

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE
RAINHALL CENTRE
ON 10TH MAY 2016**

PRESENT –

Councillors

*M. Adams
L. Davy
M. Goulthorp
K. Hartley
M. Horsfield
J. Purcell
D. M. Whipp*

Co-optees

Officers Present

*N. Watson
J. Eccles*

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

(Apologies were received from L. Gaskell and Councillors R. E. Carroll and C. Teall.)



1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Goulthorp be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor M. Goulthorp – Chairman (In the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor L. Davy be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED

That all West Craven Parish and Town Councils, including the Bracewell and Brogden Parish meeting, and the Barnoldswick Town Centre Action Group be invited to nominate co-optees to the Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 29th March 2016, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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

There was no Police representative at the meeting and no crime statistics reported but Members discussed a number of highway safety and anti-social behaviour issues in West Craven.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Police be asked to -
 - Investigate the use of mini-motorbikes on the ginnel between Kirkstall Drive and Ben Lane in Barnoldswick.
 - Take action against people parking dangerously on zigzags near the shops on Gisburn Road and on the yellow lines on the junction of Richmond Road and Gisburn Road, reducing visibility.
 - Carry out speed checks to combat speeding through Bracewell village.
 - Do extra patrols in Letcliffe Park, at Greenberfield Lane car park (north of the Football Club in Victory Park), at the waterfalls in Earby and the layby at the bottom of Wysick Hill.
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to look into the possibility of installing a gate or barrier at the entrance to Letcliffe Park and at Greenberfield Lane car park, so the areas could be locked at night.
- (3) That the Police be asked if they would be sending a representative to future meetings.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To be determined

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

13/16/0083P Full: Relocation of stable block with new access, parking area and landscaping at Hillside Cross Lane, Salterforth

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 01, 02, 03.

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

3. The stables hereby permitted shall be used for the stabling of horses owned by or leased to the owner of Hillside View and shall not be used for livery or any commercial purpose whatsoever at any time.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the area and in the interests of highway safety.

4. Prior to commencement of the use of the stables a scheme for the storage of manure and foul drainage shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The use shall not commenced unless and until the approved scheme has been implemented and the use shall thereafter at all times be carried out in strict accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason: To protect controlled waters from pollution and protect the amenity of neighbouring residential properties from odours and flying insects.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed development is acceptable in terms of policy, design, amenity and highway safety. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

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.

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting on the Bowker drain.

(Before the vote was taken the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be refused this would represent a significant risk of costs to the Council. The matter would be referred to the Democratic and Legal Manager and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)

RECOMMENDATION

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

- Noise concerns
- Highways – impact on traffic
- Flooding issues

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals. It was noted that the following appeal had been dismissed –

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

9. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report detailing outstanding enforcement cases. It was reported that the problem reported at Glen Cottage, PLE/16/0035, was not just untidy land.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to visit Glen Cottage, Rainhall Road to assess the full extent of the problem and that 41 Rainhall Road be removed from the list following compliance.

(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. An update was given at the meeting on 2 Albion Street, Earby and the Gospel Hall Mission in Barnoldswick.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to arrange a meeting with the owners of the Gospel Hall Mission about the future development of the site as soon as possible.
- (2) That the Democratic and Legal Manager be asked to remove 41 Rainhall Road from the enforcement list following compliance.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, the ground being that, should a decision be made to reinstate the last bus service from Barnoldswick to Skipton, it would take 56 days to reinstate it.

11. LAST BUS SERVICE TO BARNOLDSWICK

Members discussed recent changes to the timetable and routing of bus services in Barnoldswick, in particular the cancellation of the last bus to and from Barnoldswick. A petition with 600 signatures was circulating amongst residents about the cancellation. This bus service had been subsidised by County Council and Pendle Council at a cost of £7,700.

RESOLVED

- (1) That this Committee agrees to ring fence £7,700 in the 2016/17 Capital Programme as an interim measure to underwrite the subsidy required to re-introduce the last (M1) bus service to and from Barnoldswick.
- (2) That Pendle Council's Executive and County Council Bus Working Group be asked to contribute half each of the £7,700.
- (3) That the Chairman of the Committee meet with the Chief Executive of Transdev, to discuss all possible improvements to the timetable and general smoother running of bus services through West Craven.
- (4) That authority be delegated to the Chairman to investigate alternative sources of funding for the reinstatement of the bus service should the Executive or the CC Bus Working Group decide not to provide the funding.
- (5) That Transdev be notified of the Council's agreement to underwrite the subsidy to kick start the process.

