MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE HELD AT MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY ON 6TH DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT-

Councillor M. S. Goulthorp – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors	Co-optees	Police
K. Hartley L. Davy M. Horsfield J. Purcell C. Teall D. M. Whipp	G. Wilson	Sergeant T. Hitchen
Officers Present N. Watson	Planning, Building Control and	

J. Eccles

Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager Committee Administrator

(Apologies were received from Councillors M. Adams and R. E. Carroll.)

The following people attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated -

Shelagh Thake	16/0617/FUL - Full: Demolition of ambulance	Minute No. 114(a)
Tim Pigott	station and erection of nine dwelling houses, four	
Geoffrey Chapman	semi-detached with access off Brogden View	
	and five detached accessed off Brogden Lane at	
	Ambulance Station, Brogden View, Barnoldswick	

110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

111.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

112.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8th November 2016, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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

Sergeant Tim Hitchen presented crime statistics for West Craven for November 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. He reported on progress with certain crimes and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2015	2016
Burglary in a dwelling	2	5
Burglary other than a dwelling	2	2
Vehicle Crime	6	7
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	5	7
Criminal Damage	14	7
	40	37
Anti-Social Behaviour	45	38

114.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To be determined

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

16/0617/FUL Full: Demolition of ambulance station and erection of nine dwelling houses, four semi-detached with access off Brogden View and five detached accessed off Brogden Lane at Ambulance Station, Brogden View, Barnoldswick for Mr Graham Harker

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

(Before the vote was taken the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be refused on the grounds proposed this would represent a significant risk of costs to the Council. The matter would be referred to the Head of Legal Services 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 -

- Design (including layout, turning head and density)
- Highway safety Issues

16/0722/FUL Full: Installation of a telecommunications mast comprising a 17.5m monopole supporting 3 antennas and 1 transmission dish, 3 equipment cabinets, 1.8m palisade fence and ancillary development at Earby Cricket Club, William Street, Earby for CTIL and Vodafone Ltd

(A site visit was undertaken prior to the meeting.)

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the application could not be considered at this meeting as it was invalid. It was expected that the application would be resubmitted in due course with the correct plans.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that at 21st November there were no new or outstanding planning appeals. He reported that the following appeal had been allowed –

13/15/0546P – Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for the erection of 4 dwellings with garages (Access, Layout and Scale) at Land opposite the Barn, Ben Lane, Barnoldswick

115. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report detailing outstanding enforcement cases for information. There was concern that certain highway works required for the Seddon Homes development in Salterforth had not been carried out in accordance with the planning permission.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to give an update to the next meeting on the highway works required for the Seddon Homes development in Salterforth.

(b) Enforcement Action

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

Members and the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager were due to meet the owner of the Gospel Hall site on Friday afternoon and an update on the discussions would be given at the next meeting.

116.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme. It included the recommendation that the following deallocations be made –

£150 from the Hilltop Earby Recreation Ground enclosed dog walking scheme £1,000 from the Bracewell and Brogden Meeting Commitments for improvements to Esp Lane

RESOLVED

That the two deallocations requested in the report totalling £1,150 be deferred to the next meeting to ensure that the money was not needed for the schemes.

REASON

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

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

As requested at Full Council, a senior level meeting was being arranged with the Academy and Pendle Leisure Trust (PLT) to discuss the future joint use of West Craven Sports Centre. In the meantime discussions were also taking place between the Educational Trust and the PLT about the use of the recreation pitch facility.

118. REDIFFUSION CABLES IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that officers had been in touch with some cable removal companies about the possibility of removing old Rediffusion cables in Barnoldswick town centre. Councillor Whipp was in the process of producing a plan to show where the cables were located.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Service Manager be asked to contact a local cable reclamation company in Foulridge about the removal of cables in Barnoldswick Town Centre.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

119.

WEST CRAVEN CYCLE WAY

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the West Craven Cycle Way which was part of Pendle's Cycling Legacy Strategy approved by the Executive in March, building on the enthusiasm following the Tour of Britain in Pendle in September 2015.

The West Craven Cycle Way was one of the missing links within Pendle to provide safer routes between Earby and Barnoldswick for walking and cycling but also to eventually make important connections up to Yorkshire.

The report explained the background to the scheme, showed the proposed routes and looked at possible funding going forward.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Committee encourage and support officers working with Blackburn with Darwen Council and County Council to get the West Craven Cycle Way included in the Lancashire Cycle Strategy and Lancashire Cycle Network as well as identify other pots of money that might be available for the scheme.
- (2) That a meeting be arranged with SELRAP to discuss the possible short-term use of the railway track bed as a cycle track from Colne to Skipton.

REASON

To assist in achieving an Action from Pendle's Cycle Legacy Strategy which would promote healthier modes of transport, and positively contribute to climate change and public health agendas.

120. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE MEETING

Immediately prior to the meeting Members met Mark Evans from the North West Ambulance Service, to discuss possible air ambulance landing sites in West Craven and protocols for their use. It was noted that if the landing sites were formally agreed by the North West Ambulance Service that there would be maintenance and cost implications, but that it might be possible to agree a list of potential landing sites for air ambulance crews. Mark said he would confirm that the preselection of landing sites in West Craven was viable.

RESOLVED

That following discussions with Rolls Royce, and further discussions with Mark Evans, the Committee put together a provisional list of suitable air ambulance landing sites in West Craven, for consideration by the North West Ambulance Service.

REASON

In the interests of public health.

121.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was noted that the following item had been requested by the Committee and a report would be submitted to the next meeting –

(a) Skate Park, Barnoldswick

Chairman.....