

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 06th December, 2018**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Yvonne M May	Waterside Action Group
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Neighbourhood Action
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Councillor Jonathan Nixon	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from Carol Riley.

Jerry had some sad news to report. Unfortunately, Jim Smart, a stalwart of this committee, passed away last Thursday. Those present will remember Jim for his tireless work for the area, in particular up at the Birtwistle Avenue Community Centre. He was a well-known and respected member of the North Valley Residents Association who would always go that extra mile for those in his local community. He will be greatly missed.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 08th November, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

16 Hawley Street – the property is now occupied and the repairs needed which were mentioned at the last meeting will be undertaken shortly.

Speeding issues at Stanley Street and surrounding areas – Jerry had written to Lancashire County Council as advised to request that the speed management team monitor Stanley Street and the surrounding areas. He received an email from customer services saying that his query had been passed on to the relevant team – as yet, he hasn't heard anything else back.

Action:- Jerry will raise this matter at the Full Community Safety Partnership meeting next week with Abdul Kheraktar.

Neighbourhood Policing Issues – as requested by members at the last meeting of this group, Jerry has been in touch with Chief Superintendent Matt Horn to ask some questions around neighbourhood policing issues. Matt Horn will be attending the Full Community Safety Partnership meeting next week to address some of the issues.

Action: - Jerry to attend the Full Community Safety Partnership meeting and report back the outcome at the next meeting of this committee.

Rural Policing (for full details – please see attached minutes from the rural meeting) – Councillor Foxley gave an update on a recent meeting between representatives of Trawden, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge Parish Councils and Inspector Andy Winter & Chief Inspector Jameel Murtza to discuss ways to increase Police presence in the rural areas of Colne. Councillor Foxley stated that the meeting went very well (despite a disappointing turnout from local residents) and is hopeful that the plans now in place will see a much improved Police presence in the rural villages. Six teams of 12 officers will be in place and each team will be designated a specific area to which they will operate. It was also highlighted that people must be encouraged to report all crimes, no matter how small they may be. The Police collate all the information which helps to identify 'hotspots' which can then be targeted.

Byron Street Community Centre – Councillor Nixon informed those present that Together Housing had been in touch and stated that he wasn't allowed to be on the Committee that the Community Centre needs due to his position as a Councillor. Councillor Nixon and Kevin McNulty are still both working hard to get members to join and once a Committee is formed, they can then apply for things like a bank account etc.

Action: - Councillor Nixon to update again at the next meeting.

4. Matters of Concern

Parking charges – it had been reported in the local paper that LCC are looking at perhaps introducing parking charges for town centre parking spaces. This was generally met with the feeling that it would be bad for the town centre shops.

Actions: - Those who are opposed to the idea are advised to respond to any consultation that may come out in the near future.

Closure of Barnoldswick tip – reports that LCC are looking to close the tip at Barnoldswick for two days during the week. This could cause various issues across the town – including further fly-tipping. Pendle BC are against this proposal and will be objecting to this proposal.

Speeding on Castle Road – residents reporting that speeding is still an issue on Castle Road and the surrounding areas. A speed indicator has now been installed which hopefully will make drivers more conscious about the speeds they are travelling at.

Action: - Jerry to ask Simon at LCC if there were any figures available from when a speed monitor was put in at Castle Road some months ago to see how big the problem is.

Brown Hill Lane road repairs– concerns about the amount of money being spent on road repairs at Brown Hill Lane when the road is usually very quiet in comparison to many, many others in the local area which also need urgent attention.

Action: - Jerry to mention this in his email to Simon at LCC.

Castle Road/ Byron Road/ Castle Court road surface repairs – road resurfacing around these areas has recently been done but to a poor standard and now the road is already becoming damaged again and needs re-doing.

Action: - Again, Jerry to mention this in his email to Simon at LCC.

Lighting at Turkish Barbers – lighting outside the Turkish barbers (formerly Tom Wilson's shop on Market Street) reported as being very bright and potentially dazzling to passing vehicles.

Action: - Neil Watson advised speaking to Carmela Lo Presti about this. Jerry to contact.

Attack on cats – reports from residents that a number of cats have recently been attacked by dangerous dogs around the Knotts Mount/ Cotton Court area. Vets have confirmed that it was dog attacks on the cats when they have been taken in.

Action: - Police to monitor the area and speak to the named suspect.

Stopping the sale of fireworks in Colne – following on from a recent television programme where towns in the country have stopped selling fireworks and just having organised events, it was suggested this could be a good idea for Colne.

Action: - Jerry to raise the suggestion at the Full CSP. He will also ask contacts at the CCG for figures of firework related injuries caused this year.

Trawden Graffiti – reports of graffiti hitting Trawden again like last year.

Action: - Police requested to speak to the person they suspected last year and hope that the issue stops.

Speeding vehicles and parking issues at Trawden Forest School – problems regarding speeding traffic and parking issues reported outside the school in Trawden.

Action: - Jerry to request that Police go and monitor the area and also try to get the parking wardens to attend the village more often rather than just doing the main town centres.

Fire engine rescuing sheep in river – concerns raised about the amount of resource put into rescuing a sheep that had got stuck in a river. Three fire engines from Colne, Burnley and Accrington had been up to the site. What would have happened is there had been a serious fire in one of the towns that the engines had come from to rescue the sheep?

Action: - Jerry to raise this with the fire service at the Full CSP.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Jerry ran through the crime figures for November 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	6	6	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	1	14	9	-5
Burglary - Commercial	2	6	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	9	7	-2
Vehicle Crime	2	5	4	2	2	3	4	4	0	0	12	14	+2
Hate Crime	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	=
D/V assaults	1(0)	2(1)	3(0)	3(1)	1(0)	0	4(2)	7(3)	0	0	9	12	+3
Other assaults	8(4)	4(1)	8(2)	18(7)	0	0	5(0)	8(5)	0	0	21	30	+9
Theft	26	16	19	13	0	1	6	6	0	1	51	37	-14
Criminal Damage/ Arson	2	11	0	7	3	2	12	3	1	2	18	25	+7
All Crime	58	67	40	58	14	14	45	42	3	5	160	186	+26
ASB	24	21	29	36	5	2	18	9	4	0	80	68	-12

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 shared the following information and encouraged those in attendance to spread the word to anyone who could make use of the service:

The Pendle Dementia Action Alliance (PDAA) has launched a brand new Dementia Hub for people living in the Pendle area. The PDAA is formed by a group of organisations, individuals and volunteers with the aim of working together to make Pendle more dementia friendly.

The group meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 14:00 – 16:00 at the Age UK Lancashire Day Centre, Leeds Road, Nelson.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 07th January 2018

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