

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held Virtually on 7th October 2020
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council

Councillor David Clegg	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
Councillor Alice Mann	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	PBC

PCSO Natasha Harris – unable to join because no screen warning she was awaiting admittance. Others were admitted.

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from:

Roger Whitehead, Councillor Jonathan Nixon

2. Minutes of last meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2020 were approved as a true and correct record

3. Matters Arising

All the matters were Police related so answers will be sought and forwarded.

These Police Actions were:

Increasing youth misbehaviour and bullying;

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

Drug Dealing Essex St

Theft of paving stones

Red Lane fly-tipping

4. Matters of Concern

As Councillor Cockburn-Price had to leave early for another meeting the issue of Youth misbehaviour was discussed at length; Sarah described a high-level meeting she had attended but focusing on the future, in terms of giving local residents contacts for their Neighbourhood Team and gathering intelligence from them, plus the increase in the number of police locally, and especially, neighbourhood police, who, by January, will be headed by a dedicated sergeant.. In the meantime, it is clear that we need the police to engage and work with us as we try community initiatives to tackle the problem. Margaret expressed the view that the principle difficulty lies in identifying those who create problems and that with that known, an avenue of attack would be to address the parenting issues at the heart of youth control. There was much agreement. However, the issue is growing more serious and David described an issue where 8-9 year-old children were seen harassing and attacking younger children at Alkincoates Park with knives and scissors. These

weapons are capable of serious harm and it is believed that the Police are aware of this incident and the children concerned have been identified. There was general concern at this and a feeling that even when identified there is no visible action taken to send a message to others that this behaviour has consequences. This incident suggests that the problem is not only growing amongst older youths but spreading to a younger age band. Further discussion led to a summary that the group believe that urgent multi-disciplinary action is necessary; it is unacceptable that adults spend another year in fear of going to Sainsburys or visiting the N Valley trading area in the dark. We believe that we owe it to the Community to generate some action. Jerry agreed to raise this at Main Committee on Monday and to seek advice and guidance from Inspector Scott Boast/Chief Inspector Cartwright. **Action Chair**

Other incidents believed to be youth-related seen on Facebook included three car-tyres slashed for no apparent reason; a 5 year-old child's bike removed from her garden and trashed, leaving her in tears; Park-uniformed school-children visiting Sainsbury's without masks showing no concern when challenged; Youths throwing their bodies against parked cars.

Other matters of concern:

Outbuildings in the Byron Rd, Rutland St and Skipton Old Road areas were attacked 30th/1st. Residents advised to maintain a locking regime.

There was general agreement that the problem of youth misbehaviour must be addressed as a priority and other issues of concern to be taken in hand as they occur.

Alice mentioned the ground opposite the Lord Rodney where it seems caravans and vans are taking up occupancy and business seems to be being conducted. Tim stated that he was dealing with this issue. **Action T Horsley**

Kevin advised of a case of dangerous driving where he was overtaken; he web-cam recorded the incident and asked Jerry for a contact to send it. **Action Chair**

5. **Crime Statistics & Police Priorities**

The crime figures for September are not available and will be forwarded as soon as they come in.

The crime figures for August 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	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	1	0	8	4	-4
Burglary – Commercial	7	2	1	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	17	3	-14
Vehicle Crime	10	5	1	1	3	3	5	0	2	1	21	10	-11
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
Assaults	16	17	16	18	2	2	5	10	0	2	39	49	+10
Theft	9	14	9	9	1	1	8	12	0	0	27	36	+9
Criminal Damage	5	7	2	9	0	5	3	3	1	0	11	24	+13
All Crime	95	81	59	78	17	26	73	59	6	6	250	250	=
ASB	23	68	19	36	3	21	17	39	2	3	64	167	+103

6. Any Other Business:

Items of good news (post meeting additions) –

Two thieves were observed in action in the Boulsworth View development; using the neighbourhood contact details the on-duty PCSO was contacted and the two were arrested.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 18.00 using Teams.