

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 05th September, 2019**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Sgt Tim Hitchin	Police
Pat Maloney	Resident/NVC
Councillor Pat Howarth	Colne Town Council
Councillor Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
Councillor Alice Mann	Waterside Action Group
Councillor Sarah Cockburn Price	Colne Town Council
Audrey Broughton	Alkincoates Park Resident
Councillor Craig McBeth	Trawden Parish Council
Councillor David Clegg	Colne Town Council
Roger Whitehead	WNAS
Cllr Barry Hodgson	Trawden Parish Council
Yvonne May	Resident

- **Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies received from: Dorothy Lord, Carol Riley, Tony Greaves, Mary Peden

- **Minutes of last meeting**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 08th August 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.
- Pat Howarth noted she is not receiving the minutes by post. (**Action JS**)

- **Matters Arising**

- Drug dealing on Shaw St
 - TH says there have been no reports and no activity spotted.
- Cannabis Farm in Trawden
 - Spent cannabis plants have been found dumped in numerous places including: Wycoller Top Car Park (near the Panopticon), Burnley Rd and near Clarion House.
 - TH explained the growth cycle of the plants, suggesting a six week cycle for growing and dumping to guide use of CCTV.
 - Following PC Matt Lunney suggestion about deployment of a drone at the last meeting, this is not yet feasible.
- Parking at Primet School
 - There have been patrols at Primet School regarding poor and dangerous parking at school times. AM reported an altercation between a taxi driver and resident. Police will continue random visits to primary schools.

- Suspicious White Van in Trawden
 - Kevin reported a suspicious white van at the last meeting. TH informs that this has not been checked. Details supplied again.
- Car Racing around Knotts Lane/Shaw St
 - Councillor Iddon to report back by the end of the week.
 - TH and CM suggest increasing the speed limit of Shaw St to 30mph so it can be policed and encourage a more moderate speed.
- Trees at St Johns
 - JS spoke to Kieron in Parks @ PBC. Lee Johnson got the trees felled before the Blues as requested.
- Car dealing opposite Skoda Garage
 - PC Matt Lunney contacted Mick Armfield regarding this and it is being patrolled.

- **Matters of Concern**

- Cllr Hodgson raised an issue regarding the junction on Church St/Colne Road, Trawden, where the priority white lines have faded and drivers are disputing rights of way. **Action JS** to report to Highways.
- SCP had received a complaint about people urinating in the street during the Blues Festival. Action taken by reporting person and reported to CTC.
 - TH reported that a drug dealer had been caught at the Blues Festival.
- Cllr Hodgson raised concerns about traffic issues in Trawden and Foulridge when the Colne Cycle Race is on, causing huge tailbacks and one car fire.
 - Suggested to review traffic management (**Action JS**)
 - Address confusion over where buses leave from whilst race is on. (**Action JS**)
- A question was asked about whether cameras have been set up at the lights on Vivary Way, (by the BMW garage). TH reported cameras were not in place, but that they had an action plan to monitor drivers cutting across lanes at the BMW garage a few days a week.
- A concern was raised regarding the new housing development around Birtwistle and Harrison Drive, and parking availability.
 - It was suggested the new development will cause more parking issues in an already crowded area, and would be a threat to public safety, as well as adding to demand at Doctors, Schools and hospitals.
 - It was noted a planning application has not yet been submitted, and that residents should raise issues with Planning when they do.
 - CM stated parking provisions would have to be catered for in the planning application
- YM updated the committee regarding the posters about not feeding pigeons. These are due to be delivered in the next two weeks. **Action JS** to raise at Main CSP meeting.
- AM reported a large white van, promoting a garage was parked on the pavement on Burnley Rd near Cuerden St.
 - TH said that if they were parked legally and that there is little the police can do.

- Complaints regarding increased HGV traffic at the junction of Knotts Lane and Burnley Rd causing difficulties when cars are parked at this point. JS has spoken to Highways and they are not prepared to put in yellow lines unless it develops an accident profile.

- CM raised a concern re the barrier at Ballgrove Park, which one resident constantly leaves unsecured. SCP said that PBC was looking to install key fob operated rising bollards.

- **Crime Statistics & Police Priorities**

Sgt Hitchin ran through the crime figures for August 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	2	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	9	8	-1
Burglary – Commercial	6	7	1	1	0	0	2	9	0	0	9	17	+8
Vehicle Crime	4	10	1	1	1	3	1	5	0	2	7	21	+14
Hate Crime	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	-5
Assaults	13	16	17	16	2	2	13	5	0	0	45	39	-6
Theft	26	9	14	9	0	1	10	8	1	0	51	27	-24
Criminal Damage	11	5	4	2	0	0	5	3	3	1	23	11	-12
All Crime	98	95	59	59	8	17	53	73	6	6	224	250	+26
ASB	23	23	31	19	5	3	17	17	3	2	79	64	-15

Meeting comments:

Commercial Burglaries - Two spates of town burglaries (13th/17th August). Four offences per night. Two offenders, one identified.

Vehicle Crime - no pattern identified. Cat convertors stolen from three cars on Boundary Mill car park.

- **Any other business:**

- JS asked again for neighbourhood watch representatives and co-ordinators to be identified by members. Help and guidance available from him.

- Following the Cole Area Committee decision to remove CM as co-optee last month, Pat Howarth was nominated and voted as the new representative.

9. Date of Next Meeting: 10th October at 1730.