

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December at Tanterton Christian Fellowship

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Tom Anderson. Approximately 15 people including residents, police, councillors and service providers were in attendance at the meeting.

**Apologies:** PCSO Jackie Fulham, Liz Soole & Cllr Winlow.

**Police Update:** Given by CBM Andy Counce:

A large fight has taken place on New Rough Hey which ultimately led to a male being arrested. A police scene was put on, although after a male was arrested and interviewed, the aggrieved became co-operative stating no assault had happened and that blood found at the scene belonged to the offender, not the aggrieved. A male received a caution for possessing cannabis.

Damage has been caused to various items of furniture belonging to an unoccupied address on Threefields. Kids entered the garden of the address whose owner lives in Wales and used the trampoline but have damaged it, and other items. Two names of local youths have been put forward and the Neighbourhood Policing Team are investigating.

A drugs warrant was served at an address on Whitby Avenue due to reports from neighbours of a constant strong smell of cannabis. No drugs were recovered.

An assault has taken place outside Threefields involving a 16 year old and a 22 year old girl, one receiving a black eye. This was in relation to another assault at Preston bus station on one of the girls' mothers, and was retaliation on behalf of both families. The neighbourhood policing team organised a lengthy restorative justice meeting with all parties who have since apologised for the incidents and are now sociable with each other.

Damage has been caused to some fence panels of an elderly gentleman on Sylvancroft, suspected to be local youths but no identification available as occurred overnight and no cameras or witnesses available.

The theft of around £60 worth of fresh meat has taken place at the co-op store at Granton Walk. The photographic stills from the offence were put on police computers and the offender has been identified from officers covering the Plungington area where the male lives. The male is due to be arrested once we discover where he lives as is currently of no fixed abode.

3 local youths have been visited and verbally warned in front of their parents about making 999 calls to police from public phone boxes on Barry Avenue.

Numerous joint visits have been made with housing associations mainly relating to noise nuisance/ neighbour differences.

PC 2635 (Andy Counce) has now been trained to use the speed laser gun so no need to go cap in hand to the traffic department. A traffic operation has been carried out on Tanterton Hall Road, Whitby Avenue and Oaktree Avenue. No vehicles were going over 25 mph in the 20 zones and none were going over 34 in the 30 zones. Verbal advice was given to those drivers. If there are any other areas of concern please pass them on, and we will add them to a monthly speeding operation which will cover all of the Lea sectors.

Just the one call received last month regarding motorbikes near the canal tow path off Bexhill Road. Police attended and the offender raced off in the direction of Haslam Park. Hopefully the weather/time of year will put a stop to this now, but we will keep monitoring

129 incidents in the past month and 17 crimes. 3 theft offences, 1 possession of controlled drugs/assault, 2 damages. The rest of the offences are domestic related offences/assaults which have all been detected by means of caution or charges

This time last year there was 146 incidents, 29 crimes

**Q.** Mini motos sighted on Bexhill Road and Whitby Avenue? What should we do?

**A.** If you can photograph them with the date and time embedded in the photograph, they will be used in a prosecution. Please don't put yourself in danger.

**Matters arriving from previous minutes:**

1. **Tanterton Playing Field:** Ongoing, PCC Parks Department are still pursuing funding streams, we have to be patient.

2. **Tanterton Community Centre:** The Preston City Council cabinet meeting where future of the Community Centre will be discussed is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> December with a 6.00pm start. If the centre is re-opened, the centre will need the support and be well used by the local community.
3. **248 Tag Lane:** A meeting with Preston City Council was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The planning enforcement officer visited 3 times last month and will continue with weekly visits until early January 2014. If anyone sees more than 4 vehicles on the drive please take photographs with the date and time embedded in the photograph so that they can be used as evidence, especially if the vehicles are causing a nuisance.
4. **White Van – Barry Avenue:** The derelict van parked on CGA land has been removed.
5. **Dog Bin – Canal Tow Path:** PCC have been contacted, but are not responsible for the emptying of them. Rivers and Canals Trust have also been contacted and are hopefully looking at either regular emptying or installing a larger bin.

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

- **CGA:** 6 reported incidents for October. 3 for noise.
- **Ingol & Tanterton Neighbourhood Council:** The 1<sup>st</sup> festive community Christmas tree switch on, was on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with an estimate of over 300 residents in attendance. The switch on of the lights was conducted by four children from our local schools, with the children being the winners of a drawing competition organised by I&TNC. The winners were chosen by staff at Ingol Library, Ingol Golf Club and the Guild merchant. All the entries were displayed at St Margaret's on the night and up to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- It was reported that the belisha beacons at both pedestrian crossings on Tag Lane are to be updated with brighter LED lights.
- LCC highways are to repaint the white lines on Tag Lane at Hillcrest area due to them being badly worn.
- The planning application for the conversion of the John O'Gaunt pub into a children's nursery has been passed, with conditions. One of the conditions being that the residential accommodation located on the first floor shall be occupied by staff employed by the day nursery only and no other persons.
- Community Payback will be working Newlands Avenue and in the future will be working on Redcar Avenue and St Ives Crescent.
- A resident asked if there was anything that could be done regarding the emptying of the recycling bins? The resident commented that the bin men were emptying the streets wheelie bins into one bin so as to save time emptying them into the recycling lorry. The problem arises from other residents not rinsing out their bottles, cans etc and then the residues are emptied out into a clean wheelie bin, causing work by having to clean the neighbourhood waste from their bin. Cllr Pringle has promised to take this problem to the cleansing department.

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

- **Ingol & Tanterton** - **Speeding**
- **Canal tow path** - **Motor bikes**

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

**January 8th Tanterton Christian Fellowship at 6.00pm**