

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group  
held at Colne Town Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Councillor Pat Howarth	Colne Town Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Alice Mann	Colne Town Council & Waterside Action Group
Councillor David Clegg	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Sarah Richards	Colne Hospice Shop
Yvonne May	Resident
Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoates
Mary Peden	Resident

### **1. Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies received from:

PC M Lunney, PCSO Ailsa Gill, Roger Whitehead, Cllr. Kevin McNulty, Pat Maloney, Craig McBeth

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 with corrected typos were approved as a true and correct record
- Approved

### **3. Matters Arising**

Police Actions: (Apologies from Police due to official duties)

Actions on Derby Rd speeding – to be notified by PC Lunney

Abandoned vehicles Hartley St, Seldon St

Response from Michelle Walker at PBC: Unfortunately the vehicles have an owner and cannot be dealt with as abandoned, but I have reported them to the DVLA online, which the complainant can also do by using the following link <https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>. With regards to the back yard I will get it inspected and deal with either using a Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or and EVA letter. Tim Horsley Action: I have been today as I will be dealing with the trailer. I can deal with the vehicles in the back street too. The issue with the yard appears to be two even more scabby vehicles unless Michelle's team has found other issues. .... Issuing a statutory warning is easy enough however if we need to progress beyond that we will need complainants to gather evidence of nuisance from. We can do this on a hearsay basis but we will need it. I will also refer the trailer to LCC. The registration is the same as the Volvo in the back street. Police action: to be notified as above.

Drug dealing Hereford Rd, Briercliffe Ave, this has been placed on the watch list.

Cllr Foxley – Trawden Schools actions: This matter is now resolved following various agency interventions.

Chair's Actions (S C-P):

- Walton St – speeding hazards  
Cllr Howarth advised that there are no funds but the situation will be inspected.
- White lining – Sefton St – This is to be rectified in due course.
- Littered footpath Pendle Vale: Cllr Mann has organised a litter pick at the Colne end and reports that much of the litter is from students. Deputy Head of Pendle Vale, Andy Blackburn, has organised a team of students to do some litter-picking and will keep an eye on this regularly now.  
The Great British Spring Clean-Up project, organised by PBC will also consider including this area.

#### 4. Matters of Concern

**DL** – Youths at Sainsbury's still causing concern with rudeness and disrespect to older shoppers and riding bikes within the store. Also a group of children were observed in LIDL car-park throwing stones at passing cars in Hanover St., and North Valley. This is likely to be a small group of known offenders and Police are asked to seek to curb this before it escalates; the public is getting tired of this behaviour.

**AM** – For information a vehicle lost control and rolled downhill into the Millennium Green, knocking down a wall. The Council have erected temporary barriers, but should these be moved or blown down a significant drop is exposed. Urgent action is required to make this more secure. Action PBC

**S C-P** - Following information about drug-dealing to this committee in December an arrest has been made but significant drug-dealing and heavy using continues at the house in XXXX with risk to others and to the three children in the house. Action JS

**AB** – With regard to the now approved development off Harrison Drive concern is raised that the figures which led to Highways approval were distorted as the recording strip was broken on the Monday and not reinstated until the Thursday; thus incorrect values were used.

**MP** – Footpath slabs in Newmarket St opposite No 51 were reported to Highways last year and are still representing a danger to the public. Highways to be alerted. Action JS

**SR** – Initial action from the meeting two months ago led to rubbish obstructing the fire-exit of the Hospice Shop in Dockray Court was eventually moved, however in spite of notice being served on the building owner rubbish is still being deposited there. Further action is needed to curb this nuisance and detect the offenders. Shop theft within the Hospice Shop is a continuing nuisance and loss of revenue which used to succour the dying. Police support is sought to deter this nuisance. Action Police Neighbourhood Team.

## 5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

Chairman highlighted the major concerns from the crime figures for February 2020, together with figures for the same period in 2019.

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	
Burglary - Residential	1	6	4	0	3	1	1	0	3	0	12	7	-5
Burglary – Commercial	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	0	9	4	-5
Vehicle Crime	6	5	7	4	0	1	4	4	2	0	19	14	-5
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Assaults	16	18	19	10	0	2	14	8	0	0	49	38	-11
Theft	19	17	10	12	2	0	5	13	0	0	36	42	+6
Criminal Damage	3	10	5	5	0	2	8	1	0	0	16	18	+2
All Crime	79	100	68	54	14	13	67	61	10	4	238	232	-6
ASB	8	28	34	20	7	5	18	11	1	2	68	66	-2

### Crime comments:

- Worrying rise in all crime, ASB and criminal damage in Waterside contrary to other wards.

## 6. Any Other Business:

The new CSP Strategy implementation process section 3 is about community engagement. To familiarise residents with CSP and what it does we will be holding Roadshows in each of the five centres in Pendle. I am currently finding out which of the Colne events is the best one to join in with for our show. No details yet, but it will be a partnership with the Police Lancashire Talking project and the aim for us is to collect resident contacts to expand our working group, give out freebies and explain what we do. The Group welcomed this initiative and would be glad to support the Colne Show.

The Our Lancashire Community Network group being delivered by the Police has now appointed an Engagement Officer for Pendle and Ribblesdale Ms Gail Barton. She will no doubt be attending one of our meetings in the future to explain how she will be working with local organisations in all our interests.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at 17.30.