

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
SALTERFORTH VILLAGE HALL  
ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

*PRESENT –*

*The Worship the Mayor (Councillor R. E. Carroll)  
Councillor M. S. Goulthorp – Chairman (In the Chair)*

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

*D. Haigh*

**Police**

*PC C. Nevison  
PC M. Lunney*

**Officers Present**

*N. Watson*

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

*J. Eccles*

*(Apologies were received from G. Wilson.)*



*The following people attended and spoke at the meeting on the items indicated –*

<i>Mrs A. Firth</i>	<i>16/0799/FUL - Full: Erection of 4 bungalows and creation of new vehicular access from Green End Road at Land adjacent to Heather View, Green End Road, Earby</i>	<i>Minute No. 143</i>
<i>A. Crane</i>	<i>Items for Discussion - National Grid installing a gas governor on Housing Pendle land fronting 11-23 Westfield Road, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Minute No. 152</i>

**139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**140. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**141. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

**142. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

PC M. Lunney and PC C. Nevison presented crime statistics for West Craven for January 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. He reported on progress with certain crimes and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Burglary in a dwelling	1	4
Burglary other than a dwelling	5	3
Vehicle Crime	3	5
Hate crime	0	1
Assaults	7	4
Criminal Damage	9	11
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>34</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	48	34

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the West Craven Neighbourhood Policing Team be asked to continue to give some priority to the issues and locations set out at the last meeting (and emailed to the Neighbourhood Team) and to add the former Gospel Hall Mission site to the list following reports of anti-social behaviour and a break-in.
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Policing Team be asked to feedback on these monthly community policing priorities to future meetings.

**143. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) To be determined**

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

**16/0799/FUL Full: Erection of 4 bungalows and creation of new vehicular access from Green End Road at Land adjacent to Heather View, Green End Road, Earby for Mr M. Firth**

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

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting receipt of revised plans which addressed outstanding LCC Highway comments. Subject to the addition of necessary highway conditions relating to these matters, the recommendation remained to approve.

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The applicant has failed to adequately assess the impacts of the proposed development on the Earby Conservation Area. The development, by virtue of its design in this location would appear incongruous in the street scene and will have an adverse impact on the character of the designated heritage asset. It would lead to less than substantial harm to the designated heritage asset and this would not be outweighed by the public benefits. The application thereby fails to accord with Policy ENV1 of the Local Plan Part 1 and paragraph 128 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The proposed development is of poor design and it would appear incongruous within this tradition street scene thereby failing to accord with Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Local Plan Part 1 and paragraph 64 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**17/0012/HHO Full: Erection of a canopy to the rear (Retrospective) at 3 Banks Bridge Close, Barnoldswick for Mr Edick Petrossian**

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

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan, Proposed Canopy Extension.

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

2. Within three months of the date of this permission a scheme for a fence or wall of not less than 1.8m in height along the north east boundary of the rear garden of the property shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for written approval. The fence or wall shall be erected in strict accordance with the approved scheme within three months of the written approval of the Local Planning Authority and thereafter retained at all times at a height of not less than 1.8m.

**Reason:** In order to ensure an adequate level of privacy to the adjacent properties.

**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 canopy is acceptable in terms of policy, design, and amenity. 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.***

**(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the following planning appeal had been dismissed -

16/0470/RES      *Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for residential development (14 dwellings) (Access, Appearance, Layout and Scale) (Re-*

*Submission) at Land to the rear of The Greyhound Inn, Manchester Road, Barnoldswick*

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

**(a) Outstanding**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report detailing outstanding enforcement cases for information. He gave a further update on PLE/16/0035 (Glen Cottage) and PLE/16/0121 (Pinhow View). As requested, he had visited 1 Avon Drive (PLE/17/0032) and in view of the number of scrap vehicles and cars at the premises agreed that enforcement action could be taken.

Members also reported concerns about a summer house on Esp Lane that was being used as a separate dwelling.

**RESOLVED**

That the Head of Legal be authorised and instructed to take enforcement action against the owners of 1 Avon Drive and the owners of the Summer House on Esp Lane, Barnoldswick.

**(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. He gave a further update on 2 Albion Street, Earby at the meeting.

**145. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme. A late bid had been circulated on behalf of The Woodland Trust seeking £400 towards the erection of a new entrance gate and fencing at Anne's Wood, Earby. Members also discussed a request from residents to exclude the toilet block from the dog enclosure at Letcliffe Park by realigning the fencing. Barnoldswick Town Council was willing to contribute to such a scheme.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That The Woodland Trust bid for £400 for a new entrance gate and fencing at Anne's Wood, Earby be approved from the Earby allocation of the Capital Programme.
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to use the £995 remaining in the Barnoldswick allocation of the Capital Programme for a scheme to realign the fencing around the dog enclosure in Letcliffe Park to remove the toilet block.

**REASON**

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

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

Talks were continuing between Pendle Education Trust and Pendle Leisure Trust about the agreements but there was no further progress to report.

**RESOLVED**

That Council's request for a meeting with the relevant parties and senior officers be arranged as soon as possible.

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

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that he had not yet contacted the local cable company about the possibility of removing some of the old Rediffusion cables from Barnoldswick Town Centre. He would report back on any progress to the next meeting.

**148. LOCAL PLAN PART 2**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported on progress on the preparation of the Pendle Local Plan Part 2. Members noted that the public consultation and an additional call for sites would begin on 27<sup>th</sup> February and would run for six weeks. The consultation would provide the community and other interested parties with an opportunity to comment on, and shape the direction of the Local Plan Part 2.

**149. GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report for information on the Government's proposed changes to the planning system. A further report on the Government's White Paper would be submitted in March. He noted the request for training for Councillors on any changes to the planning system once enshrined in law.

**150. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME - 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime action in West Craven for 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and annual totals for 2016/17.

**RESOLVED**

That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to –

- (1) Look into the vandalism of the dog bin post near the junction of Wellhouse Road in Barnoldswick which had been filmed.
- (2) Replace the dog bin on the Northolme Estate, Earby at the side of the bus shelter, which had gone missing.
- (3) Replace the dog bin on the fence in the corner of Earby Recreational Ground at Hill Top.
- (4) Proceed with the replacement of improved waste bins in Barnoldswick Town Centre as agreed some time ago.

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

**151. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE RESPONSE TIMES –  
3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER**

Members considered the ambulance response times for October to December 2016 provided by the North West Ambulance Service. It was noted that the response times were getting worse although it was acknowledged that part of the problem was the increase in demand. Members agreed that there needed to be a root and branch review into dealing with urgent care in the community.

**152. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

*(Councillor L. Davy declared a personal interest in this item which was not a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.)*

Members considered a proposal from National Grid to install a large gas governor on Pendle Council on grassed land fronting 11-23 Westfield Road, Barnoldswick. Residents had requested that it be located at an alternative site, possibly on the nearby garage site, leaving space for children to play on the green and so it was not obstructing residents' views. There were also concerns that such a large structure would obstruct views of pedestrians and children playing in this area.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to inform National Grid that the proposed site for a gas governor on land fronting 11-23 Westfield Road, Barnoldswick was not acceptable and to submit any alternative site to this Committee for approval, prior to discussions between National Grid and Housing Pendle.

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity and highway safety.*

Chairman.....