

PACT Meeting (Virtual), Wednesday 5th August 2020.

Chaired by Maureen Cummings

Police Officers: Sergeant. Richard Steen

PCSO: Leanne Sammut

- Report from February 2020 – August 2020
- 4 crimes noted: theft from vehicle, theft from premises, bin fire and off-road biking incidents.
- Leanne to attend Post Office for residents to drop in and discuss any issues. This will be from 9.30am – 10.30am.
- First attendance on Thursday 13th August at 9.30am. A poster will be placed in the Post Office with further information and contact details.
- A motor bike team is now available to investigate off road biking incidents, with view to apprehending and charging offenders.
- Serious concerns were voiced from residents, regarding the speed of vehicles through the village. Changing the signs was discussed. Discussion was held around how to prevent this and catch / prosecute offenders. The police now have a PC who is trained to use a speed gun. Discussions will be held between the Police, Parish Council, and residents to ascertain the best placement. Councillor Cummings will investigate possibility of changing speed limits. Councillor Jaggar will provide detailed information on speed through the village and at Bleakley crossroads, from the use of the SID.
- Voluntary community speed scheme was discussed. This was thought to be operational in Leeds and Barnsley. Sergeant Steen promised to investigate this and liaise with the council for further action.
- Concerns were raised re the drug use at Smawell Lane car park, Woolley Mill Lane and Keeper Lane. The police are aware and can test on site. A suspect car registration was given to them.
- Concerns were raised about recent fires in hedgerows and fields around the village. Sgt. Steen informed on the liaison between the fire service and police service in this respect.
- Sgt. Steen explained how the forces of West and South Yorkshire liaise in activity which crosses the border.
- Fly tipping still an issue and should be reported to the council
- Councillor Cummings asked to organise replacement bin following the fire at Smawell Lane car park.
- **To report anything urgent ring 999**
- **For less urgent cases, use 101. This can be by telephone or via the 101 online form**
- **To contact the police, can use the e mail address wakefield.rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk**
- **It was stressed that incidents should be reported as this allowed correct targeting of resources.**