

156. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

157. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee at the meeting held on 4th February, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

158. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

159. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Goodall advised the Committee that after various trials in other authorities in Lancashire, the policing model in Pendle was changing to a 'mixed' model. Seven wards within the Borough had been identified as 'areas most in need' and these were Walverden, Bradley, Southfield, Whitefield, Brierfield, Horsfield and Waterside.

It was explained that there would be the same number of Police Officers and they would have access to a vehicle and respond to crime as needed, whilst picking up other anti-social type behaviour and other crime in their downtime. The Committee were assured that this new way of working would have minimal impact on Neighbourhood Policing. He was optimistic that it would work and that there would be sufficient cover in the Colne and District area.

Unfortunately, as part of the changes, the Targeted Crime Unit would be lost from 1st April. He had made strong representations about this and hoped some of the capacity would come back to Pendle.

Also, Sergeant De Curtis would be replaced as she was to return to her former positing in CID. Inspector Goodall said that he wanted to publicly thank Kim for her hard work and commitment to the area over the last three years. The Committee also thanked Sergeant De Curtis for her service to the Colne and District area and wished her all the best for the future.

The crime figures for February 2016 compared with the same period in 2015 were circulated at the meeting.

160. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report of planning applications to be determined as follows:-

13/16/0021P Full: Variation of condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plan numbers) of Planning Permission 13/14/0226P to allow for installation of 46.5m high, 300kw turbine at Cowfield Farm, Burnley Road, Trawden for DC21 Group

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions and reasons:

1. The development hereby permitted shall begin not later than three years from the date of this decision.
2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the plans registered by the local planning authority on 20th January 2016.
3. No development shall take place until details of the final design, finished colour of the turbine, blades and tower and any above ground structures have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out as approved.
4. All cabling associated with this proposal shall be run underground.
5. This planning permission is for a period not exceeding 25 years from the date of the first export of electricity from the wind turbine to either Cowfield Farm or the grid. The first export date shall be notified in writing to the local planning authority within 28 days of that event. At the end of the 25 year period the turbine shall be decommissioned and the turbine and all related above ground structures and ancillary equipment shall be removed from the site in accordance with a scheme which shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority within the 12 month period preceding the expiry of the 25 year period of this permission.
6. In the event of the permanent cessation of the use of the turbine, or if the turbine has not produced electricity for a continuous period of six months, the turbine and its ancillary equipment shall be permanently removed and the site restored to its former condition in accordance with a scheme submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority within 3 months of the cessation of use of the turbine. The turbine operator shall provide operational data for the turbine to the local planning authority on reasonable request.
7. Within 4 weeks of the first full operation of the turbine a scheme for the reinstatement of the areas of the site used for the formation of the temporary access track, hardstanding and laying of cables shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.
8. The rating level of noise immissions from the wind turbine (including the application of any tonal penalty derived in accordance with ETSU-R-97) as measured at the nearest noise sensitive receptor in free field conditions (as legally existing at the time of this planning permission) shall be limited to 35dB(A) LA9010mins at wind speeds of up to 10m/s as measured or calculated at 10m height. Where any residential property is financially associated with the development this limit is increased to 45dB(A) LA9010mins.
9. Within 21 days from receipt of a reasonable written request of the local planning authority following a complaint to it alleging noise disturbance at a dwelling the wind turbine operator shall, at its expense, employ an independent consultant approved by the local planning authority to assess the level of noise immissions from the wind turbine at the complainant's

property. The Consultant shall submit a report to the local planning authority in accordance with a timetable agreed with the authority. The report shall be submitted with all recorded data and audio files obtained as part of the assessment in electronic form and shall include any measures necessary to remedy any breach of noise planning authority and shall be retained for the duration of the development.

10. Prior to development commencing the Ministry of Defence shall be informed of the scheduled start date of the construction works, the projected end date of the works, the maximum height of construction equipment and the latitude and longitude of the wind turbine.

REASON FOR DECISION

The development does not have adverse landscape or other impacts and complies with the provisions of the development plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information, a report giving the up-to-date position on appeals.

161. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Outstanding Enforcements

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information, a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement matters.

(b) Enforcement Action

The Democratic and Legal Manager submitted, for information, a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement matters.

