

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 1st December 2022
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr A. Sutcliffe	LCC & Pendle Borough Council
Cllr D. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr S. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr A. Mann	Colne Town Council & Waterside Action Group
Cllr B Hodgson	Trawden Parish Council
A McGladdery	Colne BID

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 Mark Chung, Sgt J Cooper, Tim Horsley

2. Minutes of last meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions: No NPT members in attendance

Problems in Blucher St

No resident updates

Derby St Mill – vehicles on highway

No resident updates

Caravan on land adjacent to Ambulance Hall.

No further action known to have taken place

4. Matters of Concern:

S Cockburn-Price – CYAG Building Byron Rd – Following substantial planting of 450 whips kindly donated by Woodland Trust by resident volunteers, with help from PBC's Phil Riley, XLCR staff and pupils from Park Primary School an appalling amount of destructive vandalism occurred overnight, including the wrecking of four established trees previously planted in the Spring. Reported to Police on-line but no response as yet. Some repairs have been carried out and steps taken to increase surveillance. But must be better supported by the Police.

A Sutcliffe – Greenfield Rd – abandoned Range-Rovers and other vehicles taking up many places in the new car-park designated for residents, near to the Range Rover establishment. These vehicles have no numbers and are semi-dismantled. Action – PBC (Tim Horsley), NPT – is this part of a car-chop operation?

Aneesa McGladdery – Deerlands Park Estate – Offroad bikes being used on the highway creating noise nuisance. Mainly after school-hours and late in the evening. **Action NPT**

Gib-Hill – damaged turf by off-roading vehicles detected. NPT to be aware.

A Mann – Millenium Green - Paving stones stolen leaving the surface dangerous to visitors; Replacement finance being sought. Little chance of thieves being detected.

Williams St – series of hub-caps stolen from vehicles, youngsters observed and photographed, reported to Police but not followed up.

Knotts Lane – Premier Shop - Suspected drug activity outside from vehicles regularly visiting; suspect delivery rather than user-supply. Action - NPT to follow-up.

Knotts Lane – abandoned van with no number-plate, previously reported on several occasions. Still not removed. Action PBC

Gibfield Rd – Car left on pavement creating a real obstruction. Photo available – needs action by NPT for obstruction.

B Hodgson – ASB Trawden – Late evening interference by youths kicking football at parked cars and on buildings to deliberately interfere with an event going on. Known offenders.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for November

The crime figures for October together with figures for the corresponding period in 2021: were overviewed by Chair.

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	
Burglary – Residential	2	1	1	1	2	3	0	2	3	0	8	7	-1
Burglary – Commercial	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	
Vehicle Crime	4	2	6	3	0	2	3	2	1	2	14	11	-3
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Assaults	19	18	15	7	5	5	6	6	1	6	46	48	+2
Theft	15	8	15	9	2	3	5	4	0	4	37	28	-9
Criminal Damage	3	5	5	10	2	0	4	11	2	4	16	30	+14
All Recordable Crime	70	52	67	35	19	18	39	40	9	24	204	169	-35
ASB	20	19	35	30	5	4	12	11	3	3	75	67	-8

NPT requested to advise on increased crime in Foulridge. Otherwise encouraging figures.

6. BID Report

Crime Business Group has had an initial meet with NPT support, and next planned to discuss methods of combating shop-lifting.

7. CYAG Update:

In addition to thanking those who supported the planting session, the disgraceful vandalism of the efforts by unknown persons was discussed with ideas of increasing security.

The heating problems have been solved in part though costs are still a concern.

Behaviour of a few youngsters at the Trawden Youth Club was also discussed.

Various bids are being prepared with a view to covering the substantial building maintenance necessary.

Plans are being laid to meet the increasing demand for activities going forward but in the meantime those in train continue to do well.

8. Any Other Business

Secretarial Support - The group still seeks secretarial help in recording minutes and other minor admin tasks. Anyone who knows someone who might be interested should contact Jerry or Mark (contacts below).

There was no further business.

Next Meeting – 5th Jan 2023 at Colne TH.

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