

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 03th October, 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
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Neighbourhood Action
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Craig McBeth	Resident
Majid Ali	Sainsburys
Kevin Dolphin	Police

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from Councillor Jonathan Nixon, Jim Smart and Carol Riley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 06th September, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

ASB at Thomas Street – the Police are monitoring the area and have spoken to children and their parents in that area in the past. There haven't been any further issues reported in the last couple of weeks so hopefully things have calmed down a bit now.

Action:- Police to continue to monitor the area.

Speeding cars – Byron Road – it was requested that the Police ask the speed monitoring team to go out to Byron Road, where there had been numerous sightings of vehicles going too fast. Kevin wasn't too sure if this had been done yet but will pass the request on.

Action:- Kevin to request that the speed monitoring team visit Byron Road.

St John's Churchyard – a number of children have been spoken to by the Police in this area and taken home to their parents. Hopefully this should see the youths stay clear of the church in the future.

Lack of Policing in Rural Areas – following various complaints about the lack of Police resources going into the rural areas of Colne, a special meeting will be held by Andy Winter and Jameel Murtza of the Police. The meeting is likely to take place in Colne town centre due to the number of people who likely will want to attend. A date and time are yet to be agreed.

Action: - Note that the meeting will be taking place.

Drug activity at Waterside – Police have been monitoring the area and have seen people hanging around and things get discarded into the nearby river as they approached. Activity still going on in the area and the Police will continue to monitor.

Action: - Police to continue to monitor the area.

Rats – Nick Harbour has reported the issue to the Pest Control Team. They are going up to visit the area again this week to try to find the area that the rats are actually coming from then they can be dealt with.

Action: Nick Harbour to give an update at the next meeting on any progress made.

Overgrown vegetation – branches that were causing an obstruction have now been cut back.

Hawley Street dog fouling – Nick Harbour reported this to the Environmental Crime Team. The owner of the property will be contacted and if he fails to deal with the problem a s215 will be issued.

Traffic issues around Colne – Jerry has had an email sent from Simon Bucknell at Lancashire County Council that showed plans of a new 'North Valley Route Management' system that LCC are currently working towards. This should help to combat many of the issues that have been raised in recent times at this meeting.

Action: Jerry to circulate the plan via email.

Takeaway on North Valley Road – Councillor Fletcher not present to give an update on this one this time.

Action: Councillor Fletcher to give an update at the next meeting.

Hubs House Farm – Some progress being made with the issues around cattle and the fencing. Pendle Borough Council are working towards issuing Community Protection Notices on the land owner for this matter. No progress seems to have been made around the other issues (dumping of waste on the site etc).

4. Matters of Concern

Troublesome youths – a long, free-ranging discussion took place about the behaviour of a small number of youths who are creating problems around the entrances to large retail establishments in Colne. There was frustration at the lack of ability of the security services to protect and safeguard members of the public using these retailers in the evenings, even when evidence is obtained of offences by the children.

Actions: - Jerry to write to Andrew Stephenson, PCC, and Chief Superintendent Horn seeking solutions

Sainsburys to keep a log of all issues and pass the details on to the Police so that the details can go to the Early Action Team.

Police to monitor the Sainsburys area more frequently.

Sainsburys to have their security people issue banning letters to known offenders.

Raise the issue at the meeting mentioned earlier which will be held by Andy Winter and Jameel Murtza.

Hawley Street caravan site – most of the fly tip has now been removed but there is still a fridge at the site. Alice spoke to one of the Environmental Crime Team and they have issued a s215 notice on the land owner. It will still take around a month for it to be cleared properly.

Action: - Alice to monitor and report back at the next meeting.

Alkincoats Park drink/ drug issues – reports that drinking/ drug taking are starting to occur at Alkincoats Park again. Shaun Spencer has also been spotted back in the local area.

Action: - Police to increase the ASB patrol in the area.

Recycling at Sainsburys – increase in the use of recycling bins at Sainsburys. This is likely down to the fact that the nearest recycling points aside from here are in Barnoldswick and Heasandford in Burnley.

Action: - Sainsburys to monitor the usage.

Parking outside Fulton's in Colne Town Centre – Kevin again raised the issue of parking outside Fulton's in Colne Town Centre. There are three disabled spots that are infrequently all used. Can this be reduced to either one or two and free up space for other vehicle users?

Action: - Nick Harbour to check if this is a matter that Pendle Council can look into.

North Valley Road careless drivers – issues arising again around drivers cutting each other up around North Valley. Hopefully the previously discussed North Valley Route Management System will deal with this.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Below are the crime figures for September 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	6	2	1	0	1	0	4	2	0	9	12	+3
Burglary - Commercial	3	4	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	8	5	-3
Vehicle Crime	5	3	8	3	7	0	5	2	1	0	26	8	-18
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	1
D/V assaults	1	4	4	7	0	0	2	6	0	1	7	18	11
Other assaults	9	8	9	7	0	2	2	4	0	0	20	21	1
Theft	21	19	19	9	1	0	7	9	2	0	50	37	-13
Criminal Damage/ Arson	1	7	2	5	1	1	8	6	1	1	13	20	+7
All Crime	48	72	50	45	12	7	34	42	6	4	149	170	+21
ASB	28	20	26	30	9	2	14	9	2	0	79	61	-18

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, 08th November 2018

Commencing at 5.15 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall