

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on 5th December, 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 Tony Greaves	Colne Town Council
Councillor Barry Hodgson	Trawden Parish Council
Mary Peden	Resident
Karen Lonsdale	Police
Ivan Hartley	PCSO Police
Karen Lonsdale	Police Early Action Team

- **Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies received from:

- **Minutes of last meeting**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2019 were approved as a true and correct record

- **Matters Arising**

Police Actions:

- Cannabis Waste dumping
 - Further event in Trawden – no action as yet.
- Continuing ASB – Sainsbury's – continuing the asb patrols and actioning when necessary.
- Trawden Graffiti
 - no further events following Police action. PC Matt Lunney spoke to suspect
- Colne CC – break-in
 - Police say suspect identified and likely to be charged for that and other incidents

Drug-taking in Colne Centre

- Class A use at the Venue and Union. Info suggests drug dealing behind the Venue too. Police to put locations on patrol area.

Cllr Foxley – Trawden Schools actions:

- Letter sent by MF about restorative justice scheme. PCSO Hartley has been patrolling, taking photos and issuing fines. One or two repeat offenders.

Chair's Actions:

- Parking Lancashire – letter sent to Parking Services Lancs, acknowledged but not replied to. PCSO Hartley emailed about watching Primet, Christchurch and Trawden but no reply yet. JS to refer to Cllr Iddon if no reply. **Action JS**
- Letter to Sainsbury's – Manager very grateful for support from Committee
- JS wrote to LCC Highways to complain about the temporary traffic lights on Keighley Road roundabout. A reply from the Highways Lead Officer says it was out of their control. United Utilities have been written to.

Empty Telephone Boxes

- No further info on being used for defibrillators or as book exchanges.
- CTC is concerned about the cost of maintenance and insurance as some are Grade II listed.

Cllr Butterworth:

- Sharps receptacle - no further update.

Cllrs Mann/Howarth:

- Abandoned van - reported to the DVLA. Advised that it needs to be reported to PBC.

Cllr Cockburn-Price:

- Action on rubbish thrown from vehicle - no response

Birtwistle Community Centre break-ins update

- Three suspects rounded up. Had a meeting with police and housing together and threatened with eviction if incidents continue.

- **Matters of Concern**

Kevin - Birtwistle Avenue traffic analysis data received. List of vehicles travelling E->W around 1200 vehicles. No speed data. Taken over a 5-7 day average.

Pat M

- ASB drug dealing outside his house on Peel Road.
- Saw two lads trying to break into cars and shouted them off.

Audrey

- Two lurchers have attacked and killed XXXX cat at the top of North St. Advised it should be passed to PC David Cleal who was dealing with previous incidents. cat.

Alice

- Suspected drug dealing under the viaduct - 14/15 yr olds.
- Report of youngsters (3 girls and 1 lad) kicking street furniture and playing chicken on Knotts lane.
- Lorries parking opposite the cafe for Persimmons development causing an obstruction.

Roger

- Continued problems with racing on Knotts lane. Identified a big white Audi coming from around Lenches. **ACTION: Roger to email JS with car details and timing; then JS to write to speed team, Gary Machin.**

Pat H

- Reports of drug dealing on Curzon St
- Carry Lane allotments have suffered vandalism damage

Yvonne

- Dog fouling an issue. Council informed of areas of concern.

Craig

- Update on youth harassment conviction.
- School worker had bank card stolen and used in Colne, but reported that police refused to investigate. **Action Craig to provide further details to Police.**

Tony

- ASB from tenants at Cotton Court off Knotts lane.
- Alleged drug dealing at Carry Bridge.

• Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

PC Hartley highlighted the major concerns from the crime figures for November 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	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	9	7	-2
Burglary – Commercial	6	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	7	7	-
Vehicle Crime	5	2	2	4	3	2	4	5	0	0	14	13	-1
Hate Crime	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	-2
Assaults	6	15	21	14	0	2	15	6	0	0	42	37	-5
Theft	16	23	13	20	1	1	6	12	1	0	37	56	+19
Criminal Damage	11	8	7	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	25	15	-10
All Crime	67	91	58	68	14	16	42	52	5	4	186	231	+45
ASB	21	19	36	21	2	5	9	12	0	0	68	57	-11

Crime comments:

- All crime rising month on month.
- Thefts up in Waterside, Vivary and Horsfield.
- Foulridge remarkably low crime figures
 - Police comments - Theft is up. Issues at TK Maxx, woman XXXX seen but not yet identified. A number of BILK drive-offs at Sainsbury's garage.
 - Suggests a new generation of thieves are coming through
 - Committee requested a breakdown of incidents for Domestic Violence

7. Any other business:

- JS Neighbourhood Watch -Meeting held at Colne Town Hall on 20th November well attended (17) anyone wishing for info on NW to contact Jerry – jerrystanford@btinternet.com
- CSP Main meeting next Monday.

8. Date of Next Meeting: 9th January, 2020 at 1730.