

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 3rd March 2022
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr Ash Sutcliffe	LCC, Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr D Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr S Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr Alice Mann	Pendle Town Council
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Resident's Association
Susan Salter	Foulridge Residents
D Speak	Foulridge Residents
Elaine Stephenson	Foulridge Residents
Nick Fullalove	Foulridge Residents
Cllr Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
PC Scott Thomson	NPT
PCSO Keely Evans	NPT
PCSO Neil Wallin	NPT

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Jerry Stanford took the chair with the agreement of the group and welcomed everyone, thanking them for their attendance. Apologies recorded from Pat Maloney, Mary Peden
Insp Claire Pearson

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions:

Toyota cloned Van

Further investigation needed. NPT to report April. **Action NPT**

Cotton Tree illegal parking

This issue is outside the Police remit. Lancashire Parking Services responsible for parking issues. Sarah C-P is following up. **Action SC-P**

Knotts Lane – neighbour harassment issue

This issue has gone quiet and action is left in abeyance.

SPID Trailer response

The whereabouts of the SPID trailer is unknown; JS to investigate its placement and operation and will report back. **Action JS**

Chair Actions:

- Pigeon detritus under road bridge by Colne Station
Network Rail confirmed that the work is programmed but unable to give a date.

4. Matters of Concern:

Mary Peden (in absentia)– Flags in Newmarket St still not replaced and warning cones have been removed. **Action AS to pursue at LCC**

S Salter, E Stephenson et al – Foulridge Parking on yellow lines –

Chair gave a summary of the issue that vehicles regularly park on the A56 double-yellow lines at the junction of the Causeway for protracted periods of time. This completely blocks vision for vehicles exiting the causeway onto the busy A56. Those presenting the issue explained that on one occasion a vehicle slowly exiting was hit by a bicycle, the rider ending on the bonnet; on this occasion no-one was hurt. Many attempts have been made to obtain redress, Lancashire Parking Services attended at a time when there was little problem, it is worst Thursday/Friday and overnight, and indicated that they were unable to take action unless the vehicle remained for longer than 15 minutes. This makes a mockery of the yellow-line function and the arbitrary rule must be reviewed by LCC. Complaints have been on-going for some years and this issue must now be resolved. One long term solution could be building out the pavement beyond the parking area up to the junction. **Action – JS –** Write to Lancashire Parking Services, cc Cllr Edwards, MP, Parish Council, Insp Pearson.

Cllr Alice Mann

Parking issue on Tatton St behind gardens. **Action NPT to investigate**

Horse-boxes long-term parked behind Lord Rodney Pub – **Action NPT to investigate**

Large puddle near Library – grate drainage not working. Similar problem in Cuerden St – problem to be reported to Highways **Action Cllr Sutcliffe**

Cllr David Cockburn-Price – Requested that the Crime Report disaggregate the assault figures to give clarity on source such as Domestic Violence, Youth assault etc. **Action NPT**

Chair intimated that this has been requested before and had been advised that the local log does not directly distinguish. He will circulate the section from the Pendle MATAC report.

Action JS

Cllr Sarah Cockburn-Price – Forest School equipment shed at Byron Rd Youth centre has been broken into by identified youngsters who have stolen six knives, two of which have been recovered. Four are therefore in the hands of youngsters of primary school age, a matter of grave concern. Police are involved and the matter is being resolved through multi-agency avenues. No action here.

Parking issues in Trawden – after repeated warnings locals who park consistently on solid white lines have been warned that further infringement will lead to fines and licence points. No action here.

Cllr Kevin McNulty - At the top of Lenches/Knotts Lane the road surface has deteriorated, with crumbling at the edges and large pot-holes in the road, causing vehicles to ground.

Action - Kevin to report to LCC (www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/pothole/)

Craddock Rd – vehicles exiting the garages behind the market onto Craddock Rd do not have an indication of a no left-turn. Cllr Sutcliffe advised that this will be resolved by the redevelopment of the area.

Cllr Ash Sutcliffe - Children have been seen climbing and playing on the rooves of buildings in Market St, especially that of Santander. This exposes them to serious risk.
Action NPT to be aware and take advisory action.

David Foat – (In absentia) – The access from Standroyd Drive onto A6068 is obstructed to the right by a large bush, a road sign which comes too low down and by an advertising placard for Ball Grove Café. This has been reported,

Parking in the resident homes lay-by on A6068 by Standroyd – difficulties have been met by residents in parking here, in particular for Health Care workers and emergency vehicles because of occupation by vehicles of residents from other areas. It was explained that without gaining resident parking permits this are cannot be made exclusive.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for February:

The crime figures for February together with figures for the same period in 2020: were overviewed by PC Scott Thomson:

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/ minus
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	
Burglary – Residential	0	1	1	2	5	2	1	1	0	0	7	6	-6
Burglary – Commercial	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	-1
Vehicle Crime	5	5	4	2	2	2	4	4	0	0	15	14	-1
Hate Crime	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	=
Assaults	9	10	5	10	2	2	4	9	0	0	20	31	+11
Theft	18	4	5	12	0	2	5	4	0	0	28	22	-6
Criminal Damage	2	6	3	7	2	0	5	2	0	0	12	15	+3
All Crime	48	33	38	53	13	9	34	33	3	2	136	130	-6
ASB	49	21	38	39	18	2	25	18	4	1	134	81	-53

These were seen to be an improvement all round and welcomed by the Group. Some concern expressed about the rise in assaults but without disaggregated detail the group have no obvious support action they can take to aid NPT

6. Foulridge (Causeway Corner) Parking Issue

This issue has been dealt with in item 5 - Matters of Concern.

7. North Valley ASB incl. Car Graffiti

This issue involves graffiti daubing of buildings in the North Valley Retail area, and on cars of staff, plus harassment and threats to staff. The graffiti was of a pornographic nature and presented an appalling picture to those passing on this main thoroughfare through the town. Police have taken drastic action, including a dispersal order for the weekend, and a POP process. It remains to identify individuals responsible and to use multi-agency methods to rectify this youth misbehaviour in the long-term.

8. SPID Update

There is to be a meeting of the relevant organisations and persons at Colne TH on Monday 8th March at 5-30 pm to establish optimum sites likely to capture racing vehicles for referral to LCC for approval. Trawden Council are in the process of purchasing the SPIDs on behalf of the Area and Lengthsmen will be responsible for moving the equipment when required.

9. CYAG Update:

Activities remain fluid, with Football and cricket coaches now in place to formalise the sports work. The Trawden youth club activity, briefly suspended for half-term, will resume this week and has been a great success.

There has been a further hiccup in taking control of the Byron Rd premises but Trustees are confident this can be resolved.

Any Other Business

Secretarial Support - Possible (though temporary) recruit for April.

Chair - A new Chairman will be needed in due course but in the meantime it is necessary to broaden and publicise the work of this group through social media and other means to improve attendance by residents. JS will stand in as Chair whenever necessary. Discussion followed on the timing of the meeting, and this will be continued. Chair explained that C Area Committee had asked for this timing to facilitate Councillor attendance and to relieve the Committee of protracted crime discussions adding to a full agenda.

CSP Roadshow – The Roadshow designed to showcase the work of the CSP and in particular this Group has been rescheduled for Easter Saturday 16th April, and all group members are asked to offer their availability to man the stall for a short period. We will again be supported by PBC staff, the Fire Station staff and other organisations including NPT.

There was no further business.

Next Meeting – 7th April; at Colne TH.

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