

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 06th June, 2019**

PRESENT

Cllr Alice Mann – in the Chair

Yvonne M May	Resident
Sgnt. Tim Hitchen	Police
PC Matt Lunney	Police
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Action Group
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Alice Mann	Waterside Action Group
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Audrey Broughton	Alkincoates Park Resident
Councillor Craig McBeth	Trawden Parish Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from: Jerry Stanford, Kevin McNulty, Mary Peden & Carol Riley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 09th May 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Police Report –

The trend of crime to increase continues. All crime is up 66 to 267 incidents. There were 100 recorded crimes in Waterside, 73 in Horsfield, 72 in Vivary, 17 in Rural and 5 in Foulridge. Drug crime is on the increase and drug paraphernalia is found all over town. Burglary was up 5 to 14, with Horsfield suffering five of its own, centred round Cleveland Street. The Police have leads for some of this Horsfield crime and they are investigating. They were also pleased to report that they have issued a Criminal Behaviour Order to XXXXXX. They also are poised to issue another CBO and, if granted, this should reduce the number of needles being found in Colne.

Chair Report –

Road-sign Skipton Old Road - this is being checked by the Inspector as a number of signs in this area are suspected as being below standard. Please note defective or obscured signs should be reported on the following link, and will require location of the sign on a plan:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>

Parking Danger at Knotts Lane/A56 junction – Lancashire Highways report:

“it is unlikely we would support the need for additional kerbside parking restrictions in this location. We would consider this junction has sufficient measures in place to prevent parking & provides adequate junction protection/enables two way traffic flow for vehicles entering & exiting Knotts Lane.”

Pigeon feeding at Library – Town Council officer states she is unable to investigate this without a Police request. PC Cleal has stated that the area will be monitored, and if members see an offence being committed, they should report it to the Police.

4. Matters of Concern

Audrey – A month ago, there was an evening of devastation in Trawden, which included youths throwing stones at buses. The Police seem unaware that Trawden Parish Council has a CCTV recording of this incident, despite this being reported at the time. PC Matt Lunney was very interested in this intelligence and said he will be contacting Trawden’s Clerk, Adele Waddington.

Action ML

A cat was killed in Lidl car park after a dog was set on it. This is a continuing problem in this vicinity, perhaps Facebook participants can identify the dog-owner.

Action All

On 29th May, Alkincoats had its bird tables and trees snapped in an area not covered by CCTV.

Action NPT

On 28th May, Hagrid’s Hut at the North Valley Community Centre was broken into by youths smoking weed. The polytunnel was slashed and a dog poo bin was set alight. The intruders broke in by climbing over the back fence. 101 was called between 11.30 a.m. until 1 p.m., when it was finally answered.

Action NPT

Cllr Foxley – The dangerous parking in LSB continues. Cllr Cockburn-Price raised concerns from Trawden Parish Council in three locations. The Police explained that they are constrained as to how much manpower they can devote to this, as the Police area covered has doubled in size, but the number of Police has halved. They said the LSB location is a dangerous one and merits effort. Sgt Hitchen explained he is seeking clarification from Simon Bucknell about the status of the hatched area. The Police are printing leaflets to be delivered to local residents. After this, there will be enforcement (either a conversation or simply a tow away, if the former is not possible). They explained they must now prioritise vulnerable people and not parking. They offered to share the wording of their leaflet with Cllr Cockburn-Price, so Trawden Parish Council can produce its own leaflet for the village’s problem areas.

Action in hand

Cllr Mann – Raised the fact that tempers are fraying at Primet Primary School over parking. Parents are parking on the school’s back zig zag, despite the school putting advisory A-boards in the gutter. Alice was told to contact LCC and also Cllr Neil McGowan, who has a wealth of experience of dealing with these issues in Marsden. NPT have been asked to attend and speak to the Head Teacher after previous CSP meetings; this is now urgent.

Action NPT

There is an electrical cable running round the back of a house in Hawley Street to a caravan at the top of Thomas Street. These people have lots of dogs. Tim Horsley has been investigating, as it is a danger. It is possible drugs are being sold from a second caravan. Community Protection Notices are about to be issued, the meeting was informed.

Parking has also become dangerous at Elisha House/Knots Lane. There is double parking and wagons are making a detour to avoid the bridge. PC Lunney offered to investigate, as he is on "Earlies" this week.

At XXXXXXXX, drugs are being sold from the back yard. The meeting was advised to ring Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 or visit: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> This is completely anonymous and allows the Police to build a picture of the behaviour. This report also provides such information and NPT are asked to take note.

Philips Lane and Masons Mill – unauthorised car dealing – details have been passed to Tim Horsley.

12 used needles were discovered behind Trawden Furniture on Craddock Road. The Police said this was on their radar and that the Criminal Behaviour Orders being issued should see this diminish.

Yvonne May – Pigeon feeding – The Waterside NAG has committed £50 to print Don't Feed the Pigeon Posters. She asked for a vote of thanks to Cllr Alice Mann for this initiative. Cllr Cockburn-Price pointed out that as pigeons aren't literate, perhaps a speedier approach would be to regularly hire a hawk. It was wondered whether Karcher (based in Colne) would agree to powerwash the affected pavements for free, until the pigeon problem can be brought under control.

Action PBC

Cllr Cockburn-Price - stated she had ordered missing road signs for Skipton Old Road and Hill Lane.

T Horsley – Stated that shop shutters actually attract crime to a town centre, as they suggest there is something worth stealing. The Police advised that lighting behind shop premises would be the best deterrent.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

Sgnt. Hitchen ran through the crime figures for May 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	6	4	1	7	0	3	2	0	0	0	9	14	+5
Burglary – Commercial	6	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	11	10	--1
Vehicle Crime	6	5	3	5	0	1	7	7	1	0	17	18	+1
Hate Crime	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	+2
Assaults	28	15	11	8	0	1	11	11	1	0	51	35	-16
Theft	29	17	10	16	2	3	10	8	2	1	53	45	-8
Criminal Damage	6	6	4	6	0	2	5	3	0	2	15	19	+4
All Crime	94	100	43	73	3	17	56	72	5	5	201	267	+66
ASB	32	24	13	19	6	4	16	11	0	1	67	59	-8

Police Priorities

These were not discussed this month.

Currently these involved:

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

6. Members are asked to indicate whether someone would be prepared to be co-opted to the Colne Area Committee to represent the group. You would be permitted to enter discussions but not to vote. If you are interested please let the Chair know on jerrystanford@btinternet.com or on 01282 860050
7. Attached is a copy of the amended draft terms of reference for this group. Would members please examine this and let the Chair know of any issues.
8. **AOB**

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 04th July 2019

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