**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the**

**Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 07th June, 2018**

**PRESENT**

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Jim Smart North Valley Residents Association

Audrey Broughton Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve

Alice Mann Waterside Neighbourhood Action

Kevin McNulty Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW

Councillor Jonathan Nixon Pendle Borough Council

Nick Harbour Pendle Borough Council

David Cleal Police

Ivan Hartley Police

1. **Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies were received from Tim Hitchen, Roger Whitehead and Carol Riley.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

On an item on Matters Arising, Shaw Street was named as Shaw Lane.

The rest minutes of the meeting held on 10th May, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

1. **Matters Arising**

**Wycoller prosecutions** –The Police have been in touch with the CPS again but they haven’t really made any progress since the last meeting of this group.

**Action**: Continue to monitor and chase for updates.

**Damaged wall at Cock Hill Lane** – Wall now repaired.

**Byron Road Community Centre** – Cllr. Nixon reported that the Horsfield Residents Association are going to reform and a team are now in place ready to get started. Together Housing have verbally agreed to putting in a similar scheme as to what is used at the North Valley Community Centre. Currently awaiting the relevant paperwork to come through from Together Housing before beginning to apply for local funding to help get the required equipment and furnishings that will be needed.

**Action**: Cllr. Nixon to progress with the project and report back any updates at the next meeting of this group.

**Abandoned car in Waterside** – One of the two abandoned cars behind the shop in Waterside has been removed. One remains and it is still potentially a danger to children who may look to gain access into it.

**Action**: Nick Harbour to ask Tim Horsley if there is anything that Pendle Borough Council can do to look to get the car removed.

**Greenfield Arts Centre** – Cllr Greaves and Cllr Lord have spoken with the owner of the building to discuss the issues around noise which came from the centre one evening. No further events are scheduled to take place at the centre for now and there have been no further issues since the conversation.

**Increase of fly-tipping in Waterside** – Pendle Borough Council Environmental Crime Team are aware of the increase in fly-tipping reported by residents. If residents spot any more offences they are asked to report them at <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/forms/form/114/en/report_flytipping>

**Dangerous dog on Talbot Street** – The Pendle Borough Council Dog Warden has been around to see the owner of the dog which was reported at the last meeting. At present there is not enough evidence of dangerous behaviour to issue a CPN but the Dog Warden is monitoring the situation closely.

**Neighbour dispute at Campion Green** – Ivan Hartley has been to visit the people mentioned at the last meeting causing disturbances on Campion Green. The offenders have been given harassment warnings. Housing Pendle are also looking into the situation.

1. **Matters of Concern**

**49 North Street** – Items being dumped in the back yard of 49 North Street by the owners and also by the person living in 50 Glen Street. Used needles are also being found on the back street between the two addresses. The gate is not locked on the North Street property and children are going in the yard and messing around with the items being dumped there.

**Action:** - Nick Harbour to report to Environmental Crime Team at Pendle Borough Council.

**Hedge at McCall’s** – Hedge protruding from McCall’s shop on Glenroy Avenue. Causing an obstruction and would be difficult for wheelchair users to be able to keep to the pavement when passing.

**Action:** - Nick Harbour to ask Pendle Borough Council to write to the owners and ask them to trim the hedge back.

**Hedge at Ruskin Avenue** – Hedge protruding from addresses thought to by 38, 40 & 42 Ruskin Avenue. Causing an obstruction and would be difficult for wheelchair users to be able to keep to the pavement when passing.

**Action:** - Nick Harbour to ask Pendle Borough Council to write to the owners and ask them to trim the hedge back.

**Hedge at Talbot Street** – Hedge protruding in the area of the ginnel at Talbot Street. Causing an obstruction and would be difficult for wheelchair users to be able to keep to the pavement when passing.

**Action:** - Nick Harbour to ask Pendle Borough Council to write to the owners and ask them to trim the hedge back.

**False Advertising at Off Licence** – Signage still up at the off licence opposite the Crown pub stating that the alcohol there is ‘cheap’ to buy when in fact it isn’t.

**Action**: Jerry to email Trading Standards with some photos.

**Memorial bench at Alkincoats Nature Reserve** – Memorial bench vandalised at Alkincoats Nature Reserve.

**Action**: Police to monitor the area during spot check patrols.

**Alkincoats Park Visitors** – Some travellers recently stopped at Alkincoats Park. No major issues became of this, the land was left relatively tidy and they didn’t stop for too long.