REASON

To restore the former bus service for the benefit of local residents.

12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme was £24,984.

A bid was received from the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager seeking £13,000 for West Craven Town Centre Premises Improvements.

It was reported that the cost of the permanent flood barrier along Skipton Road in Barnoldswick was likely to exceed the amount first envisaged. It was proposed that the Committee increase its contribution of £10,000 allocated at the last meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a further £2,500 be allocated towards the cost of the permanent flood barrier along Skipton Road, Barnoldswick.
- (2) That all remaining bids be considered at the next meeting.

REASON

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

13. TRAFFIC LIAISON MNIUTES

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted the minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 14th April 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to request that the Traffic Liaison Meeting consider bringing down the speed limit on Salterforth Road.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

14. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager submitted a report about problem sites in West Craven. It was reported that Glen Cottage, Rainhall Crescent, Barnoldswick had been vacant for about four years and was in a very poor condition, which was now insecure.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager be asked to visit Glen Cottage, Rainhall Crescent, Barnoldswick to assess the extent of the problem and the building be added to the problem sites list.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1st January to 31st March 2016.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the increase in the number of fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and littering issued be welcomed.
- (2) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to arrange for the area around the Rainhall Road recycling centre, particularly the shrubs and bushes around the site, to be litter picked on a regular basis.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

**16. 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, which was noted.

17. 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. It was reported that a section of one of these cables on Albert Road was overhanging the highway and was almost lorry height, posing a possible danger.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to visit this location and take appropriate action.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

18. ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, BARNOLDSWICK

Earlier in the day some Members of the Committee had met the Green Spaces Officer and the Head Teacher of the above school to consider the possibility of having a pedestrian entrance from Victory Park to St. Joseph's Primary School.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to make arrangements to allow St. Joseph's Primary School to create a new pedestrian access to the School via Victory Park and the Property Services Manager, Liberata be asked to draw up the necessary paperwork.

REASON

To improve pedestrian access to St. Joseph's Primary School, Barnoldswick.

19. PARKS, RECREATION AND GREEN SPACES UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on parks, recreation and green spaces work and upcoming plans/developments for West Craven for information.

RESOLVED

That the Friends of Valley Gardens be congratulated for their contribution to the Council receiving a Green Flag Award for Valley Gardens for the 7th consecutive year.

20. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE STATISTICS

Members received the latest quarterly statistics from the North West Ambulance Service for January to March 2016 which were noted.

21. CEMETERY ROAD, EARBY – SAND BAG CONTAINER

Members considered the best, most cost-effective solution for siting a sand bag container on Cemetery Road. It was currently in an awkward place.

RESOLVED

That a site visit be arranged to determine the best place for the sand bag container on Cemetery Road.

REASON

To ensure the sand bag container would be easily accessible in an emergency.

22. BRACEWELL CHURCH BOUNDARY WALL

It was reported that there was a problem with HGVs mounting the pavement at the front of Hopwood Farm on the corner of the road through Bracewell, affecting the condition of Bracewell Church boundary wall, and causing a danger to pedestrians.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to request County Council to introduce a priority give way system on the road through Bracewell.

REASON

To prevent damage to the church wall and in the interests of highway safety.

23. GHYLL MEADOWS FLOODING MEETING

An update was given on the meeting held on 11th April 2016 to discuss flooding issues in the Ghyll Meadows area of Barnoldswick. The main points to arise were that Rolls Royce was looking at doing some work on the culvert beneath the sports pitches and putting in some new drainage. The group had discussed the permanent flood barrier and the possibility of securing more significant funding for flood alleviation work. The Environment Agency was doing a roll-forward of their capital programme and had included something for Ghyll Meadows.

24. ROBINSON FOLD, BARNOLDSWICK

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager reported that PEARL would be happy to look at this site for possible development, but the Council was waiting for a response from the owners.

25. COMBINED TREATMENT CENTRE

Some Members of the Committee had met Kirsty Slinger from the ELCCG on 9th May to discuss progress with having a combined treatment centre in Barnoldswick. Progress was slow, but there had been some movement.

RESOLVED

That a further meeting with the ELCCG be arranged in mid-July to review progress.

26. GARAGE SITES

Following a resolution from the Transfer of Services to Town and Parish Councils Committee on 7th April the Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted for comment a list of garage sites within the Committee's boundary detailing current rental income and recommending the future management of each site.

RESOLVED

That the list of garage sites with comments be noted.

Chairman.....