

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 04th April, 2019**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Waterside Action Group

Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Tim Hitchen	Police
Ailsa Gill	Police
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Action Group
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Alice Mann	Waterside Action Group
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from: Yvonne M May, Mary Peden & Carol Riley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 07th March 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Cat killing – the killing in Knotts Mount was logged by police as no action as there was doubt about it being instigated by the dog-owner. That from TK Max, which was heard by witnesses to be a deliberate act was unlikely to be detected.

Drug activity at Ball Grove Park - Police are patrolling the area regularly. No suspicious activity has been spotted in recent weeks. Friends of Ball Grove will continue to report if there is further evidence of syringes in the vicinity. Evidence suggests that the reported visiting car is a romantic assignation.

Traffic at Trawden Forest Primary School – This problem has escalated to include problems created by users and staff from the new nursery school including blocking occupants of a house with parked vehicles. Police have agreed to show a presence at the primary school one morning and JS will ask the Parish Council to approach the head of the Nursery School in the first instance with a warning that official action will follow if the situation doesn't improve.

The issue of double yellow lines has been passed to Simon Bucknell and he advises that the parking team have to power to request repainting if they cannot reasonably enforce the regulations as a result of fading. Adele is asked to contact them for a visit.

North Valley takeaway – Councillor Fletcher was not present, so an update continues to be outstanding for this issue.

Police Crime Statistics – Jerry has written to the P&CC outlining the groups concerns about the likely inaccurate stats that are being provided. A reply has been received indicating that because Chief Superintendent has replied they will not comment. The new system continues to be difficult to interpret and crime figures given below are taken from logged events and comparisons with the previous year are therefore suspect.

Parking at Fulton's – PBC's Peter Atkinson has confirmed that the area including the roadway is owned and under the control of PBC; parking is thus controlled by the car-park wardens.

Actions: - Jerry to email Sandra Farnell to request monitoring of blue badge holders in the disabled parking spaces.

Hollin Hall parking – a meeting has still not taken place regarding the imposition of 20 mph limits and parking issues. In the meantime access remains a problem.

Actions: - Tim Horsley to report the outcomes of the meeting when it takes place.

Byron Road Community Centre – Cllr Greaves advised that this building came into the legal ownership of PBC but if there was a stated condition in the transfer to PBC when first obtained then this can be exploited.

Action: - Kevin to explore this point.

Parking at School Lane – Councillor Foxley voices concerns of the number of cars parking on School Lane in Laneshawbridge. The amount of vehicles at the junction is causing poor visibility for people wanting to get out onto the main road. She has reported this to Highways and asked that the Police to some regular spot checks. A further continuing issue is regular parking by car on the bend before the pedestrian crossing on the A6068 within the double white line area which cause west-bound cars and lorries to cross the double lines to pass it creating risk to eastbound vehicles approaching the bend unsighted.

Action: - JS to pass dash-cam vision to TH.

4. Matters of Concern

Serious ASB: - It is reported that at a named flat in Exchange St, persistent anti-social activities are taking place including a recent serious stabbing involving arrest of an individual. The disruption continues with persons dossing at the flat and creating a nuisance and bad behaviour overnight.

Action: - Police to investigate the possibility of grounds for eviction in concert with Tim Horsley.

Lords St School/Melling Court – reports of unreasonable parking in this area related to the school. PCSO Gill advised that she is patrolling this with a view to taking action.

ASB at Sainsbury's – a woman posting a letter was approached aggressively by four youths early in the morning demanding money. PCSO Gill will continue to keep an eye on this area as it is a hot-spot for issues.

TK Max Car Park – concern was expressed for a man with mobility issues who appears to be living in a vehicle on the car-park. Police advised that they are aware and that he should have now moved on. They will confirm when next on the patch.

Vehicles parked long-term above Basil St allotments: - several transit vehicles have been resident in this area for some time one with flat tyres. Police will investigate the tax situation and take action if necessary.

Dog walker with an aggressive dog: it was reported that a person regularly walks four dogs, one of which is large, is muzzled and fights with the other three and also jumps at passers-by. Police commented that the muzzling represents responsible ownership and needs no action.

Hobbs House Farm – Reported that sheep and lambs have again escaped into the surrounding streets and estates, breaking the requirement to keep the farm properly stock-fenced. Also reported that the owner has been observed taking in rubbish and using it for land-fill in contravention of his court injunction. PBC are taking action.

Shaw St MUGA - litter pickers have discovered small empty packets similar to those used for sale of controlled drugs. Police are aware and will pursue.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

Sgt Hitchen ran through the crime figures for March 2019, together with figures for the same period in 2018.

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	
Burglary - Residential	2	1	1	4	4	1	1	2	2	1	10	9	-1
Burglary – Commercial	11	7	5	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	20	9	-11
Vehicle Crime	9	8	8	2	2	3	9	3	0	0	28	16	-12
Assaults	14	26	16	11	3	2	5	4	1	2	39	45	+6
Theft	19	23	14	10	1	0	7	5	0	1	41	39	-2
Criminal Damage	8	6	3	5	2	0	5	2	0	1	18	14	-4
All Crime	76	102	55	69	15	16	35	42	5	5	186	234	+48
ASB	18	11	21	22	3	1	8	14	0	0	50	48	-2

Police Priorities

Sgt Hitchen advised that under the new regime neighbourhood policing now had three elements – Engagement with the public such as this meeting, Problem-solving – addressing those problems of which they were made aware and Targeting the problems identified to reduce or remove them.

Currently these involved:

North Valley Retail Park and surrounding area;
Waterside as indicated in the crime figures
Town-centre

JS to examine the terms of reference (TOR) and to adjust them as necessary for approval.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 09th May 2019

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