

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE  
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY  
ON 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor D. M. Whipp – Chairman (In the Chair)*

**Councillors**

*M. Adams  
R. E. Carroll  
L. Davy  
M. Goulthorp  
K. Hartley  
M. Horsfield  
R. Milner  
C. Teall*

**Co-optees**

*Planning, Building Control and  
Licensing Services Manager  
Committee Administrator*

**Police**

*PC C. Nevison  
PCSO N. Wallin*

**Officers Present**

*N. Watson*

*J. Eccles*

*(Apologies were received from K. Mitchell and L. Gaskell.)*



**105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

**106. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**107. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

**108. POLICE ISSUES AND POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES**

PC Nevison reported crime statistics for West Craven for November 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Burglary in a dwelling	3	2
Burglary other than a dwelling	3	2
Vehicle Crime	2	6
Hate crime	1	0
Assaults	6	5
Criminal Damage	9	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	41	45

Members were particularly concerned about the recent rise in damage to cars and that the number of incidents reported to them was not reflected in the crime statistics. There were also concerns about the use of legal highs and the increase in anti-social behaviour, particularly in the Town Centres. It was suggested that the Police try to work with other agencies to try to reduce the anti-social behaviour outside Frankie's in Barnoldswick.

The PACT priorities in Barnoldswick and Earby were amended to reflect the concerns of Councillors and recent crimes and anti-social behaviour.

The Chairman referred to the winding up of the Community Safety Area Working Groups and the need to agree alternative arrangements.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the alternative arrangements for discussing community safety issues be discussed as a substantive item at the next meeting.
- (2) That the Police be asked to report back to the next meeting on the action taken to reduce anti-social behaviour outside Frankie's in Barnoldswick Town Centre.

## **109. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) To be determined**

There were no planning applications for determination.

### **(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the following appeal had been allowed with no costs awarded.

*13/14/0555P – Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of single detached bungalow with associated curtilage and off street parking area at Land off Skipton Road, Barnoldswick*

## **110. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

### **(a) Outstanding**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report detailing outstanding enforcement cases for information.

**RESOLVED**

That with regard to PLE3072, the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to inform Lancashire County Council, the Highway Authority, about the obstruction to the Highway.

**(b) Enforcement Action**

The Democratic and Legal Manager submitted a report for information giving the up-to-date position on progress in respect of enforcement notices which had been served. It was noted that the Gospel Hall had now been sold.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to advise the new owners of the Gospel Hall that the Committee was minded to recommence enforcement action and wanted to see a timetable for repair works so it could give the matter further consideration at the next meeting.

**111. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2015/16.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That, on behalf of Bracewell and Brogden Meeting, £200 be allocated to the Enhanced Paths Maintenance Scheme.
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to look into the likelihood of the Friday Night Football League allocation being used with a view to its de-allocation.
- (3) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to check on progress with the unilateral undertaking between Pendle Council and Together Housing for the land off Valley Road to be transferred to Pendle Council, and subsequently to Barnoldswick Town Council for allotments, and to report back.
- (4) That the four underspends listed in the report: £196 for urban ginnels; £209 for improvements to Footpath 9, Ghyll Church; £1,300 floodlighting to Sough Park Bowling Green; and £377 Improvements to Footpath 49, Barnwood Crescent to Stoneybank Road be de-allocated.
- (5) That £200 be allocated from the Barnoldswick underspend for the removal of tyre stingers in Victory Park.

**REASON**

***To enable the Capital Programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.***

**112. AGREEMENTS CONCERNING USE OF WEST CRAVEN SPORTS CENTRE, WC HIGH SCHOOL, ASSOCIATED SPORTS PITCHES AND CAR PARKS**

The Democratic and Legal Manager submitted an update on agreements which needed to be completed concerning the use of West Craven Sports Centre, West Craven High School and the associated sports pitches and car parks. It was noted that the High School was considering applying to become an Academy, so it was advantageous to finalise the agreements as soon as possible.

**113. COMBINED TREATMENT CENTRE IN BARNOLDSWICK**

On 19<sup>th</sup> August the Committee met representatives of the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group(ELCCG) to discuss the treatment service in West Craven and the future of the Butts Clinic. The ELCCG was confident that progress could be made with combining both the surgical and clinical services in a modern building in Barnoldswick and it was agreed to review progress in 3 months' time.

The Chairman reported an update from the Pendle Locality Manager at ELCCG which said that the treatment room at the Rainhall Centre was being well used and no problems had been highlighted. A leg ulcer clinic was now also up and running at the Rainhall Centre on a Thursday afternoon.

**RESOLVED**

That the ELCCG be asked to meet members of the Committee again to review the progress made towards the provision of a better combined treatment service in Barnoldswick.

**REASON**

*In the interests of public health.*

**114. WHEEL PARK, VICTORY PARK, BARNOLDSWICK**

The Chairman reported back on a meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November to discuss improvements to the Wheel Park in Victory Park with users of the Park, Members of the Committee, the Council's Parks Development Officer and other interested parties. Some renovations had been planned in November but had been delayed. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to establish a Working Group of interested parties with support from the Parks Development Officer.

**RESOLVED**

That a Wheel Park Working Group be established and the first meeting be arranged in the New Year.

**REASON**

*To seek improvements to the Wheel Park in Victory Park for local young people.*

**115. VICTORY PARK, BARNOLDSWICK:  
REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF STINGER TYRE RAMP**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report about the possible repair or replacement of the stinger tyre ramp in Victory Park.

**RESOLVED**

That the stinger tyre ramp in Victory Park, Barnoldswick be removed.

**REASON**

*To remove the need for any further maintenance and eliminate the risk of receiving further insurance claims.*

**116. LANCASHIRE PARISH BASED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SCHEME**

A letter and guidance from the County Council on proposals for a Parish based public transport scheme had been circulated for information.

**RESOLVED**

That the letter and guidance be noted and the Parish and Town Councils in West Craven be asked to seriously consider taking up this opportunity.

**REASON**

*To improve public transport in West Craven.*

Chairman.....