

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on 10th October, 2019**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

PCSO Ailsa Gill	Police LNT
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
Roger Whitehead	WNAS
Yvonne May	Resident
Tim Horsley	PBC
Gary Topin	Resident
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Colne Town Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Colne Town Council

- **Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies received from: Barry Hodgson, Mary Peden, Carol Riley

- **Minutes of last meeting**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 05th September 2019 were approved as a true and correct record with the following correction:
 - Issues regarding the development along Harrison Drive were the amount of traffic along the road, not specifically parking.

- **Matters Arising**

- **Cannabis Farm in Trawden**

- Further cases of spent cannabis plants being dumped off Burnley Rd have been reported. Trawden Council are taking some action to supplement that of the LNT.
- AM notes Cannabis dumping on Greenfield Road.

- **Suspicious White Van in Trawden** – W Yorkshire keeper but has not revisited this area for last 5 weeks. It is being watched.

- **Car Racing around Knotts Lane/Shaw St**

- Councillor Iddon has responded and as a result the Police are in discussion with the road policing unit about enforcement. On the LCC website is a section Lancashire Insight which lists the details of speed assessments following complaints from Colne.

- JS highlights the roads currently monitored using Lancashire Insight
 - Carrier's Row, Barrowford Rd, Gibfield Rd, Skelton Rd, Stanley St
 - Tennyson Rd, The Castle, Wycoller Rd

- SPIDs (Speed Indicators) used on Burnley Rd
- Cllr Iddon says to contact Gary Makin of the Road Policing Unit which Sgt Hitchen is doing.

Roads are referred by complainants and the unit determines which need action and the action to use. This is explained on the website:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancashire-insight/community-safety/lancashire-county-council-speed-management-programme/>

- Monitoring of Vivary Way/ Barrowford Rd junction for illegal car movements:
 - Officer AG states that cutting in is not illegal until cars pass the junction line.

Burglaries in Town Centre - A person has been detained and charged. It is expected that this will stop further offending.

White lines in Trawden centre junction – these have been reported to LCC and action is expected.

Cycle Race traffic arrangements: Colne TC are conscious of complaints and will widen publicity next year and engage better with bus company.

- JS states that Naomi from the TC Events Team is expecting that next year's event will be the final one of the series which is out of school term time which will reduce the amount of affected traffic. She has agreed to work with Trans-Dev to improve information about the bus routeing and stops.

Pigeon Posters:

These have been delivered and will appear imminently. Whilst most outlets are cooperating, Colne Library has refused to display on the grounds it is a PBC initiative and they are run by LCC. Details of two individuals who regularly distribute food in contravention, were given.

Action – JS to pass these to PBC

- **Matters of Concern**

Audrey B - Drug dealing on Champion Green; police are aware.

Alice M - Wanted to thank the police for their response on 101 and 999.

- Regarding racial issues under the arches at Knotts Lane; there has been a meeting

Pat H - Told of three men trying her back door.

- Dads & Lads barbers are finding needles outside their shop where the boarding for the demolition of the Old Health Centre has taken place. Suggestions included asking the nearby Chemist to have a sharps box available.

- Officer AG suggests it might be caused by someone sleeping there and will investigate.

Margaret F - Speeding and Parking issues especially around the school in Trawden and top of School Lane in Laneshawbridge – no evidence of parking enforcement by LCC officers.

CM and MF suggested a scheme that has worked at Park Primary involving the Head and the school children under supervision interfacing with the parents could be applied here and will set this up with the Head Teacher.

AG states police will start issuing tickets at the school if things do not improve.

TG suggests introducing PPOs to prevent parking issues, but TH says it would require co-ordination with LCC Highways.

- Trawden graffiti. 'Cow' written on resident's wall.

- AG states police might know the suspect from a previous incident.

Sarah CP - Parking and speeding issues in Foulridge. An LGV has been parkin on double yellows at the junction of the Causeway and A56, preventing a clear view at the busy junction. Sgt Hitchen has advised that this not considered an obstruction by the legal system and so Police cannot enforce it.

Craig M - Asking about an update regarding a smashed car window by an identified youth.

AG to chase up and report back

Yvonne M - Neighbours are feeding the pigeons. PH reports she also knows of two people who feed the pigeons. One from the nail bar and one a Sikh.

- **ACTION:** JS to contact PBC to direct Enforcement Officers to address this issue.

Tim H - Reports that Friday nights have 'calmed down' with the Colne youths with significantly fewer complaints following the youth engagement scheme introduced by Police and LCC Youth Workers and others on Friday evenings.

- PLT to site a youth bus or trailer on Sainsbury's car park

- Other agencies to use the trailer on a rota.

- Burnley FC in the Community is running events at the MUGA on Shaw St.

- **Crime Statistics & Police Priorities**

PCSO Gill highlighted the major concerns from the crime figures for September 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	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	0	1	12	6	-6
Burglary – Commercial	4	2	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	5	7	+2
Vehicle Crime	3	7	3	1	0	0	2	4	0	2	8	14	+6
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	-1
Assaults	12	26	14	12	2	2	10	5	1	3	39	48	+9
Theft	19	26	9	7	0	3	9	8	0	0	20	44	+7
Criminal Damage	7	4	5	4	1	0	6	3	1	0	20	11	-9
All Crime	72	109	45	51	7	14	42	48	4	7	170	229	+59
ASB	20	20	30	17	2	10	9	21	0	1	61	69	+8

Meeting comments:

Suggested additional Police priorities - Crime in Waterside, esp assaults and theft and ASB in Vivary Bridge.

AG had not been able to ascertain why specific crime numbers had increased prior to the meeting and therefore no further information was presented from AG.

- **Any other business:**

- JS Neighbourhood Watch interest has been sparked on Facebook with a number of people indicating they would be interested in becoming volunteer coordinators. Contact AG who is co-ordinating them.

- Turf Moor is hosting an Over 60s driving day – see website

www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk/travelforlife -

Our Lancashire is a website for uniting people with similar interests and hobbies and finding out about events on one's own area. Members are encouraged to enlist on the site and to get Groups they are members of to sign up and post their events.

<https://ourlancashire.org.uk/>

9. Date of Next Meeting: 7th November at 1730.