

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on 7th November, 2019**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

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
Yvonne May	Resident
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Colne Town Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Colne Town Council
Councillor Victoria Fletcher	Colne Town Council
Councillor David Clegg	Colne Town Council
Councillor Barry Hodgson	Trawden Parish Council

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 10th October 2019 were approved as a true and correct record with the following correction:

- PH advised it was her 'front door' that was tried, not her 'back door'
- Skelton Rd, should be Skelton St.

- Ailsa Gill to be sent minutes directly

3 Matters Arising

- Cannabis Waste dumping

- AG says the matter is one for PBC/Environmental Health under Fly tipping Regs
- No further reports to police
- JS provided a new picture of recent dumping. Stated a resident has CCTV of the incident
- SCP states an incident of dumping on Southfield Lane

Outcome of speed enforcement discussions with Gary Makin

- Tim Hitchin emailed Gary and has not heard back in two months.
- AG confirms police cannot enforce a 20mph zone.

Trawden Graffiti Issues

- Last month graffiti word 'COW' on a resident's wall
- Recently, 'Tony' sprayed opposite TG's house. Reported to Special Branch. PCSO Ivan Hartley to investigate
- PC Nigel Keates reported to have spoken to unknown suspect regarding previous graffiti incidents in the area. **Action PCSO Gill** to contact him for name.
- Unsure if it is the same person doing it.
 - Concerns over the increased intensity and personalisation of offences, Tim Hitchin spoken to regarding this.

Deposits of used hypodermics in Colne

- AG spoke to the Chemist near Richmond Court
 - They would not put a sharps box outside
 - They do have a needle exchange, but it is not used
 - Cllr Neil Butterworth apparently setting something up

Cllr M Foxley – Action with Trawden Forest School

- JS wrote to TH to ask if prosecutions could be secured with timestamped photos from residents. - NO, was the answer.
- CM stated that you can write to Lancashire Parking Services to request enforcement officers/cameras at the site. **JS to action.**
- DC suggests putting pressure on drivers found to illegally parking, i.e name & shame
- MF reports there was an issue with a parent last week. School Head to get back to MF regarding a School Agreement, like used at Park Primary.

Pigeon Posters & Feeding:

- JS reported the details of the persons continuing to feed pigeons in the library area have been reported.
- JS also stated the refusal by the Library to co-operate has also been reported and it is of note that Nelson Library have made a big effort to bring the issue to the attention of the public.
- JS has instructed enforcement officers to attend the location at times of concern

4 Matters of Concern

Yvonne

- Unhappy at enforcement officers ticketing patients at Colne Health Centre
- It was explained that the NHS has a contract with parking agencies to prevent inappropriate use of patient spaces by local shop staff or customers.

Kevin

- Reported a break in at Colne Cricket Club on 26th October around 6.40am. Young man was on a bike and caught on CCTV; wearing a mask. Footprint found.
- £30 stolen from till.

- Reported BT is looking to remove unused telephone boxes.
- Could these be reused for community purposes such as Defib locations or book exchange? **Action** Parish and Town Council to consider.

- Men in Trawden going door-to-door selling fish to extort money (see Crimes); Men have been arrested.

- Advised by LCC Highways that no official highway survey has been conducted on Birtwistle Ave since 2010.

- DC states the survey was done by the developer's consultants for 26 days.

Audrey

- Resident at Rimington Avenue/Harrison Drive junction is looking to build a house in his grounds and had an inappropriate bonfire.

- DC says planning app was put in on 9th August and suggested it may have 'gone through unchecked' given the time passed. To be called in by Councillors

- Birtwistle Centre broken into again. Photos not sent to police. Burnt holes in polytunnels. Suspected youths smoking. Police now aware.

- CM suggests using motion activated night cameras as used recently by TPC.

- Requested the committee send a letter Sainsburys thanking them for not selling fireworks this year. **JS to Action.**

- TG asks who issues licences for fireworks sales? Is it PBC?

- Can any future action be taken? Can Pendle be Firework free?

- TG Suggests PSPO to prevent usage.

- CM suggests it is unenforceable as shown by current illegal firework usage and police resources.

Barry

- Reported children on bikes riding through Sainsburys abusing his niece.

Alice

- Noted an abandoned vane on Lune St for over 3 months.

- PH has registration

Craig

- Asked for an update on chasing suspect who smashed car window.

- AG states the case has been passed to a new officer.

Sarah

- Saw a car with people throwing rubbish out as they drove by.

- SCP to write to Enforcement team to take it forward.

Jerry

- Reports of cocaine used openly in the Union and the Venue.

- A report of a woman knocking on doors in a begging scam, asking for money

- A report of Gowan lads firing fireworks at each other by Millenium Green.

5 Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

PCSO Gill highlighted the major concerns from the crime figures for October 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	4	2	1	2	1	4	0	1	2	15	8	-7
Burglary - Commercial	4	1	3	3	0	0	8	1	0	2	15	7	-8
Vehicle Crime	2	5	1	5	2	2	2	1	2	2	8	14	+6
Hate Crime	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Assaults	24	13	13	7	9	5	6	9	1	2	53	36	-17
Theft	14	17	8	12	7	2	9	9	0	1	38	41	+3
Criminal Damage	14	4	9	3	4	0	7	9	2	0	36	16	-20
All Crime	87	75	53	49	34	15	43	59	6	8	223	206	-17
ASB	12	22	30	28	3	6	5	21	0	2	50	79	+29

Crime comments:

- Figures are down overall except for ASB in Vivary Way
- Fish saga: a person from Birtwistle Fold bought £200 of fish before the van occupants were arrested in Trawden. Summoned to court. Also re-arrested when returning to home county in the NE for other offences.
- Regarding break-ins in town and at Hyundai garage, a male has been arrested.
- Nine cars stolen from AJ sales in one night. Male identified.

7. Any other business:

- JS Neighbourhood Watch - A meeting is to be held at Colne Town Hall at 1830 on 20th November for anyone interested in becoming a co-ordinator of a Watch. Lancashire Combined Watch Forum (LCWF) will be assisting. All welcome.
- JS highlights a Nosey Neighbours Campaign, to encourage others to keep an eye out for lonely and vulnerable residents in the area.
- Grants available for
 - helping tackle knife crime - (£20k pot) - closes Nov 18
 - helping offenders rehabilitate back in to society - (£80k pot)
- Memorial for Jim Smart at Birtwistle Centre on 29th November.

8. Date of Next Meeting: 5th December at 1730.