

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group  
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept; 2023  
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr D. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr S. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr M Moffitt	Colne Town Council
Cllr K Salter	Pendle Borough Council
T Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Cllr A Mann	Colne Town Council
Cllr A Chamberlain	Colne Town Council
Cllr A Bell	Colne Town Council
Cllr A Sutcliffe	Town Council Lancashire CC, Pendle Borough Council
P Cunningham	Resident
M Peden	Resident
R Whitehead	Resident, Waterside Action Group
K McNulty	Resident
D McGladdery	Resident
T Ormerod	Resident
J Duck	Representative – Bramall Properties
PC M Lunney	Lancashire Police
PCSO D Waterworth	Lancashire Police

**1. Welcomes and Apologies**

Jerry Stanford welcomed everyone and thanked them all for their attendance.  
There were apologies from: Cllr D Lord, Barry Hodgson

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug were approved as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Police Actions:**

Earl St – trespassing youths – This has been investigated by NPT and no CCTV is available to identify the youths concerned.

Identification of scrap-collecting vehicles - Believed to be two companies licensed for operation in Pendle. T Horsley will advise. Residents reminded to try and record vehicle registration marks or id marks on suspicious vehicles and notify the NPT.

**JC** – outcome of RJ on Trawden youths

This has been resolved.

Rear of Old Boundary – NO2 canisters action – Regular patrols now made to this area and PBC have cleared equipment.

JC – query by Cllr D Lord re lack of feedback on resident noise disturbance from motorcycles, inc. person known to Police with quadbike – This is an on-going problem in that Police are currently prohibited from pursuit of quad-bikes, but are seeking directions from senior officers for a solution.

Railway Station and leisure centre vandalism – no further vandalism has occurred; no CCTV to assist after investigation.

Vandalism and damage on Lord St school allotment – now to be included on patrol list.

Vans broken into and tools stolen – Laneshaw Bridge – not been reported to Police as yet; patrols will investigate.

**Ash Sutcliffe** – trip hazard by Market Cross, raised flag – in process of solution

**Tim Horsley** – Woodland near old ELE sit, Cottontree Lane and PSPO for Byron Rd Sports Area for Park Primary School – this is an area with no recognised owner. PBC have cleared detritus.

#### **4. Matters of Concern:**

XXXXX – During town-centre closures for events, some cars are illegally using back roads as rat-runs including wrong way moves in one-way designated streets.

**Action** – Ash to ask Colne Town Council to notify the local Police of impending closures so that suitable watch may be kept for this dangerous activity.

XXXXX – Speeding vehicles on Shaw Rd. **Action** – NPT to arrange occasional speed-checks and publicise any successful prosecutions.

XXXXX – Memorial bench by the Foulridge village green has been vandalised last Wednesday.

**Action** NPT to investigate.

XXXXX - Cars parking at the junction of Skipton Old Rd and Bents creating sight line difficulties; PC Lunney explained that this is not illegal although the Highway Code advises not to do it. Sarah pointed out if the owners parked further down the road this would merely move the problem elsewhere.

Cars are regularly speeding on Skipton Old Rd – Sarah noted that we now have SPIDs available and can use these to deter such actions.

Vehicles parking with wheels partly on pavements in Bent Lane which leads to broken paving and difficulty and danger for pedestrians; - PC Lunney explained that currently this cannot be addressed but it is expected that new law will come into effect at the end of the year proscribing such parking.

XXXXX – Vandalism and entering the Pump House at Lower Rough by youths for drug-taking purposes; she is seeking a S215 notice to be drawn up.

A man was severely beaten up at McDonalds; PC Lunney explained that this may constitute GB H and will make enquiries. *[Post meeting PC Lunney confirmed that this case is being investigated by the crime team]*

XXXXX- reported that the estates buses are driving in a dangerous manner within the estates, and often damage cars in the process.

**Action-** Ash to pursue at LCC.

XXXXX – The 60 service bus with few passengers refused to stop at one of its recognised stopping points, leaving potential passenger without transport.

**Action** – Ash to raise at LCC with previous issue.

Vehicle was observed and video recorded parked facing wrong-way in a one-way road.

Car observed racing on Windybank.

**Action for both** – NPT to investigate and monitor Windybank.

XXXXX – A request for pressure to be put on Government to add noise level to be added to the MoT vehicle check list; a simple way of reducing noise nuisance from adapted vehicle exhausts.

**Action** – Chair to write to MP accordingly.

XXXXX – Regular thefts from Pets at Home – these must be reported direct to the Police by the company. NPT to be aware.

