regards to speeding, Skipton Road, Langroyd and Harrison Drive issues.

**Volunteer Firemen** – Jerry has written to Colin Hill at the town council to ask that a letter of gratitude be published on behalf of the people of Colne to the volunteer firemen who helped to tackle the recent blazes at Winter Hill.

**Dog fouling at St John's** – Councillor Foxley has called in at the vets opposite the church and mentioned it to the staff there. They will try to monitor from now on.

#### 4. Matters of Concern

**ASB on Thomas Street** – various ASB issues being reported at Thomas Street. Children misbehaving – throwing stones at houses and cars, standing in the middle of the road when cars are trying to pass by etc. Residents have submitted CCTV to the Police but as yet have heard nothing back

**Action:** - Jerry to raise with the Police to seek an update.

**Speeding cars on Byron Road** – still an ongoing issue as reported at past meetings.

**Action:** - Jerry to raise with Simon at LCC when he chases updates which were mentioned earlier.

**Rural Policing** – Parish Council groups at Laneshawbridge and Trawden are now furious with the lack of Police presence in the rural areas. When they try to contact Police they aren't even getting responses to letters etc.

**Action:** - Jerry to raise with the Police to seek a potential meeting between the residents and a Police representative.

**Hanover Street** – reports that a video has surfaced on the internet where a couple of youths allow their dog to maul a cat around the Hanover Street area.

**Action:** - Jerry to check with Police to see if the video has been picked up by them and if the youngsters can be identified.

**St John's Church** – ASB around the church with youths kicking footballs at the windows.

**Action:** - Jerry to ask Police to monitor the area on foot patrols.

**Hubs House Farm** – more concerns about how the owner of Hubs House Farm continues to 'flaunt the law'.

**Action:** - An update is scheduled to be given at the meeting directly following this one. Councillor Greaves can give an update at the next meeting of this group in October.

**Graffiti on Millennium Green** – more graffiti identified around Millennium Green. The vandalism written in Tipp-Ex is proving particularly difficult to remove.

**Drug taking at Waterside** – suspected drug activity still taking place around the viaduct in Waterside.

**Shaw Street speeding** – Speed monitor was recently up on Shaw Street. Of the vehicles monitored – all but one (a learner driver) were going above the allowed speed limit.

**Dog fouling at Hawley Street** – residents have reported that there is a problem with dog fouling in one of the back yards on Hawley Street.

**Action:** - Nick Harbour to give Tim Horsley the address details and ask him to investigate.

**ASB at King George V** – ASB reported around the King George V pub. Children are apparently throwing rocks at houses and cars and banging on doors and windows.

**Action:** - Jerry to report to the Police along with the other issues previously identified in this meeting.

**101 update** – a quick update from Jerry with regards to calling 101. Unfortunately, Jerry had a break-in at his garage on his property. Luckily he disturbed the burglar and they didn't take anything of value. He called 101 when the incident occurred and got through to the operator in under five minutes! Residents in that area should of course be vigilant following this attempted robbery at Jerry's home.

## 5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Nick Harbour presented the crime figures for August 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	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	12	9	-3
Burglary - Commercial	6	6	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	9	+1
Vehicle Crime	4	4	5	1	5	1	2	1	0	0	16	7	-9
Hate Crime	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	+4
D/V assaults	3	6	5	7	1	0	4	5	0	0	13	18	+5
Other assaults	4	7	5	10	1	2	4	8	0	0	14	27	+13
Theft	23	26	11	14	3	0	4	10	1	1	42	51	+9
Criminal Damage/ Arson	8	11	8	4	6	0	5	5	0	3	27	23	-4
All Crime	67	98	43	59	19	8	30	53	2	6	161	224	+63
ASB	35	23	20	31	9	5	31	17	5	3	100	79	-21

## **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, 04<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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