

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 April to 30th June 2016 in the West Craven area, (including spend on litter/ dog waste bins) along with the totals for 2016/17, 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 4 properties during April to June 2016.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED
29879	4 Manchester Road, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5PR	West Craven	05/04/2016
29993	9 Albion Road, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6PZ	West Craven	18/04/2016
30146	30 Mosley Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5BS	West Craven	10/05/2016
30522	13 Lower North Avenue, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6DP	West Craven	16/06/2016
		Total	4

Section 215s completed

The following 5 properties were dealt with under Section 215, but were cleared and the process completed during April to June 2016.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	CLOSED
29457	66 Kenilworth Drive, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6NA	West Craven	15/02/2016	06/04/2016
29825	8 Longroyd Road, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6NZ	West Craven	23/03/2016	19/04/2016
29879	4 Manchester Road, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5PR	West Craven	05/04/2016	28/04/2016
29993	9 Albion Road, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6PZ	West Craven	18/04/2016	13/05/2016
30146	30 Mosley Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5BS	West Craven	10/05/2016	22/06/2016
		Total	5	

Section 215s completed by Legal

One file closed for S215 Notice in respect of building at Crownest Road, Barnoldswick. This notice is no longer required as the building has been sold and is being refurbished.

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 April and June 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 April and June 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 April and June 2016.

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 5 Fixed Penalty Notices served in the period between April and June 2016 in the West Craven area by Environmental Services.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	TYPE
30511	Sharon Kay hairdressers, 10 Post office buildings, BB18 5DW	West Craven	14/06/2016	FPN - Duty of Care
29645	Fernlea Avenue, Barnoldswick	West Craven	03/03/2016	FPN - Littering
30128	Recycling centre on Albert Street car park,, Earby	West Craven	05/05/2016	FPN - Littering (Flytip)
30185	Albert Street car park, Earby, recycling centre	West Craven	13/05/2016	FPN - Littering (Flytip)
30269	Boot Street, Earby	West Craven	20/05/2016	FPN - Littering (Flytip)
		Total	5	

Annual Summary of Environmental Crime Actions for 2016/17

	S215 pending	S215 closed	Sec 46	Sec 79	Fixed penalty notices			
					FPN Duty of Care	FPN Fly Tip	FPN Litter	Total
West Craven	4	5	0	0	1	3	1	5

The table above summarises the total number of actions taken by Environmental Services in 2016/17.

Provision of litter / dog waste bins

Members approved a total allocation of £4,598.00 inclusive of slippage for 2016/17. In Quarter 1, £172.34 was spent. Members are advised that there was 1 bin placed out/removed during April to June leaving a remaining total of £4,425.66.

AREA	DESCRIPTION	BIN TYPE	COST PER BIN
CONWAY CRESCENT, BARNOLDSWICK	F/S LITTER BIN ERECTED AT SIDE OF THE MUGA-FOOTPATH	LITTER	172.34

Members are further advised that due to wear or damage, 5 bins have been replaced by Environmental Services between April and June at no cost to the area's committee budget.

AREA	DESCRIPTION	BIN TYPE	COST PER BIN
Valley Gardens, Barnoldswick	Reinstate F/S Litter bin by the bridge in Valley Gardens	LITTER	40.00
Skipton Road, Earby	Fit new top to F/S Litter bin near Saltys Bakers	LITTER	111.33
Quernmore Drive, Kelbrook	Replace dog bin post.	DOG	20.00
Colne Road, Sough	Reinstate the dog bin in lay by near No. 198-Bin uprooted	DOG	40.00
Kenilworth Drive, Earby	Replace broken dog bin post by the Muga	DOG	20.00

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.