(c) Hubbs House Farm, Colne

It was reported that, as instructed at the last meeting, letters had been sent to the Chief Executive and Leader of Lancashire County Council regarding non-compliance with the notices served with a request that the County Council pursue an injunction as a matter of urgency. A response was still awaited.

162. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the Committee's current balance for 2015/16 was £1,170.

The Committee considered two late bids, one for Colne Cricket Club and the other for Colne Gala.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £400 be allocated to Colne Cricket Club for assistance with internal alterations.
- (2) That £700 be allocated to Colne Gala towards this year's event.

REASON

To enable the capital programme funding to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

163. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16: VIVARY BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

At the last meeting it was agreed that quotes be obtained for replacement block paving at the bottom of Spring Lane, Colne and improvements to the footpath at Priestfield Avenue, Colne.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the combined cost of the works totalled £340.

RESOLVED

That £340 be allocated from the Vivary Bridge Environmental Fund for replacement block pavement works at the bottom of Spring Lane, Colne and improvements to the footpath at Priestfield Avenue, Colne.

REASON

To enable the capital programme funding to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

164. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 21st January, 2016 were submitted for information.

165. NEWTOWN STREET, COLNE

The Neighbourhood Services Manger submitted a report on parking issues in the Newtown Street area of Colne. This issue had been considered in January 2015 (minute 128) where it was agreed that a survey be undertaken to establish the number of vehicles using the health centre car park as a rat run with the possibility of introducing a one-way system on some of the streets in this area.

Following consideration of a possible one-way system the Traffic Liaison Meeting on 14th January, 2015 agreed that H-bar markings would be added to all dropped kerbs in the area and that this would be monitored by the Lancashire Parking Services. They did not however, agree to a one-way and echelon parking on Newtown Street as it was felt that this would encourage increased speeding and would not necessarily increase the parking capacity.

The health centre carried out its own surveys on the parking habits of staff and this information was included in the report.

Parking surveys on Newtown Street, Bence Street, West Street, Cross Skelton Street car park and the health centre car park were undertaken over six consecutive days in January 2016 and the results were detailed in the report.

From the results it was clear that there was scope to convert two disabled parking bays on Cross Skelton Street car park to increase the long-stay capacity. Subject to agreement with the health centre there was sufficient capacity to offer some dispensations to staff. Alternatively, provision could be made for dispensations for medical personnel on the Dockray Street car park. These dispensations would only be supplied for staff that was regularly in and out of the office. It was also suggested that the dispensations be trialled for a period of six months.

RESOLVED

That a meeting with the Manager of the Health Centre be convened to discuss the matter further.

REASON

To further discuss the parking problems.

166.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Residents' Only Parking Scheme

It was reported that some residents had complained that more than the allocated number of permits had been allocated to some households. On investigation this was found not to be the case.

167(a)

PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the area.

The Committee felt that 95 Skipton Road, Colne and the former Hycrome Works on Knotts Lane, Colne should be removed from the list. Concerns were raised again about the former Blockbuster unit which had remained empty for some time.

RESOLVED

- (1) That 95 Skipton Road, Colne and the former Hycrome Works on Knotts Lane, Colne be removed from the list.
- (2) That a report outlining the options available to bring the former Blockbuster unit back into use be submitted to the 12th May meeting of this Committee.

REASON

- (1) *With regards to 95 Skipton Road the main concerns related to the inside of the premises which was outside of the Council's remit; with regards to the former Hycrome Works redeveloping of the site was currently not viable and there was a significant funding gap.*

(2) To find a way to bring this prominent town centre property back into use.

167(b) MISCELLANEOUS PIECES OF LAND

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a list of miscellaneous pieces of land within the Colne and District Area. The list had been before the Transfer of Services and Facilities Committee on 12th November, 2015 and they had asked that area committees be asked for their comments prior to them being offered to the Town and Parish Councils for possible transfer.

RESOLVED

That all the pieces of land listed in the report, be included in the sites offered for transfer to Parish and Town Councils in the Colne and District area.

**168. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF THE PENDLE
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Pendle Community Safety Partnership were submitted for information.

169. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meetings of the Friends of Greenfield Local Nature Reserve and the Friends of Ball Grove were submitted for information.

170. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had been requested by this Committee and reports would be submitted to future meetings:

Knotts Drive Pond, Colne (report requested 03.12.2015)

55 Parker Street, Colne (report requested 07.01.2016)

Condition of Paving Stones in Colne Town Centre (report requested 04.02.2016)

Chairman _____