

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 08th November, 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 Victoria Fletcher	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Mary Peden	Resident
Tim Hitchen	Police
Matt Lunney	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 03th October, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Youth ASB issues – things now in place and moving forward to combat the troublesome youths in the area. Two of the known ringleaders have been arrested by the Police and they and other agencies are working with the youths. Tim Horsley reassured those present that things are being put in place to reduce the number of incidents, such as the availability of the Youth Offending Team working on the issues. Unfortunately, a lack of funding is preventing services that have worked in the past being available, such as the Dedicated Youth Workers. Sainsbury's have now increased their security hours and have also arranged that the side doors are now locked from 18:00 each day.

Action:- Continue to monitor the situation and look to reduce the number of incidents being reported.

Drug issues at Waterside – Police are continuing to monitor the Waterside area for drug activity. They were recently involved in a foot chase with a suspect (and known criminal) in

that ward. Things seem to be quietening down a bit in that area according to the officers present – residents agreed with this.

Action:- Police to continue to monitor the area.

Issues at Alkincoats Park – a few issues raised that have cropped up at Alkincoats Park. Needles have been found in the park which of course suggests drug activity and potential dealing in the area – possibly linked to the issues in Waterside. There is currently one rough sleeper up at the Nature Reserve. CCTV was also wrecked at the café in the park. Police are yet to view the footage but are hopeful it picked up the offenders.

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

North Valley Takeaway – Councillor Fletcher has passed on the details of the offence to the Environmental Health team at Pendle Borough Council who will now be investigating the situation.

Hawley Street – debris now cleared away on the back street and surrounding area where the caravan once stood. The back yard of the property in question (no. 16) has also been cleared out. This however has raised a couple of minor issues that could do with checking out (revealed cracked windows and non-secure doors etc).

Action: - Tim Horsley will investigate further and try to contact the owner.

Highways issues – a response from Simon Bucknell at Lancashire County Council stated that he was aware of the problems around Langroyd and Byron Road. A team will be going up to Byron Road at some point in November with the speed indicator devices. Unfortunately, they won't be able to go to the Tennyson Road area.

Action: - Note the action being taken by LCC and monitor progress.

Lack of Policing in Rural Areas – Police have agreed to meeting with residents but as yet, a date has not been confirmed. Some confusion around where the meeting will be held at the moment. A lack of response from Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council's meant the meeting was going to be arranged for Colne Town Hall and invites be sent to the Parishes. However, Councillor Foxley stated that the Parishes are looking to get the meeting held in one of the rural villages. MP Stephenson has also been in contact with Jerry, acknowledging a worsening situation in rural areas due to funding, but praising the work Andy Winter and his team are doing with the limited resources available.

Action: - Jerry to send Councillor Foxley a copy of the letter sent by MP Stephenson.

Disabled parking at Fulton's – Pendle Borough Council advised that if people want a reduction in the number of disabled bays they must contact their ward Councillor and ask that it be taken to the main Area Committee. It was also noted that one resident has written to the Council requesting that the disabled bays stay as they are.

Action: - Nick Harbour to check with Neil Watson if the spaces are in an adopted highway or not and who the spaces belong to.

St. John's Church – Residents asked that their thanks be noted to the Police for resolving the issue of youths playing ball games at St. John's Church. No new incidents reported since Police got involved.

4. Matters of Concern

Paving stone thefts at Primet Community Centre – aside from the actual issue of having paving stones stolen at Primet Community Centre, staff there were unhappy about the issues that arose from trying to report the crime. They had no answer when they called 101, no answer when they called Colne Police and nobody at the front desk at Nelson Police station were able to assist.

Actions: - Matt Lunney will investigate this further.

Other Paving Stone thefts – various other paving stone thefts are also being reported throughout the town. Most recently, some at Colne Lane have been lifted, but not yet actually stolen. Residents wondered whether there was somewhere they could store them before the thieves came back to actually take them. This of course could run the risk of the residents themselves being accused of theft if they were moving them to some sort of 'safe house'. Councillor Foxley had recently asked Colne Town Hall whether or not they could store the raised stone inside the Town Hall to keep it safe. Unfortunately, this is not possible at this moment in time.

Action: - Matt Lunney to investigate the thefts and also to pass on the details of the contact from the highways team who knows about these sorts of issues to check about the storage of lifted stone.

Fly tipping in Waterside – the WAG have noticed an increase in fly tipping in the area, particularly bulky white items like fridges.

Action: - Alice to report any further sightings to the Council.

Fly tipping at Windy Bank– fly tipping also reported on the land at the bottom of Windy Bank. It has been cleared numerous times but within a week more stuff is being dumped there.

Action: - Matt Lunney to pass this information on to Dave Cleal and ask that the area is monitored.

Parking in Laneshaw Bridge – Councillor Foxley reported that she has been trying to get double yellow lines put down on School Lane near the Emmott Arms in Laneshaw Bridge. Vehicles have been parking too close to the junction there and it is an accident waiting to happen.

Action: - Councillor Foxley to monitor the situation and update with any progress at the next meeting.

Stanley Street/ New Market Street speeding issues – a petition from residents with regards to the speeding issues at Stanley Street and New Market Street has now been seen by MP Stephenson, Cllr. Cooney and the LCC. It was advised that the Colne CSP send an email to highways@lancashire.gov.uk and request that the Speed Management Team target these areas.

Action: - Jerry to send the email to Lancashire County Council.

Phillips Lane mobility scooter issue – Reports that a boy aged around 14 has been seen speeding around on pavements at Phillips Lane on a blue mobility scooter. A resident was almost hit recently. It is suspected that the scooter probably belongs to an elderly relative of the boy.

Action: - Police to monitor the area.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Tim Hitchen ran through the crime figures for October 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	8	6	6	2	2	2	4	4	0	1	20	15	-5
Burglary - Commercial	9	4	3	3	0	0	1	8	0	0	13	15	+2
Vehicle Crime	5	2	4	1	3	2	11	1	0	2	23	8	-15
Hate Crime	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	+2
D/V assaults	3(2)	5(0)	1(1)	13(0)	0	2(1)	2(1)	3(2)	1(1)	0	7	23(3)	+16
Other assaults	4(2)	19(3)	10(3)	0	1(0)	7(0)	4(1)	3(0)	0	1(0)	19	30(3)	+11
Theft	29	14	14	8	0	7	11	9	0	0	54	38	-16
Criminal Damage/ Arson	6	14	6	9	1	4	2	7	0	2	15	36	+21
All Crime	67	87	47	53	8	34	40	43	1	6	163	223	+60
ASB	25	12	30	30	3	3	23	5	4	0	85	50	-35

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.
- 7) Stone thefts

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

Jerry noted that he has started a new Neighbourhood Watch group in the Favordale Road are of the town. He stated that the groups are relatively easy to set up and are an excellent way for communities to keep informed and report any issues that may arise in their area.

Action: - If anyone is interested in setting up a similar scheme in their area, contact Jerry and he will advise on setting up the group.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 06th December 2018

Commencing at 5.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall