

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE  
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY  
ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

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

**Councillors**

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

**Officers Present**

*N. Watson  
J. Eccles*

**Co-optees**

*L. Gaskell*

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

**Police**

*Sergeant K. De Curtis*



*The following person attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated –*

*Ed Parker*

*13/16/0064P – Outline: Erection of 6 two storey  
dwellings (All matters reserved) (Re-submission)  
at Morris Ing, Skipton Road, Earby*

*Minute No. 169(a)*

**165.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**166.**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**167.**

**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

**168. POLICE ISSUES, POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) PRIORITIES  
AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

Sergeant De Curtis presented crime statistics for West Craven for March 2016 (up to 28<sup>th</sup> March) compared to the same period in 2015 and set out the PACT priorities for April. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Burglary in a dwelling	4	1
Burglary other than a dwelling	5	2
Vehicle Crime	3	1
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	6	4
Criminal Damage	6	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	54	33

Sergeant De Curtis gave details about some of the crimes and answered related questions. Councillors also raised other concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. This was her last Committee meeting before returning to CID.

## **RESOLVED**

That Sergeant De Curtis be thanked for her service to West Craven over the last three and a half years, particularly for her innovative use of Facebook in Policing the area, and wished all the best for the future.

**169.**

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning applications for determination –

#### **13/16/0064P Outline: Erection of 6 two storey dwellings (All matters reserved) (Re-Submission) at Morris Ing, Skipton Road, Earby for Mrs J. Beecroft**

*(A site visit was carried out prior to the meeting.)*

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting following receipt of a response from the Lead Local Flood Authority, including the applicant's response and further officer comments.

## **RESOLVED**

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

1. The application site is located in an area that it prone to pluvial flooding. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the development would adequately deal with pluvial flood water and that it would not lead to increased flooding downstream. The development is thus contrary to policy ENV 7 of the adopted Pendle Core Strategy 2015 and the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

**13/16/0054P Outline: Major: Residential development (5.07Ha) of up to 148 dwellings houses with access from Long Ing Lane and new access via footpath 10 (Access only) (Re-Submission) at Former Barnsay Shed and Adjacent Field, Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick for Mr R. Sutton.**

*(A site visit was carried out prior to the meeting.)*

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting comments from LCC Highways.

**RESOLVED**

That consideration of the application be **deferred** to the next meeting to allow further discussion of a number of issues including drainage, and noise impact, discussion of the Section 106 Agreement and highway improvements.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that at 16<sup>th</sup> March there was one outstanding appeal as follows –

*13/15/0308P Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of single storey extension to rear at Mill Brow Barn, Mill Brow Lane, Earby BB18 6JT*

There had been notification of the following appeal decisions –

*13/15/0169P Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for the erection of 9 dwelling houses with access off Park View terrace (access only) (Re-Submission) at Land adjacent Roughs Barn, Salterforth, Barnoldswick BB18*  
**Dismissed**

*13/15/0400P Appeal against refusal of planning permission for change of use from office (A2) to single dwelling (C3) with associated external alterations to rear elevation at 47 Victoria Road, Earby, Barnoldswick BB18 6UN*  
**Allowed with conditions**

**170. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

**(a) Outstanding**

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

**(b) Enforcement Action**

The Democratic and Legal Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on progress in respect of enforcement notices which had been served.

**171. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 AND 2016/17**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2015/16 and 2016/17 Capital Programmes. Members considered a bid from the Salterforth Fun Day Committee seeking £750 for a Fun Day in June. A late bid was received from Earby FieldFest Committee seeking funds towards an event on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the two underspends noted in the report, £24 from the Hill Street/Earl Street improvements and £10 from the removal of tyre stingers at Victory Park, be deallocated.
- (2) That £750 from the Earby allocation of the 2015/16 Capital Programme be allocated to the Salterforth Fun Day Committee for the Salterforth Fun Day.
- (3) That no funding be given to the Earby FieldFest Committee for the event on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 but that if the organisers applied to the Council for use of its land that this be agreed in discussion with Ward Councillors and the Chairman of this Committee.
- (4) That £10,000 be allocated from the 2016/17 Capital Programme for the provision of a permanent flood barrier along Skipton Road in Barnoldswick.

**REASON**

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

**172. ROBINSON FOLD, BARNOLDSWICK**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the outstanding highway remedial works had been completed. The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager had asked PEARL about the possibility of the company completing the houses on the Robinson Fold estate but was awaiting a response. In the meantime residents were complaining about the state of the site and compound.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Strategic Director be asked to discuss with PEARL the possibility of the company finishing the Robinson Fold development.
- (2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to look into the possibility of issuing a Section 215 notice on the owners of the site in order to improve its appearance and for a report to come back to the next meeting.

**REASON**

***To improve residents' amenity.***

**173. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Land off Hill Street/Earl Street be retained on the environmental blight list for the time being to monitor its maintenance.

- (2) That in respect of the junction of Goodhall Close and Victoria Road £120 be allocated from the 2015/16 Capital Programme to clear the vegetation, but that the relocation of the railings not be included in the scheme.
- (3) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to arrange site visits to Greenberfield Lane Car Park, Barnoldswick and Cemetery Road Car Park, Earby to discuss possible options for improvement.
- (4) That the Democratic and Legal Manager be authorised and instructed to issue a Section 215 Notice in respect of Land at Bank Street (the former joiner shop), Barnoldswick requiring improvements to the site.

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

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

The Democratic and Legal Manager submitted an update on the agreements concerning the use of West Craven Sports Centre, West Craven High School and the associated sports pitches and car parks. County Council had passed the work onto a locum property solicitor who had contacted the Democratic and Legal Manager to say he was reading the papers and would be in touch soon to finalise the agreements or discuss any outstanding issues and arrange a meeting if necessary.

**175. REDIFFUSION CABLES IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager said that there was no further progress to report on the possible removal of the Rediffusion Cables in Barnoldswick Town Centre. At the last meeting it was reported that North Tyneside also had redundant Rediffusion cables, but had also been unable to find a way to remove them.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to look into this issue further and to report back to the next meeting.

**REASON**

*In the interests of public safety.*

**176. VACANT HOMES**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on vacant houses in each of the wards in West Craven and what was being done to try to bring them back into use.

**RESOLVED**

That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to email Members the addresses of all the vacant properties in their wards.

**REASON**

***For Councillors to know about vacant houses in their wards.***

**177. ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, BARNOLDSWICK**

Members were asked to give consideration to the request from the Chair of St. Joseph's Primary School on creating a pedestrian entrance to the school from Victory Park, allowing for safer conditions for pupils and parents.

**RESOLVED**

That the Democratic and Legal Manager be asked to arrange a site visit with interested parties to explore the possibility of having a pedestrian entrance to St Joseph's Primary School from Victory Park.

**REASON**

***To look at providing safe, pedestrian access to the school for pupils and parents.***

**178. SCHOOL LANE, EARBY**

It was reported that Earby Town Council had considered the request for School Lane to be made one way and following discussions with County Council suggested that this not be progressed.

*Chairman*.....