**Suspicious burnt bags found** – during one of the Waterside Action Team clean-ups, two burnt bin bags were found at Hawley Street and Patten Street. It was suspected that the bags could have carried marijuana plants. Police stated it was unlikely it was drugs related and most probably someone burning private correspondence such as bank statements etc.

**Flags being stolen on Colne Lane** – More flags have been reported stolen on Colne Lane. Some more have been loosened as though ready for those to be taken soon.

**Action**: Police to monitor the area and look to get a camera in place where the loosened flags are located.

**Suspicious activity at Blascomay Square** – Lots of people seen going in and out of 41-43 Blascomay Square when the property is thought to be empty. Potentially people meeting in there to deal drugs.

**Action**: Police to visit the property and see what’s going on.

**Used needles found on Primet Hill** – Reports of more needles being found, this time opposite the bridal shop on Primet Hill.

**Children on road** – Children spotted playing in the middle of the road on Shed Street and Laithe Street

**New Oxford Street Caravan** – Reports that a lady is living in a caravan to the rear of 7 New Oxford Street. Suspected drug use happening inside the caravan. The lady can be quite vocal at times which is not pleasant for the neighbours.

**Action**: David Cleal in contact with the lady and will continue to monitor. Tim Horsley looking to put a CPN in place. Need to find out who owns the land to look at getting the caravan removed.

**River Street Caravan** – An abandoned caravan on River Street which has had a notice served on it remains there.

**Action**: Councillor Nixon to send the photographs he has to Neil Watson at Pendle Borough Council and chase up the latest with what’s happening.

**Road surface at Skipton Old Road** – Complaints about the poor road surface up near Jerusalem Farm on Skipton Old Road.

**Action**: Jerry to contact Simon Bucknell at Lancashire County Council.

**Cars speeding on Castle Road** – Problems with speeding cards being reported at Castle Road (from around 07:00 – 09:00).

**Action**: Jerry to contact Simon Bucknell at Lancashire County Council to look at the possibilities of getting a speed trap put in place.

**Drug use in town centre pubs** – Concerns about the ever-increasing reports that drugs are being taken in town centre pubs. The Police are working with landlords to try and reduce the problem. Licensees are doing regular checks and in some cases confiscating the drugs and handing them over to the Police.

**Age UK** – Lots of fly-tipped rubbish being left behind the Age UK building. Used needles are also being found there.

**Action**: Nick Harbour to pass the information on to the Environmental Crime Team at Pendle Borough Council.

**Speeding in Trawden** – Lots of speeding traffic is coming along the main road in Trawden and it is feared it’s only a matter of time until someone is seriously hurt in an accident.

**Action**: Jerry to write to Simon Bucknell and ask about the possibilities of making the road a 20mph zone.

**Calling 101** – More issues around calling 101. A man on Peel Road had a hedge trimmer stolen and tried to report the crime by calling 101. He was on the line for hours with no answer.

**Action**: Jerry reminded those present that he had the mobile phone numbers of the local Police team and asked that if anyone needed a Police presence quickly to either call him and get the numbers or for in very serious situations, call 999.

**Old Medical Centre** – Children have been spotted pulling down the boarded up entrances to the old medical centre.

**Action**: Councillor Nixon to mention this to Neil Watson and ask that the building be secured.

1. **Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities**

Dave Cleal presented the crime figures for May 2018, together with figures for the same period in 2017.

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|  | **Waterside** | **Horsfield** | **Colne Rural** | **Vivary Bridge** | **Foulridge** | **Total** | **Plus/****minus** |
|  | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** |  |
| Burglary - Residential | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 9 | -1 |
| Burglary - Commercial | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 11 | +4 |
| Vehicle Crime | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 17 | -2 |
| Hate Crime | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | -2 |
| Assaults | 11 | 28 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 51 | +13 |
| Theft | 17 | 29 | 14 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 46 | 53 | +7 |
| Criminal Damage/ Arson | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 15 | -2 |
| All Crime | 49 | 94 | 48 | 43 | 15 | 3 | 42 | 56 | 1 | 5 | 155 | 201 | +46 |
| ASB | 35 | 32 | 28 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 30 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 106 | 67 | -39 |

It was requested that for the next meeting, crime figures in relation to domestic violence is added back to the list. It was also asked that are specific locations of where assaults took place available and the approximate times they happened.

**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.

**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**

No other business.

**7. Date of Next Meeting:**

* Thursday, 12th July 2018

Commencing at 5.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall