

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 08th August, 2019**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

PCSO Matt Lunney
PC David Cleal
Councillor Pat Howarth
Councillor Kevin McNulty
Councillor Alice Mann
Councillor Tony Greaves
Councillor Sarah Cockburn Price
Audrey Broughton
Councillor Craig McBeth
Councillor David Clegg
Mary Peden
Yvonne May
Matthew Williams
Roger Whitehead

Police
Police
Colne Town Council
Colne Town Council
Waterside Action Group
Pendle Borough Council
Colne Town Council
Alkincoates Park Resident
Trawden Parish Council
Colne Town Council
Resident
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Resident
WNAC

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from: Tim Horsley, Carol Riley, Tim Hitchin,

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 07th July 2019 were approved as a true and correct with the following amendment: Mary Thomas raised the issue of stones at Newmarket St. These were not minuted. **ACTION:** Jerry to amend minutes.

3. Matters Arising

Police Report –

Update on matters from last meeting:

Sergeant Hitchen gave responses to the following issues from the last meeting:

- *Follow-up actions (if any) from the incident of “mayhem” in Trawden;*
- *The further incident of a deliberate killing of a cat by a dog near LIDL (back Keighley Avenue);*
- *Vandalism in the Alkincoates Nature Reserve and the intrusion and damage at the Birtwistle Ave Community Centre;*
- *Continuing problems with parent-parking at Primet Primary school with tempers rising; (still occurring)*
- *XXXXXXX - drugs being sold from back yard. I understand action has been taken regarding needles behind Trawden Furniture Sales.*

- In relation to the mayhem in Trawden, previously mentioned in the months prior to this meeting, no lines of enquiry have been identified and, as the incident was not duplicated, it did not fit our definition of an on-going problem and was not further dealt with by NHP.
- I have searched our call logs, with the key word “cat” from 01/01/19 to 09/07/19 and can find no calls relating to a cat killed by a dog. I have spoken to colleagues and none of them can recall anything similar reported.
- I can find one crime report for arson and one incident of juvenile nuisance, but nothing reported that would highlight a persistent problem, enough to justify a problem orientated response – as per our new operating model.
- Parking issues still fall within the council operated Parkwise officers and I know PCSO Ivan Hartley has been liaising with them to arrange some joint patrols. If they agree we will be looking at targeting the various school locations mentioned by the CSP group. I have also tasked our team with high visibility patrols at Primet primary in the mornings initially.
- We have no intelligence relating to drugs at this address but, having viewed the people connected to it, I can see that this could be the case. I will ask PC Lunney to try and develop this information but would ask anyone with information to call into crimestoppers, contact the Police to generate a log or give any specific information to the local team directly. The latter method would not be able to be used as intelligence directly but could help us build a picture of activity.

In relation to the July minutes of the meeting, I can update you as follows

Millennium Green – I have viewed the log and it was eventually dealt with by PC 8926 Emily Stanworth (8926@lancashire.pnn.police.uk) . the log appears to suggest that the incident is not quite as it first appeared, but it may be better for the parents to contact the officer directly and get an update from her. The only other log has been closed as a hoax call and no contact has been made with that informant.

I have added the Millennium Green to our ASB tasking and patrol plan, which should get more patrols in the area and reduce any further incidents of unpleasantness.

Birtwistle estate – speeding vehicles. The roads mentioned by Craig Macbeth are quite narrow, due to parked cars and are covered by speed humps in places. Although I appreciate some cars may always drive excessively, any speed enforcement is virtually impossible and I believe the perception of excessive speed, rather than actual excessive speed, is usually the answer. The area gets regular attention from our team but it does not appear to be being reported by other members of the public.

Castle Rd burglaries – This has been an issue and has also occurred in Barrowford recently. The offending car is an Audi S3 saloon, using cloned reg plates, and is likely to be a travelling team from West Yorkshire. I am aware that the divisional intel and burglary team are looking into this pattern

and it is something bigger than the NHP team can oversee ourselves. We will continue to keep an eye out in our rural areas and try and get the best opportunities for forensic evidence.

Primet Primary – I have already mentioned but responsibility lies with council parking enforcement.

Shaw St - I have spoken with the speed enforcement operatives; it is not usual to carry out speed checks in 20 mph areas.

I will speak to the HQ dept responsible and see if there is any other way to address this issue, possibly through community roadwatch.

Meeting Comments:

Dog attack

PC David Cleal to keep an eye out for further incidents of dog attacks, following a cat killed by a Lurcher, as it is in his ward.

Primet School Zigzags

PCSO Matt Lunney says PCSO Ivan Hartley has issued targeted letters and verbal warnings have been given. ML has also given fixed penalty notices at Primet and Laneshawbridge.

Alice Mann asks ML to check to see if the problem persists at the beginning of the school year in September. SCP suggests AM inform residents of the Penalty Notices on Facebook group

Action Cllr Mann

Millenium Green incidents

Following the response from Sgt Hitchin, SCP asks to thank PC Neil Wallen for his resolve at the previous meeting after coming under fire from committee members.

Needles:

The committee agreed to thank Tim Hitchin for the update on this issue.

ML updated the committee with information that a cross-agency approach has placed the said male in rehab. A reduction in needle littering is now anticipated.

Misuse of drains – Windsor St:

Audrey says the drains are now clear. Craig McBeth said he had spoken to Cllr Fletcher after the previous meeting and she said she had forgotten about it. The committee agreed to remove the concern. Audrey reported that the drain was currently clear of oil and will monitor it.

Unauthorised car-dealing - Burnley Road: Tim Horsley is on holiday and will report to the next meeting. Mick Armfield waiting for an update.

Library Area Littering: - Council have issued posters addressing the feeding of pigeons which will be distributed throughout Pendle to reduce this nuisance.

4. Matters of Concern

SCP - said some concerns were raised about the noise of recent event Stumpfest. The event finished at 22.10. ML confirms no calls to police and was present at the event..

Matthew Williams - spoke about speeding concerns on Shaw St. It is a 20mph zone. Commented that LCC will not enforce 20mph speed zones. Comments that the area is used as a race track around 6-7pm on Saturday and Sundays.

ACTION: JS to email County Cllr Iddon to raise the concern of speeding on the street.

He also raised a concern about possible drug dealing on Shaw St near the steps to Hill St.

ACTION: ML agreed to patrol the area.

Pigeon feeding

UPDATE: JS said PBC has created an educational campaign against feeding the pigeons. This will be promulgated in shops and libraries following widespread complaints across the Borough.

AM - raised a concern of possible drug taking under the viaduct on Knotts Lane. Snap bags have been seen and cars pulling up outside the shop at around 22:30. **ACTION:** ML to put on patrol route.

KM - Kevin raised concerns regarding cars parking on Byron Road, opposite the Community Centre. A woman has fallen crossing the road.

- Possibly identified a van involved in stone thefts in Trawden. Saw a white van around Higher Wanless. Registration number given to police. **ACTION:** Police to check info given.

Mary - Highlights the issue of two trees decaying in St Johns grounds. SCP states she hopes these will be felled before the Blues event. **ACTION:** JS asks AM to raise this issue at the Council meeting. Tony Greaves commented that Lee Johnson has said trees can be crowned for preservation for 2-3 years extra life. Waterside ward has opted to cut them down and replant. **ACTION:** JS to email Kieron in Parks @ PBC.

Audrey - Birtwistle Community Centre broken into again on 7/8/19 using a branch or some wood through a window.

- A question was raised about the validity of a Luncheon Club leaflet received locally from Nextdoor Vivary Bridge. David Clegg says this scheme has been running for years.

Craig - raised issues over continued youth problems and having had BBQ sauce thrown at his car twice. PC David Cleal updated the committee and said it is being dealt as harassment.

Jerry - Reported on used cannabis plants being dumped in large numbers in Trawden. Over 40 reported bags removed plus one other report of dumping. **ACTION:** Tim Hitchin and Andy Cartwright have said they will step up patrols in the area. JL suggests using a heat-seeking drone. **ACTION:** ML to look at using drone.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

PC Lunney ran through the crime figures for July 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	4	0	3	0	1	0	1	8	9	+1
Burglary – Commercial	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	5	8	+3
Vehicle Crime	4	8	0	4	1	2	4	10	1	0	10	24	+14
Hate Crime	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Assaults	20	14	18	12	3	5	15	5	2	1	58	37	-21
Theft	27	6	8	7	2	3	4	7	0	0	41	23	-18
Criminal Damage	9	2	6	5	0	1	4	7	1	2	20	17	-3
All Crime	87	67	61	68	9	19	47	62	4	7	208	223	+15
ASB	10	32	23	27	5	5	16	25	1	0	55	89	+34

Meeting comments:

Vehicle crime rise - potentially down to one person known to police recently released from prison.

Theft (inc shoplifting) - police are getting Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) for regular offenders which has seen a reduction.

The Friday night bus (put on by the police??) has been busy and helped occupy teens and youngsters. SCP commented on whether the opening of Earnies had given the kids something to do. ML commented that Earnies have given tickets to the Police to help reduce ASB by youths.

6. Any other business:

JS raised the Task and Finish group. JL in charge of Neighbourhood strategy. Wants to build neighbourhood watch groups. This would be a way to help bond and unite the local community as well as enabling residents to look out for each other especially elderly and vulnerable people. **ACTION:** JS to promulgate details with the minutes. Anyone requiring more detail to contact Jerry.

7. Date of Next Meeting: 5th September at 1730.