

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the  
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 04<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

PCSO Neil Wallin	Police
Pat Maloney	Resident
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Pat Howarth	Colne Town Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Alice Mann	Waterside Action Group
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Audrey Broughton	Alkincoates Park Resident
Councillor Craig McBeth	Trawden Parish Council
Mary Peden	Resident

### **1. Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies received from: Cllr. David Clegg, Cllr. Mary Thomas, Sgnt. Tim Hitchen, Roger Whitehead & Carol Riley.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 06<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were approved as a true and correct record with an amendment on the first matter of concern which was raised by Cllr Foxley and not A Broughton,.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **Police Report –**

The items raised were unable to be addressed by the attending officer as his area of duty is in Barnoldswick. The Committee expressed dismay at this situation, feeling that the Police Team appeared not to speak to each other about matters in adjacent areas and that adequate briefing, including the previous minutes, had not been provided to the attending officer. Agreed that the Chair would refer the outstanding issues to the Sergeant for his response.

**Action**

**Chair**

Regarding the misuse of the drains on Windsor St, issue undertaken by Cllr Fletcher, Chair asked councillors to ask Cllr Fletcher to advise him if this issue is to be considered satisfactorily closed.

**Action Cllrs**

**Unauthorised car-dealing:** - Phillips Lane/ Mason's Mill – T Horsley stated this was still under investigation.

**Library Area Littering:** - Pigeon feeding at Library – PBC officer David Walker reported that the District Enforcement Officers would be asked to attend and issue tickets to anyone observed littering in this way.

**Laneshaw Bridge illegal parking:** With regard to the effective action at Laneshaw Bridge concerning illegal parking, in which residents had been written to about the parking prohibition within road areas containing central double white lines, the committee welcomed the successful outcome. Cllr Foxley was concerned that having been the main instigator of action in this area she had not been included in the email confirmation of action and had been made to appear out of touch at the subsequent Parish Council meeting. Chair apologised that he hadn't forwarded the email to her.

#### **4. Matters of Concern**

**Millenium Green:** - Cllr Greaves, supported by other Councillors, reported that a young person had been forcibly fed drugs until he became senseless by a group of youths who regularly appear on the Green late in the evening. He was taken home by a passing dog-walker and it took a week for him to recover. A second autistic youth was seriously assaulted at the same site both events being about a week ago, and he again was rescued and taken home. Both incidents were reported to the Police; to date no contact with the respective parents has been made by the Police. Committee expressed concern about these issues, and whilst sympathising with the Police with their limited workforce, considered this sufficiently serious to merit greater concentration of effort. The chair is asked to request the Police to keep the respective parents informed of progress and further to seek that the area is patrolled around twilight when both incidents occurred. **Action Chair**

**Birtwistle Estate:** - Cllr McBeth reported that in the evenings numerous vehicles were being driven around the estate at speed, notably Tennyson Rd, Talbot St, Burrell Ave and Birtwistle drive, putting pedestrians, particularly children at considerable risk. **Action Chair** He also reported that whilst youth antisocial behaviour at the MacDonalds area had reduced, it is continuing to harass shoppers at Sainsburys in the evening. **Action T Horsley**

**Castle Rd/ Salterforth:** - Cllr Cockburn-Price reported that residents should be aware of the thefts in these areas which had resulted in substantial amounts of personal possessions being stolen. Police reported that there was a black BMW with cloned plates involved believed to be from West Yorkshire and that enquiries were proceeding. She also wished to minute her thanks to Tim Hitchen and Jeff Dickinson for their hard work trawling the Police data bank in support of the Albert Rd Bid.

**Knotts Lane area:** - Cllr Mann reported that a large white van has been parked near the South Valley junction for two weeks without being moved. T Horsley stated that it had been reported and action was taking place. She also asked to minute that she had visited Millenium Green recently and there had been a congregation of youths all behaving respectably and that not all youngsters could be classed as disruptive.

**Primet Junior School:-** In spite of frequent requests from this Group for the problem of parents parking irresponsibly when dropping off their children in the mornings to be attended to it is still going on. The Group asks that the Police take this seriously before it becomes nasty. **Action Chair**

**Shaw St:** - Cllr McNulty reported that vehicles are regularly proceeding along Shaw St in excess of 40 mph and would; like this adding to the speeding issue in the Birtwistle Area. **Action Chair**

## 5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

Chair ran through the crime figures for June 2019, together with figures for the same period in 2018, warning that the two years are based on different bases and therefore comparisons are suspect.

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	
Burglary - Residential	4	0	4	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	11	3	-8
Burglary – Commercial	6	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	11	2	--9
Vehicle Crime	5	6	2	7	2	1	5	3	1	0	15	17	+2
Hate Crime	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	-1
Assaults	18	7	19	13	2	2	7	15	2	1	48	38	-10
Theft	18	10	9	6	1	1	4	10	0	1	32	28	-4
Criminal Damage	9	7	15	5	1	1	5	5	1	0	31	18	-13
All Crime	90	78	70	63	9	17	37	71	5	5	211	234	+23
ASB	26	19	27	27	5	2	14	16	0	1	72	65	-7

Cllr McBeth suggested that crime statistics are available to the public on the Police data base for specific areas by entering your post code:

<https://www.police.uk/lancashire/F27/crime/stats/>

## 6. Police Priorities

**Group asks Police to add Millenium Green to their patrol areas around twilight time with a particular brief to deter bullying by youths who frequent it at that time.**

7. Cllr McBeth indicated that he is prepared to be co-opted to the Colne Area Committee to represent the group. He will be permitted to enter discussions but not to vote.
8. Cllr McBeth also offered to be the minute taker for the group; Chair to forward an outline to him.
9. The amended draft terms of reference for this group which were circulated with the Minutes were approved.

## 10. AOB

1. Group requested that there should be a concerted effort by PBC Communications to liaise with the Chair to raise the profile of the committee and gain more support from the public.

**Action Chair**

2. Chair advised that the Pendle Community Safety Committee are currently launching the new Community Safety Strategy 2019 – 2022 which has three priorities:
  - a. Keeping young people and adults with vulnerabilities safe
  - b. Tackling the causes of crime through education and early intervention
  - c. Community Engagement in community safety priorities

Each priority has a task and finish group and he is on the third priority.

**9. Date of Next Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> August at 1730.**