

Wed 2nd April at Tanterton Christian Fellowship

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

Apologies: CBM Andy Counce, Cllr's Brown and Shannon.

Police Update: Given by: PCSO Jackie Fulham.

A burglary has taken place at an address on Barry Avenue, however the offender was caught at the scene and turned out to be an estranged partner of the aggrieved. He was arrested and charged with the offence and remanded to court the following morning.

A vehicle has been keyed on Redcar Avenue overnight. The aggrieved is a repeat victim, and also there have been many other cars damaged in the area in the past. A local male is suspected although there is no evidence to put to him at present. As a result of partnership work, Community Gateway have stepped in and supplied a security camera in the area to catch the offender once and for all. This was much appreciated by the aggrieved whom is not a Community Gateway tenant. A child's peddle cycle has been stolen from the garden of an address on Crosby Place. It was left unattended and insecure outside the address. No offenders available for this one, although suspected to be other children in the area.

An iphone has been stolen from Play Football on Tag Lane. The phone belonged to an instructor who was teaching at the time, and temporarily left unattended. Not captured on CCTV and no further lines of enquiry.

An elderly lady at an address on Brighton Crescent has had a savings jar of pound coins stolen from her bedroom. She suspects this to be carers who attend to her, although she admitted to regularly leaving her property insecure. There have also been accusations in the past against her family members.

A vehicle on Sylvancroft had its rear window damaged accidentally by a young male from the area. A community resolution has taken place whereby the male in question has apologised for throwing stones in the area and causing damage. His parents have agreed to pay for the damage and grounded him.

An unknown offender has caused damage to a vehicle on Dovedale Avenue by spraying red paint all over it during darkness hours. There is intelligence that this may be drug related.

A large 100m spool of electrical cable was stolen from outside the front of an address on Barry Avenue whilst temporarily unattended. It was worth around £100 and went during a 20 minute period. No CCTV or witnesses.

An address on Dovedale Close has been targeted whilst the owners have been on holiday. The offenders have gone down the side of the house and tried to force the kitchen window, but shattered the same in the process. They have then fled empty handed. All house to house enquiries done in the area but nothing seen. No forensics available apart from jemmie marks at the window ledge.

A vehicle on Thistlecroft has been damaged by possibly children in the area running across the top of it. Suspects parents have been visited by Police and Places for People and the area has been leaflet dropped and knocked on to see if other residents are suffering from youth related ASB.

A theft from a dwelling at Hornsea Close has been committed by a known male. The elderly disabled male occupant has had his Post Office card stolen from his address by a regular visitor. Money has been withdrawn from the account. The male in question has been arrested and has since been charged with the offence.

A Ford Fiesta had its passenger window smashed with a brick on Tag Croft. Nothing was stolen and the aggrieved has not had any recent fallings out with anybody. No lines of enquiry.

In March 2013 there were 147 incidents reported to the Police resulting in 19 crimes.

In March 2014 there were 134 incidents reported to the Police resulting in 22 crimes.

Q. Are there any shed alarms via the Police?

A. We have a few left, which we will bring to the next PACT meeting.

Matters arriving from previous minutes:

1. **Tanterton Playing Field:** In terms of the project update;

- £30K has been secured from Veolia
- £5K is secured from LCC
- £5K will come from PCC
- £5K from the Neighbourhood Council

This gives £45K confirmed for the project; there is a shortfall of £15K which is still being investigated. An application to a Capital One fund has been submitted that will help if we are successful. Ideally the drainage works will be completed in the closed season with the works starting in May and completed by early September ready for the start of the next football season.

2. **Tanterton Community Centre:** The board of Tanterton Village Centre are still on the verge of signing for the keys. The Board are not sure what the internal condition will be like, but PCC have a £10k scope of works to the outside to be completed. This includes work on the rotten windows and sidings. The Board are planning an open day for Saturday 3rd May. Flyers will be distributed advertising the event closer to the day. When the centre is re-opened, the centre will need the support and be well used by the local community.

3. **Tag Lane/Tanterton Road:** Community Payback have completed one litter pick along the shelter belt and have now planned in more litter picks for the future.

