

The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman Jim Clancy. Approximately 25 people including residents, police, councillors and service providers were in attendance at the meeting.

**Apologies:** CBM Andy Counce, Cllr's, Winlow, Shannon & Brookes.

**Benefit Changes:** Adele Thompson from PCC explained the outcome of the "Changes are Coming" booklet regarding the changes to benefit payments distributed to the meeting. Adel went through the 6 chapters of *Under Occupancy, Council Tax Support, Benefit Cap, Care and Urgent Needs Support Scheme, Universal Credit & Personal Independence Payment*.

Questions received were:

**Q.** Heard a rumour that you could convert your spare room into a prayer room?

**A.** It's down to your tenancy agreement. If it's a 2 bedroom property, it will remain a 2 bedroom property.

**Q.** If you take in a Non Dependant, will you have to carry out a Self Assessment?

**A.** Yes, you will have to carry out a Benefits Assessment due to the extra income.

**Q.** A family fostering 2 children, 1 girl, 1 boy, both under 8 years old but not related need a 3 bedroom house, but will now be charged.

**A.** I can't give you an answer, but will investigate and get back to you.

An advisor regarding the changes will be at the next PACT meeting at St Margaret's Church. Information on Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias also distributed.

**Police Update:** Given by PCSO Jackie Fulham:

24 crimes were reported last month compared to 41 crimes reported in this month last year. 10 assaults – half of these domestic related, 3 thefts, 3 damages, 3 shoplifting, 1 drug offence, 2 attempted burglary (not dwellings) 1 burglary (not dwelling).

A nasty assault took place on Barry Avenue whereby a known nominal was slashed in the face with a Stanley knife. Luckily it was witnessed by a resident and the car was later stopped on the motorway. 2 known males were arrested for wounding. Thought to be a drug debt. The known males were not from the area and are currently on bail to stay away whilst further investigations are carried out. The aggrieved was also wanted for at least 3 shoplifting offences, 2 committed in Ingol.

A car was damaged via scratching on Barry Avenue. No witnesses or cameras available.

An insecure pedal cycle has been stolen from behind an address on Barry Avenue. It is a silver Claude Butler bike with silver duct tape all over the seat if anyone spots it.

2 offenders have entered Tag Lane Convenience Store and whilst the store worker was distracted, one of the offenders has gone around the rear of the counter and stolen his iphone. CCTV viewed and identified 2 offenders have both since been charged with burglary.

3 windows of a property on Barry Avenue were smashed by an unknown offender. The property has now been tinned up. This is likely to be a neighbour dispute, but no evidence available to pinpoint any particular offender.

Granton Walk CO-OP. £3000 of cigarettes stolen. Also tried to lift the shutters on the Nisa Store, 1.30am, without success.

Community Road Watch planned in August for speeding in the area.

Fulwood Driving Range. £36000 of golfing equipment stolen. Please contact the Police (203203) or Crimestoppers 0800555111, if golfing equipment is offered to you.

A Section 59 was issued to a youth for riding a motorbike causing alarm and distress on Mayfield Avenue.

1 green mini moto and 2 black motorbikes stopped on Barry Avenue, all being pushed. Their details taken and verbally warned.

### **Matters arriving from previous minutes:**

1. **Cottam Lane:** Canal bridge dog bin. The day after the meeting, it was reported and confirmed that the bin had been re-sited by the Canals and Rivers Trust. Praise was given to PCC following a report from an I&TN Councillor for removing graffiti within 48 hours of it being reported.

**Post Script:** we are receiving reports that the dog bin is now so well used it that we had to report the overflowing bin to PCC for emptying.

2. **Tanterton Playing Field:** Ongoing, PCC Parks Department are still pursuing funding streams. The meeting was informed that Tanterton Rangers FC wished to thank all for their efforts, but have now secured a pitch at Uclan.

3. **Litter – Cigarette Butts:** CO-OP area much improved. Staff now cleaning up the area.

4. **Tanterton Community Centre:** A business plan created by the action group made up of local people has been put forward ready for PCC opening up for bids to run and operate the facility. Volunteers are already coming forward to assist if the action group are successful.

5. **North West Preston Masterplan:** The meeting was updated that a good turnout at the public consultation held at Ingol Golf Club gave the consultants many aspects to take away and think about prior to the next round of consultations planned to be held in September. Ideas ranged from mini roundabouts on Tag Lane/Tanterton Hall Road Junction through to Schools and Major Road Networks to reduce congestion on Tom Benson Way/Lightfoot Lane etc. It was commented that the City Deal for Preston had been “called In” by the Treasury, which is not good news for Preston.

### **Community Tasking/Information:**

- **INTACT;**
  - An invite was put out to the residents to attend the opening of the Community Cafe.
- **Gateway;**
  - Only 12 reported incidents for July this year compared to 39 for June last year.
- Inconsiderate parking on Cantsfield Road, where the pavement is being blocked by cars and a white van
  - The Police are looking into this and will hopefully be able to improve access.
- The developers of the Brickworks are asking for ideas as to what type of shops etc the local community would like.
  - Ideas please to the PACT committee. Lea & Cottam Parish Council to be approached for ideas via Cllr Winlow.

### **The Policing priorities were set as:**

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| • <b>Ingol &amp; Tanterton</b> | - | <b>Speeding</b>              |
| • <b>Ingol Schools</b>         | - | <b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b> |
| • <b>Ingo Golf Course</b>      | - | <b>Motor bikes</b>           |

### **Date & Place of next PACT meeting**

**September 4<sup>th</sup> St Margaret's Church Hall at 6.00pm**