

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 2nd February 2023
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 K McNulty	Colne Town Council
Michael Moffatt	Resident, Waterside AG
Roger Whitehead	Resident, Waterside AG
Cllr B Hodgson	Trawden Parish Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Richard Taylor	Lancashire Fire Service
PCSO Ivan Hartley	NPT, Lancashire Police
Elizabeth Lane	Resident

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Jerry Stanford welcomed everyone, in particularly new attendees Richard Taylor, Elizabeth Lane and Michael Moffatt, thanking the latter for offering to record the minutes and thanking them all for their attendance. Apologies recorded from Mark Chung, Sgt J Cooper and Aneesa McGladdery.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2022 which had not been fully circulated and those for 7th January 2023 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions:

Caravan on land adjacent to Ambulance Hall.

After discussion it was agreed that little could be done without local residents making formal reports to the police. They could phone 999 if man observed fouling their premises, take videos or CCTV images, and always report the matter directly to the police. An email to PC Schofield at 1469@lancashire.police.uk is one easy alternative. Councillors can guide them in this action. Tim Horsley is seeking to apply a community public warning for the person concerned and he should also be copied at tim.horsley@pendle.gov.uk . One suggestion is to prepare and distribute a leaflet to affected local residents to this effect.

Action Local residents and councillors

Greenfield Rd - No immediate response.

Action PC Lydiatt to email Jerry Stanford.

Increased crime figures last month in Foulridge : No immediate response.

Action PC Schofield to email Jerry Stanford with outcome of his investigation.

Wood St – caravan: Trawden Parish Council and PCSO Evans are dealing, with the assistance of Tim Horsley.

Chair Actions:

Problems in Blucher St:

Chair was asked to check if reports to this committee could be considered a Police Report to avoid residents needing to make a formal report. The Local Inspector replied as follows:

It appears that some residents have approached the local Councillor raising concerns about racially motivated offences committed against them. They fear reprisals and so do not want to officially report this to the police. I think you are asking if the committee can report these issues on behalf of the victim. I can clarify that the police officers who attend your meeting are all warranted police officers with the associated powers.

If the residents are in fear of reporting the incident due to having a home visit there are other measures, we can put in place in order to obtain the information we would require in order to deal with the matter. Firstly, we can arrange to see them at a location which is not their home address, perhaps a friend's, the council offices or the police station. We can also speak with the victims over the phone or via email. This will allow the residents to report their issues to us without our physical presence at their home and should hopefully give them peace of mind. Once this has been done the officer will record a crime depending on the information which they have been given.

Clearly once such an incident is reported we need to investigate and protect the victim. This would be done with the support of the victim in order to get them the outcome they desire.

I am more than happy for the committee to make us aware of issues in the community and to inform victims of the different methods of contact which can be used in order to report their issues to the police. However, we will need to speak with those victims in order to gather the details we require and investigate effectively.

If the victim does not wish to speak with the police at all, the committee can always pass the information they have to the police, and we can treat it as an intelligence report which might help to build a picture.

I would like to think that between the committee and the officers we can support the victims and give them the courage to report incidents so that perpetrators can be identified and dealt with, which in turn safeguards the victim and the community as a whole.

If the victim would like to speak with an officer please could you let me know and we will ensure this happens in a way which is acceptable to the victim and hopefully starts to address their issues.

Child going AWOL North Colne

Cllr Lord has been asked to pass the necessary information to Tim Horsley. She has since stated that the child is now more settled and attending school regularly.

4. Matters of Concern:

Alice Mann :

Dog fouling issue on Midgeley St connected to Ambulance Hall caravan. See response there.

Dog bins are being replaced but two are missing, including bottom of Exchange St;

Action Alice to email Michelle Walker at PBC.

96 Knotts Lane rear, car with flat tyre abandoned, notified to PBC late November and still no action.

Action Tim Horsley agreed to chase this.

Hawley St, fly-tipped litter was cleared and the area litter-picked, but further fly-tipping has occurred including noxious articles putting persons at risk. PBC considering possible compulsory purchase.

Action Area Committee, PBC

Richard Taylor: Concern at the number of recent domestic fire incidents where the fire detection alarm didn't function or there wasn't one fitted. Efforts being made to circulate the need for residents to fit and maintain both fire and carbon monoxide detectors via all available means.

Actions Members to notify their contacts; Fire Authorities to distribute leaflets; chair to request Housing Pendle to ensure residences under their control are fitted with the equipment and they are maintained.