4. **Sylvancroft Pavement:** Cllr Winlow to take up this project to find those responsible for the pavement and hopefully secure repairs to the sunken flags.

Community Lecture: Dog Fouling and how the community can help the Dog Warden Service:

Jonathan Cruickshank, Supervisor for the dog warden service introduced Gail the warden for our area and both went on to explain initiatives and their problems with enforcement of dog fouling orders. With approximately 55² miles to cover with 2 wardens and approximately 18k dogs depositing approximately 2.3 million tonnes of waste per year, actually capturing the dog in the motion of creating the deposit is like searching for the proverbial needle in a hay stack. In 2013, 10 fixed penalty notices were issued to the dog owners for not picking up their dogs waste. In Ingol, the dog warden service only received 20 complaints of dog fouling. As like any other service, we require intelligence from the community regarding fouling hot spots, so that we can catch the irresponsible owners and issue them with fixed penalty notices. Two tickets have been issued in the last couple of months from this type of information. With the new K9 initiative where volunteers spread the word in their area and are available to issue information, free poop scoops, high vis dog jackets etc. It was reiterated that the problem of dog fouling can only be reduced if the problems are reported.

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Q. Current signage is old and faded in some areas of Ingol & Tanterton.

A. We will look at getting new signage into the Ingol area.

Q. All PACT meetings in Preston report dog fouling as a major issue, so why is advertising of the issue so low and the number of fixed penalty notices so low?

A. Catching them in the act is very difficult as we have already said, and as our budgets are restricted, advertising is only targeted at known problem areas.

Q. When tickets are issued, why are they not named and shamed?

A. When the tickets are paid, the names are not available. We can only publish the names if they are prosecuted in court.

Q. Can photos of the dog in "activity" be used as evidence?

A. Photos can be used as information, but cannot be used to issue fixed penalty notices or for prosecution. Please send your photos to us, as a picture of the dog is better than a verbal or written description.

Community Tasking/Information:

Q. The PACT panel informed the meeting and distributed information of the planned road closures in Ingol for road "top dressing" to be carried out as part of the planned highways maintenance.

Q. A resident asked “why are the pavements no being done?”

A. Cllr Winlow to investigate.

Q. A resident who inspected the distributed roads list asked why Bexhill Road was not on the list?

A. Cllr Winlow to investigate.

Q. PACT asked Paul Dunn from LCC Highways to investigate possible traffic calming measures on Tag Lane including cross hatching down the middle of the road etc.

Q. A resident asked the meeting what the Neighbourhood Council are spending the precept on, considering it has doubled recently?

A. The precept for 2014/15 was set by the Neighbourhood Council in November 2013 and no increase was applied for. Projects within Ingol & Tanterton for which the precept has been spent on or planned for include Tanterton Playing Field, Tanterton Community Centre, The Lengthsman, Notice Boards, Planters, Christmas Trees etc. All the expenditure is available to be seen in the minutes of the meetings on the NC website and the notice boards.

Q. A resident commented that it appears that half of the management board for the Tanterton Community Centre are Neighbourhood Councillors and is worried that they will take over the Neighbourhood Council?

A. Neighbourhood Councillors are elected by the residents of Ingol and Tanterton. There are ten Councillors who all have a vote on agenda items. If any councillor has a conflict of interest in an agenda item, they have to leave the room whilst the item is debated and voted on if required. Thus preventing any such take over.

Q. A member of the Tanterton Community Centre board commented that it appears there is some misconception regarding the management of the community centre. A group of local volunteers formed the Tanterton Action Group and placed a bid to Preston City Council to manage the community centre. In order to run the centre, the volunteers had to form a limited company by guarantee and as such, have to hold Annual General Meetings. Users of the centre will each have a say at the AGM and thus have a say in the direction the centre will go forward.

Q. The meeting was informed that the Neighbourhood Council was holding a Garden in Bloom competition this summer for all households in Ingol & Tanterton. Posters advertising the event were made available and the meeting informed that the information was also available on the Neighbourhood Council website.

The Policing priorities were set as:

- **Ingol & Tanterton** - **Speeding**
- **Top of Whitby Avenue** - **Motor bikes**

Date & Place of next PACT meeting

May 7th St Margaret’s Church Hall at 6.00pm