

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL  
ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor G. Waugh (Chairman – in the Chair)*

**Councillors**

*N. Butterworth  
D. Clegg  
S. E. Cockburn-Price  
J. Cooney  
M. S. Foxley  
A. R. Greaves  
D. E. Lord  
N. T. McCollum  
S. Petty  
G. Roach  
G. Waugh  
P. White*

*Co-optees*

*A. Sutcliffe (Colne Town Council)*

**Officers in attendance:**

<i>Peter Atkinson</i>	<i>Neighbourhood Services Manager/Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>Neil Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager</i>
<i>Jane Watson</i>	<i>Head of Democratic Services</i>

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Nixon).*



**119. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

**120. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**121. MINUTES**

It was suggested that “at the rear” be inserted in the last paragraph of minute 110 (a) Outstanding Enforcements in relation to Stanley Villas and that it read:

“It was explained that a precedent had already been set when the Committee agreed the use of plastic windows at the rear of Stanley Villas which was within the Albert Road Conservation Area.”

**RESOLVED**

That subject the above amendment the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**122. PROGRESS REPORT**

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

**123. 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:

**16/0759/HHO Full: Demolition of existing extension and erection of two storey extension to rear at Claines, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Mr. John Macbeth**

**RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason:

1. The scheme as proposed would result in unacceptable harm to the conservation area by virtue of its scale, design and massing to the detriment of the Liggett and Bents Conservation Area and would fail to preserve and enhance the appearance and character of the conservation area and therefore does not therefore accord with Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Core Strategy: Part 1 and the Conservation Area Design and Development Supplementary Planning Document.

**16/0768/FUL Full: Erection of two kiosks on forecourt (532 sq. m.) and demolition of existing kiosks (110 sq. m.) at Boundary Mill, Vivary Way, Colne for Libra Textiles Ltd.**

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

**Reason:** In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: BMS010-01, 2662.1B

**Reason:** For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. All materials to be used in the proposed development shall be as stated on the approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. The extensions hereby approved shall, as detailed in the Sequential Assessment report dated November 2016, be used in conjunction with and ancillary to the existing store and shall not be used as independent units at any time. As shown on the approved plans, they shall be used for Use Classes A1 (food and non-food retail) and A3 (café) of the Schedule to the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and for no other purposes.

**Reason:** The proposal has been assessed against the above criteria and to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the vitality and viability of the existing town centre.

5. The extensions hereby approved shall not be open to customers or any other person not employed within the business outside of the hours of 10:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00 to 17:00 on Sunday.

**Reason:** To align with the main store and to protect the general amenity of the surrounding area.

### **REASON FOR DECISION**

***The proposed development is acceptable in terms of location, design, highway safety and impact on the town centre. It therefore complies with the Local Plan Part 1 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.

### **124. 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 Head of Legal submitted, for information, a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement matters.

#### **(c) Hubbs House Farm, Colne**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that little progress had been made but he was aware that the County Council were in the process of re-serving the Notices originally served almost 18 months ago.

Concerns were expressed that unauthorised activity was continuing on the site including the tipping and burning of various waste materials. It was also reported that asbestos was being dumped there as well. This activity had been ongoing since 2013 and the Committee were concerned that although

Notices had been served unauthorised activity was continuing and that the County Council did not appear to be responding to this non-compliance.

Over recent weeks there had been a series of fires which had caused a public nuisance. The report of asbestos now being dumped on the site was an added concern.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That a report outlining the options available to the Council to address the unauthorised activity at Hubbs House Farm, Colne be submitted to the next meeting.
- (2) That the Executive be recommended to agree that this matter be pursued corporately and that a meeting be convened with all agencies involved to establish a way forward to stop the unlawful activity continuing at Hubbs House Farm, Colne as a matter of urgency.

## **REASON**

- (1) ***In order to ensure that the land and activities on there do not continue to detrimentally affect the environment and landscape of Pendle.***
- (2) ***To find a way to stop this unlawful activity - this has been in operation for almost 4 years.***

## **125. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the Committee's current balance for 2016/17 was £87.

A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

It was reported that the initial Capital Programme for 2017/18 was submitted to the Executive in December 2016. In that report reference was made to a reduction in capital programme for area committees.

## **RESOLVED**

That this Committee expresses grave concern about the proposed reduction in capital programme for area committees going forward.

## **REASON**

***A reduction in funding would prevent the area committees from helping to maintain and improve conditions within their areas.***

## **126. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18**

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report on the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2017/18. Committee were asked to consider its base budget for this period and identify any options for budget reductions.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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- (1) That this Committee does not accept the reduction in the base budget of £300 for the repair and maintenance of street nameplates and expect to spend the whole allocation of £1,170 within the current financial year.
- (2) That the Executive be recommended to offer the transfer of Colne Markets to Colne Town Council.

**REASON**

***To continue the implementation of the Council's Financial Strategy and to inform the development of the Council's budget for 2017/18.***

**127. PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on problem sites within the Colne and District area.

**128. PARKS, RECREATION AND GREEN SPACES UPDATE**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on work and upcoming plans/developments for Colne. The report highlighted the most significant areas of work that had been undertaken or were ongoing in the area.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That this report be submitted to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

**REASON**

***To provide updates in a more timely manner.***

**129. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on environmental blight sites in the Colne and District area.

**130. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS: ALLEY GATES**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the outcome of the statutory consultation undertaken between August and November 2016 on proposals to maintain the closure of footways by an alley gate scheme.

The Committee were asked to agree that these schemes be included in a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). This would allow the schemes to continue for a further three years. A further consultation exercise and extension to the PSPO would be required in 2019.

It was noted that the alley gate scheme on Back Linden Road was missing from the list.

**RESOLVED**

That subject to the addition of Back Linden Road, Colne to the alley gate schemes these be agreed as Public Space Protection Orders.

**REASONS**

***To address the concerns of local residents that without the alley gates in place the back streets would attract anti-social behaviour.***

**131. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The Committee was invited to submit suggestions for topics which it would like to see the Scrutiny Team have an impact on in the next municipal year.

**RESOLVED**

That the following two suggestions be considered by the Scrutiny Management Team for inclusion in its work programme for 2017/18:

- Domiciliary Care
- Devolution of Town and Parish Council's

**REASON**

***In response to a request from the Scrutiny Management Team.***

**132. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of Colne In Bloom were submitted for information.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_