

Wed 5th December at Tanterton Community Centre

The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman Jim Clancy. Approximately 26 people including residents, police, councillors and service providers were in attendance at the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr Brown, Mr. A Brookes, Leslie Marshall.

Police Update.

An offender has approached the rear garden of an address on Mayfield Avenue overnight and entered an insecure wooden shed stealing a silver Carrera pedal cycle valued at £300. No further enquiries into the theft available.

A burglary has taken place on New Rough Hey. Offender has climbed onto a wheelie bin and over the rear fence of the address, smashed a kitchen window and let himself in. Whilst there, he has stolen £250 from a savings tin which the aggrieved had been saving for Christmas. Some clothing fibres were recovered from the access point window and a footprint recovered from the wheelie bin, but no matches so far.

A van was broken into whilst parked at Ingol Health Centre during darkness hours. A brick was thrown through the window and numerous drills and tools stolen from within.

Somebody has slashed all four tyres on a vehicle whilst parked on its driveway on Goldburn Close. No further lines of enquiry available.

Another car tyre was slashed on Sylvancroft whilst parked outside the owners address. Owner only moved in 6 weeks ago.

An insecure Ford Mondeo was broken into overnight on Hillcrest Avenue and a laptop, sat nav and money stolen. We did a letter drop on the whole street warning people of leaving vehicles insecure.

A nasty assault has taken place on New Rough Hey whereby a group have attacked a male who has suffered multiple stab wounds to his torso area. It was thought to be retaliation for another incident which happened earlier off the area. Numerous people interviewed and evidence seized in the form of clothing, vehicles, mobiles and laptops. Two males have currently been charged but the investigation is still ongoing.

An insecure van on Cantsfield Avenue was entered overnight and a sat nav and an old works mobile stolen from the glovebox. No fingerprints, but glove marks found on glovebox.

A mountain bike which was chained to a large trampoline in the aggrieved's back garden on Turnfield was stolen. The offender had broken the trampoline leg to steal the bike.

A bedroom window of a bungalow on Bexhill Road was smashed and the address entered by two males. They prepared items to steal, but were disturbed by the resident and ran off. Both males were arrested on Lytham Road and charged with the burglary and kept in custody until the morning. Both males are from the Ribbleton area.

ASB Calls Nov 2011	= 46	ASB Calls Nov 2012	= 26
All Crime Nov 2011	= 24	All Crime Nov 2012	= 32

The Policing priorities were set as:

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| • Tanterton Shops and Community Centre | - | Anti-Social Behaviour |
| • Ingol & Tanterton | - | Speeding |
| • Bargain Booze Zebra Crossing | - | Parking on Zigzags |

Police Helicopters – PC Mel Jeffrey – An operational overview:

From the New Year, the Police helicopters will change from individual regional control to a National operation with 23 helicopters covering the UK.

The helicopter is manned by three officers, the pilot, the navigator and the observer. When in the air, the pilot is in charge. Even the chief of police does not outrank the pilot when the helicopter is in the air. Searches for missing persons and suicides account for 80% of all call outs, with approximately 12 calls per day for searches. Many think that it is too expensive to run, but when you consider that to search a park the size of Avenham it would take the helicopter 6-7 minutes at a cost of £250/hr. On foot, it would take ten officers over two hours at a cost of £1000 per hour. We also provide holiday watch cover for the schools in Lancashire, which has seen an 80% reduction in ASB, transport police dogs (nuzzled for our protection), fire arms officers and trained negotiators so as to reach incidents quicker than the officers can respond by road. We are also the eye in the sky for many other incidents from road traffic incidents to ASB prevention.

Q. Are laser pens as dangerous as reported?

A. The pens are so bright they light up the cockpit interior which can cause disorientation and if they are shone directly into the pilots eyes, they can cause blindness.

Matters arriving from previous minutes:

- 1. Cottam Lane:** Canal bridge area. Cllr Winlow is trying to make contact with the new Canals and Rivers Trust who have taken over from the disbanded British Waterways with regards the dog bin which requires relocation to the other side of the bridge and closer to the access point onto the lane/towpath. Cllr McGrath to pass on the contact details of the area supervisor to Cllr Winlow.
- 2. Land at Tanterton Hall Road/Footpath to Mayfield Avenue:** Places for People have talked to their landscaping department and have cut back the undergrowth and several trees have been removed. Landscaping with paths, benches and grassed areas is underway. LCC are to be contacted with regards to cutting back the trees on either side of the path from Tanterton Hall Road to Mayfield Avenue so as to allow more light onto the path.
- 3. Ingol Social Club:** Lancashire County Council have consulted the local residents with regards to installing double yellow lines on the corners and bends on the road network around the club and will commence their installation shortly. Hopefully this will not move the problem further away from the club but make car drivers use the car park at the rear of the club. The club owners also have a responsibility to make the car park more user-friendly.
- 4. Tanterton Playing Field:** Cllr Shannon is to arrange a meeting with the parks department and the Neighbourhood Council to update all on the situation regarding the lack of drainage and to check on the quotes obtained for the drainage of the playing fields.
Several questions regarding the lack of and the poor maintenance the field was received and the subsequent flooding of the footpaths and ditches surrounding the field. The Local and Neighbourhood Council are looking at ways to improve the area and the associated costs and possible funding streams.

Community Tasking/Information:

Road between St Margaret's Church & Ingol Shops: Overgrown hedge – Responsibility of the Church. Church to be advised.

Ingol Shops Pavement: CGA working on the situation and the damaged flags marked for replacement. Extra bollards to be installed to prevent delivery drivers from driving onto the pavement.

Community Gateway: It was reported that everything seems okay with only 19 reported incidents.

Connemara Planning Application: The meeting was informed that the planning application had been rejected due to the lack of capacity on the current highways to accommodate the extra vehicles the development would have created.

Date & Place of next PACT meeting

January 2nd St Margaret's Church Hall at 6.00pm