

Wed 5th February 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: PCSO's Jackie Fulham, Julie Anyon & Cllr Shannon.

Police Update: Given by: CBM Andy Caunce

2 high value push bikes were stolen from the unlocked garage of an address on Cottam Hall Lane. The bikes were valued at £3500 altogether. A leaflet drop has been done in the area to advise other residents of thieves on the prowl. No offenders as yet, although enquiries are underway in relation to an advert placed on the internet selling one of the bikes. The seller is from the Blackpool area.

An unlocked vehicle from Dalmore Road, parked outside the aggrieved's address was entered and a sat nav machine and a CD player were stolen from within. A screwdriver left at the scene is the only line of enquiry, so that is being forensically examined.

A vehicle on Margate Road has been damaged. It has had its windscreen smashed and all 4 tyres slashed. This is thought to be domestic related as there have been numerous similar issues at the address, however aggrieved is refusing to admit this.

A male on Tag Croft has smashed a front window of a house. This was domestic related and the male was arrested nearby and later charged with criminal damage.

An insecure, unlocked works van on Bexhill Road has had a STIHL saw stolen from it whilst left unattended in the area. No witnesses, cameras or forensics available

A domestic assault has taken place on Turnfield whereby the offender was interviewed and received a police caution

On the night of 21st Jan, a number of push bikes were stolen from 3 different addresses on New Rough Hey. In all cases the bikes were left insecure in rear gardens. The area has been leaflet dropped, at this point none of the bikes have been recovered.

On Creswell Avenue a Honda 125 motorbike was stolen from outside an address. 2 males were arrested for the offence and the bike was returned back to the owner.

An assault between 2 school children occurred on Dovedale Ave. Restorative justice has taken place with both pupils and parents and the matter has now been resolved.

A problematic young male from the New Rough Hey who caused a lot of issues on the area has now moved out of Preston to a care home in Southport

Numerous shoplifting offences have taken place at the Co-op store on Granton Walk. The majority of these were committed by a male from the Plungington area. He was eventually arrested and after a court appearance was sent to prison due to his previous criminal record and offending history

Matters arriving from previous minutes:

- 1. Tanterton Playing Field:** Ongoing, PCC Parks Department have just been informed that they have been awarded £30,000 from the Veolia Landfill Tax Fund for the football pitch improvements at the Village Green. With the funding from PCC and the Neighbourhood Council, PCC Parks Department still require £20k. They are in discussions with the Lancashire FA about the remaining funding. Now that PCC Parks Department have secured the £30k, the rest of the funding should fall into place for the £60k scheme
- 2. Tanterton Community Centre:** Preston City Council cabinet gave the decision to give the action group the responsibility of managing the community centre. The Management group have a provisional key hand over date of 1st April. When the centre is re-opened, the centre will need the support and be well used by the local community. Ideas/plans so far include a late teens club, youth forum etc.
- 3. 248 Tag Lane:** As there have been no instances recently of contravention of the planning restrictions, it is not in the public interest for PCC to monitor further. The large white van that the house owner is now parking on Tag lane is fully taxed and insured.

4. **Tag Lane Zebra Crossings:** At the last PACT meeting, it was asked "Would it be possible to have a double white line in the middle of the carriageway on approaching the zebra crossing at Ingol Post Office from the direction of Preston. Currently people try to overtake as they approach the crossing and this is very dangerous; LCC Highways have consulted the Traffic Signs Manual published by the Department for Transport regarding the use of double white lines and the guidelines are clear that they should be avoided wherever possible in built up areas particularly where properties front the road as they prevent any vehicle from stopping. Furthermore the guidelines indicate that they should not be used unless forward visibility is below a specified distance determined by the speed of the road. Assessment of this site has found that the visibility distance at this location is greater than the minimum. Therefore, LCC are unable to recommend the installation of double white lines at this location. The existing centre line was worn on this section of Tag Lane and had been on the list to be refreshed. It is understood that this has been carried out in the last few days which should improve the situation. New high visibility LED lighting has been installed which should provide more beneficial regarding making the crossings more visible to motorists.
5. **Refuse Vehicle:** As a consequence of dustbins wagons conducting U turns the road surface at the junction of Cantsfield and Mayfield Avenues is breaking up. LCC highways have responded that this length of Mayfield Avenue had previously been identified as a potential scheme for carriageway resurfacing and is on the wish list to do so. An officer has inspected the area following the comments at the PACT meeting and arrangements have been made for the potholes to be filled.
6. **Redcar Avenue:** There is a major problem over parking at the Redcar Avenue/Tag Lane junction making entry to and exit from Redcar Avenue very difficult. Particularly as this is also a bus route. It was asked if LCC highways could investigate to see if double yellow lines could be installed on both sides of the road at this junction. They are there on the North side, but very faded and need to be refreshed. LCC commented that this issue was investigated in January 2013 and no significant problem was identified at that time. However as this issue has been raised it again, an officer will investigate the problem to determine whether the situation has changed. The faded markings on the north radius will be refreshed.

Community Tasking/Information:

- **Q.** In the PCC budget, it is recommended that the funding for 5 PCSO's be removed. Will this affect Ingol & Tanterton?
- **A.** At the moment this is only a proposal. The Lib Dems have tabled other proposals to save money and direct funds to the PCSO's.
- **A.** PCC and Lancashire Police have match funded £3m each to provide 27 social workers operating along 27 police officers to work with problem families at the early stages of problems to prevent them escalating into serial offenders resulting in higher social costs in the future. This type of operation has been conducted elsewhere with good success.
- **A.** Lancashire Constabulary have a reputation for being at the forefront of trying new initiatives.
- Community Gateway and Places for People both reported very quiet starts to 2014.

The Policing priorities were set as:

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

Date & Place of next PACT meeting

March 5th Tanterton St Margaret's Church Hall at 6.00pm