

**REPORT FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Members of the Environmental Crime action for 1st January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 in the West Craven area, (including spend on litter/ dog waste bins) along with the totals for 2015/16, and to ask for feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) To note the report on environmental crime actions.
- (2) To provide feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) Members are kept informed of any environmental crime action taken.
- (2) To bring problems to the attention of Environmental Services in order to help remedy any substation sites.

## **ISSUE**

### **Section 215 notices**

Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local authority to serve a notice on the owners and occupiers of land, requiring the site to be tidied up if the condition of any land is in such a state as to adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

### **Section 215s pending**

The Section 215 process was started on the following 5 properties during January to March 2016.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED
29213	4 Aspen Lane, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6QR	West Craven	26/01/2016
29363	2 Albion Street, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18	West Craven	05/02/2016

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29457	66 Kenilworth Drive, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6NA	West Craven	15/02/2016
29651	13 Lower North Avenue, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6DP	West Craven	03/03/2016
29825	8 Longroyd Road, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6NZ	West Craven	23/03/2016
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

### **Section 215s completed**

The following 3 properties were dealt with under Section 215, but were cleared and the process completed during January to March 2016.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	CLOSED
28492	7 Waddington Street, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6QW	West Craven	08/10/2015	05/01/2016
29213	4 Aspen Lane, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6QR	West Craven	26/01/2016	16/02/2016
29651	13 Lower North Avenue, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6DP	West Craven	03/03/2016	14/03/2016
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	

### **Section 215s completed by Legal**

There were 0 Section 215 notices completed by legal during this period.

### **Section 46 Notices**

Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990 allows a waste collection authority to specify how waste is presented for collection, i.e. require an occupier to place waste for collection in receptacles of a kind and number specified. This is used to enforce separation of waste for recycling and also for the removal of containers from the public highway following the scheduled collection of waste.

There were 0 Section 46 Notice issued by Environmental Services between January and March 2016.

### **Section 79 Notices**

Section 79 of the Public Health Act 1936 allows a Local Authority to serve notice where the owner of the land / property has accumulated noxious matter i.e. food waste and the notice gives the owner 24 hours to remove the waste. On failure to act upon the Notice the Local Authority can remove the waste and recover the expenses of any actions taken.

There were 0 Section 79's carried out by Environmental Services between January and March 2016.

### **Community Protection Notice**

CPN's can be used by the Council to target those responsible for specific ongoing problems or nuisance which negatively affects the quality of life in a community. Examples of behaviour covered by CPN's include owners allowing dogs to persistently stray and or cause a nuisance,

owners of dogs persistently allowing dogs to foul without then removing the waste and vehicle repair garages parking vehicles for repair on residential streets.

There were 0 actions undertaken via a Community Protection process by Neighbourhood Services between January and March 2016.

The annual actions are as follows:

Resolved after warning        2

Resolved after Warning	dog getting out - now moved away	06.05.15
Resolved after Warning	complying and may have left	02.03.15

### **Fixed Penalty Notices**

The Council has various powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for offences such as littering, failure to remove dog fouling, graffiti and fly tipping.

There were 8 Fixed Penalty Notices served in the period between January and March 2016 in the West Craven area by Environmental Services.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	TYPE
29055	Victory Park, West End Road, Barnoldswick	West Craven	05/01/2016	FPN - Dog Fouling
29201	Victory Park Barnoldswick	West Craven	25/01/2016	FPN - Dog Fouling
29674	Victory Park, West Close Road, Barnoldswick, Lancs, BB18 5EN	West Craven	07/03/2016	FPN - Dog Fouling
29176	Earby Recycling centre, Boots Street, Earby, BB18 6UX	West Craven	21/01/2016	FPN - Duty of Care
29202	Earby recycling centre, Earby, Barnoldswick, Boots Street	West Craven	25/01/2016	FPN - Duty of Care
29054	Victoria Road, Earby, outside Co-operative shop	West Craven	05/01/2016	FPN - Littering
29609	Rainhall Road, Barnoldswick, outside Lilac and Brown shop	West Craven	29/02/2016	FPN - Littering
29645	Fernlea Avenue, Barnoldswick	West Craven	03/03/2016	FPN - Littering
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	

### **Annual Summary of Environmental Crime Actions for 2015/16**

	<b>S215 pending</b>	<b>S215 closed</b>	<b>Sec 46</b>	<b>Sec 79</b>	<b>Fixed penalty notices</b>					
					<b>FPN – Duty of Care</b>	<b>FPN Dog</b>	<b>FPN Fly Tip</b>	<b>FPN Litter</b>	<b>FPN Vehicle</b>	<b>Total</b>
West Craven	24	24	4	2	3	4	2	15	3	27

The table above summarises the total number of actions taken by Environmental Services in 2015.

### **Provision of litter / dog waste bins**

Members approved a total allocation for £6,139.00 inclusive of slippage from 2014/15. At the start of Quarter 4 £4597.87 remained unused. Members are advised that there were no bins placed out/removed during January to March leaving a remaining total of £4597.87.

Members are further advised that due to wear or damage, 4 bins have been replaced by Environmental Services between January and March at no cost to the area's committee budget.

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BIN TYPE</b>	<b>COST FOR BIN</b>
BARNOLDSWICK	TO REINSTATE LITTER BIN IN FRONT OF WEST CRAVEN SPORTS CENTRE, KELBROOK RD	LITTER	£20.00
BARNOLDSWICK	TO REPLACE LITTER BIN OUTER COVER BY THE BUS STOP, SKIPTON RD	LITTER	£20.00
BARNOLDSWICK	REPLACE DOG BIN ON TOW PATH, GREENBERFIELD RD	DOG BIN	£135.74
EARBY	REPLACE DOG BIN POST AND RE-ATTACH DOG BIN, BAILEY STREET	DOG BIN	£40.00

### **Substation Sites**

Following the scrutiny review of Litter and Detritus carried out in 2008, all area committees are encouraged to report if there are any substations within their area that may need tidying up. Members are asked to provide location details of any substations that are causing a problem with litter and/or fly tipping to Environmental Services.