Kevin McNulty Cars being parked in Brunswick Drive on pavement blocking pedestrian transit. Ash explained that the parking authorities had agreed to take action when this occurs, and suggested that line marking might solve this issue if justified,

Action Ash to notify Lancashire Parking

David C-P reported that speeding continues to be an issue along Keighley Rd, Laneshaw Bridge. He reported that Colne TC is considering being the agent to manage the SPIDs but requires further information before agreement.

Sarah C-P sought details on a recent break-in at Wilds and Ernies. As this is on-going little information is available. Little was taken.

Elizabeth Lane asked for advice following three visits by (probably) un-licensed scrap dealers taking articles without permission. It was suggested that she record vehicle registration numbers and report the matter to PCSO Hartley (7830@lancashire.police.uk).

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for January

The crime figures for January together with figures for the corresponding period in 2021: were overviewed by Chair. He welcomed the encouraging negative figures overall, but was concerned about vehicle crime in Horsfield and Waterside.

	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	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	5	+3
Burglary – Commercial	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Vehicle Crime	2	5	0	5	2	0	4	2	0	0	8	12	+4
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	-2
Assaults	11	9	5	12	5	0	5	2	1	2	27	25	-2
Theft	17	10	6	4	1	0	5	10	2	1	31	25	-6
Criminal Damage	3	2	4	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	12	6	-6
All Recordable Crime	54	37	32	30	13	6	27	30	4	7	130	110	-20
ASB	43	33	37	30	9	2	28	8	4	0	121	73	-48

6. BID Report

There was no BID report

7. CYAG Update:

Sarah reported that the building defects at Byron Rd are now being sorted and a new kitchen area is being planned and installed, along with other improvements.

Accounts have been submitted at end of year, with no concern by auditor; new activities are regularly coming on stream including a Dance Club, and volunteer support is forthcoming from local educational establishments in support of their studies.

8. Any Other Business

Chair confirmed that the latest Scam reports would be appended but made special mention of missing parcel deliveries; these are the responsibility of the business from which they are purchased, and they are responsible for solving the missing item. Members are asked to circulate that they should not respond to requests for money especially from purported couriers nor seek to identify couriers.

There was no further business.

Next Meeting – 2nd March 2023 at Colne TH.

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Lancashire County Council Consumer Alerts January 23

Beware claims you have damp in your home.

Residents in the Chorley area have reported receiving phone calls from a man claiming to know that there is a lot of damp in their house. He then asks if he can come round and check the inside of the house, including the attic. When one householder said they would pass the phone to their son, the man ended the call at once.

Please do not get drawn into conversation with cold callers - just say no and put the phone down. Be wary of letting anyone you do not know into your house, regardless of any offers they may give you relating to insulation and damp proofing.

If you believe you have a problem with damp in your home do your own research and call traders yourself. A good tip is to search online for reviews of traders before employing them. If possible, use know local trades people.

Trading Standards advice is to always say no to cold callers. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area, contact 0303 333 1111 or go to www.safetrader.org.uk

Big Brand Scam Emails

Beware receiving an email impersonating big brands such as Amazon, Currys, Aldi and Asda. The emails suggest you have won a prize, a gift voucher for £500 or sometimes more, or claim you have been chosen to enter a loyalty programme and invite you to click onto a link. The emails imply the offer is for a limited time or the reward is for a limited number of people, urging shoppers to respond quickly.

Close inspection will show the email has not come from a legitimate email address. However, the scammers have taken this a step further and examples have been found where the email address is spoofed to look like it has come from the genuine retailer.

These scams are all trying to gather personal information. If you believe you may have entered sensitive information such as your bank details into a third-party site via a suspicious email, get in touch with your bank.

Suspected scam 'lost parcel' email.

If a parcel or goods you were expecting to arrive has got lost in the post or has simply never arrived, please remember, in most situations your contract is with the business you bought the goods from, and you need to go back to them to claim your money back, not the parcel delivery company.

This reminder follows after a Lancashire consumer received an email alleging to be from a parcel delivery company, supposedly relating to goods they had ordered that had never arrived. On replying to the email, the customer was offered a percentage of the value of the goods as a refund. This sounds like a scam email phishing for bank account details.

Suspicious phishing emails can be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk

Contact the Trading Standards Service via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133

Further information about current scams can be found on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/StanleyDards/