The telephone o/s the Colne Police Station is regularly ringing without answer. PC Lunney will report to Police IT.

XXXXX – The squatters caravan owner's dogs off-lead continue to harass and threaten passers. Tim advised that action is imminent.

Alcohol being bought from the old Co-op store and drunk in the street in Town Centre. Police will take action if they observe this happening. [ps – NPT advise being forwarded to Trading Standards to take action.]

Vandals are breaking decorative stones in the Millenium Green. Chair suggested the use of a static covert camera. [PS NPT advised keeping regular patrol of the Green but not sighted anyone misbehaving; will maintain patrols]

Pigeon mess outside the library creating a danger to pedestrians. PBC to take action clearing up.

**Action** Chair to contact PBC.

A quad bike is being used in Blascomy Square – NPT to investigate.[PS \_ NPT regularly patrol but have not seen a quad bike there.]

Essex St – a BMW and a Vauxhall creating a nuisance. NPT to investigate. Contact Cllr Mann.

XXXXX – Asked if the 20-year-old camera installed on North Valley Retail Estate is working and linked to CCTV system. Sarah assured him it is fully operational and of great value. Not felt necessary to update it.

XXXXX advised to attend the forthcoming BID asb and retail crime meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 1300 – 1500. Pets at Home should send a representative too.

## 5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for July were reviewed against those of the previous year by  
PC Matt Lunney

### July 2023

Incident	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	
Burglary – Residential	0	1	2	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	6	5	-1
Burglary – Commercial	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	-
Vehicle Crime	6	4	4	6	2	0	2	4	0	0	12	9	-3
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
Assaults	22	9	11	9	4	3	14	5	1	3	52	29	-23
Theft	15	11	7	12	2	1	9	3	0	1	33	31	-2
Criminal Damage	2	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	0	1	10	12	+2
All Recordable Crime	55	64	65	67	15	17	49	33	12	20	190	201	+11

ASB	26	18	25	32	6	1	19	9	1	1	80	61	-19

These are good figures overall and represent progress in Policing.

## **6. Business Community Safety Group Report**

There was no report

## **7. CYAG Update:**

At the Byron Road building solar panels are now fitted and operative; an anti-crime system is in place, the floor has been covered, offices have been dismantled and the walls have been decorated. The new kitchen will be in place by the due date to run the special cookery course. In the meantime outside activities take place including the Trawden youth club, and bids for support continue to be pursued.

## **Any Other Business**

There was no other business .

**Next Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Colne TH, 5-30 pm.**

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## Consumer Alerts September 2023

### Cold callers offering tree cutting services

A Skelmersdale householder was approached by two men claiming some trees in their garden were rotten and dangerous. They offered to cut them down for just under a £1000 in cash. Concerned about the danger the trees may cause to passers-by, the householder agreed and paid. After a small amount of pruning the men stated they needed to get a chipper, left, and did not return.

### Cold callers offering household goods

Reports of door knocking in the Croston and Clitheroe areas of Lancashire have been received. The sellers offer household goods such as tea towels, dish cloths and other homewares. Often the sellers can make you feel uncomfortable or sorry for them. Never feel pressured to buy anything on your doorstep, the goods may be sold at inflated prices and be of low quality.

### Cold callers offering mattresses

Residents are warned that door-to-door mattress sellers have been plying their trade in the Lytham St Annes area, being pushy, and demanding £200 cash for mattresses, saying the goods are luxury mattresses and clearance stock. These mattresses bear an easily removed British Standard label, with no name and address and hence no traceability for the retailer/ wholesaler/ manufacturer. The mattresses may not meet flammability and other safety requirements. They may even be stolen or re-covered second-hand mattresses.

**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](http://www.safetrader.org.uk)**

### Scam banking telephone call

Beware receiving a telephone call claiming to be from your bank stating your bank cards have been cloned. In one case the card holder was asked by the scammer to confirm all the numbers on the card including the expiry date and the three numbers on the back to double check it was these cards that had been cloned. The scammer then said the cards needed to be sent to the head of bank security immediately by recorded delivery and provided an address. Monies already taken would be returned once the cards were received.

Remember not to make hasty decisions, be cautious, always contact your bank independently to check.

### Financial Conduct Authority Scam

Be on the alert, the FCA have warned of an increasing number of complaints of scammers impersonating them. Common tactics are to claim compensation is owed and asking for bank details.

**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/](https://www.facebook.com/StanleyDards/)**