

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 9TH MAY 2017**

*PRESENT –
The Worship the Mayor (Councillor R. E. Carroll)*

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*G. Wilson
D. Haigh*

Officers Present

*N. Watson
J. Eccles*

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

(Apologies were received from Councillors C. Teall and L. Davy.)



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

Lincoln Lord

Private Street Works, Moss Side, Barnoldswick

Minute No.11

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. S. Goulthorp be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor R. E. Carroll be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

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 2017/18.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Lincoln Lord, of Victoria Road, Barnoldswick raised concerns about Silentnight doing work over the Bank Holiday weekend on the public highway on works to extend the loading bay and taking part of the pavement away. He asked if this could be looked into on behalf of residents.

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager said he would contact the Highway Authority (Lancashire County Council) and Silentnight and report back to the complainant and Members of the Committee.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 28th March 2017, be approved as a correct record.

7. POLICE AND CRIME ISSUES

There was no Police representative available at the meeting. The crime statistics for West Craven for March and April 2017 compared to the same period in 2016 were circulated at the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

March 2017

	2016	2017
Burglary in a dwelling	1	3
Burglary other than a dwelling	2	3
Vehicle Crime	1	9
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	4	14
Criminal Damage	10	14
ALL CRIME	23	61
Anti-Social Behaviour	33	43

April 2017

	2016	2017
Burglary in a dwelling	2	3
Burglary other than a dwelling	4	3
Vehicle Crime	4	1
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	5	12
Criminal Damage	9	13
ALL CRIME	36	48
Anti-Social Behaviour	39	39

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked to meet Councillors at a time and venue of their choice to discuss the recent increase in crime in the area.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that at 25th April 2017 there was one outstanding appeal as follows –

16/0488/OUT – Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for up to 17 dwellings at Land off Cob Lane and Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook.

9. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

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

RESOLVED

(1) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to -

- Report back on the site license and lettings list at the Lower Greenhill Farm Caravan Site on Kelbrook Road, Salterforth and any plans for extending the caravan site into the neighbouring field;
- Contact the neighbours looking after 449 Colne Road for the owner to see if the garden could be tidied; and
- Monitor renovation works at 75 Rainhall Road and if there is no improvement in 2 weeks' time that appropriate enforcement be taken.

(2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be delegated authority to act in consultation with the Chairman to ensure that the developers of Wardle Storey offices safeguard the site for development.

(b) Enforcement Action

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

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's Capital Programme for 2017/18 was £20,643 (Barnoldswick £8,440 and Earby £12,203).

A bid from the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager requesting £8,000 (£5,000 for Barnoldswick and £3,000 for Earby) for Premises Improvement Grants was submitted for information.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £3,000 be committed from the Barnoldswick allocation of the 2017/18 Capital Programme for Premises Improvement Grants in Barnoldswick.
- (2) That £300 be granted to the Garden Gates Association for gardening workshops for schools in West Craven.

REASON

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

11. PRIVATE STREET WORKS, MOSS SIDE

This issue had come about as a result of the new housing development at Long Ing. Residents on Moss Side had had problems with workmen attempting to access the site from their street and were not sure about their legal rights on this unadopted highway.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to report back to the next meeting on private street works legislation regarding access from developers or future householders.

REASON

To clarify the legal position for residents living on an unadopted street.

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

It was reported that West Craven High School had been in touch and were now requesting use of the Sports Hall from September onwards for the following times

Monday to Friday - 9.00 to 11.25
Monday to Friday - 15.00 to 16.00

Pendle Leisure Trust was in the process of quoting for the usage. The Trust was now in a position to programme some day time use to try and generate some additional revenue. Any further developments would be reported to the next meeting.

13. REDIFFUSION CABLES IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager said that there was no progress to report but he would try to make some progress and bring an update to the next meeting.

14. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem buildings in West Craven. Members had concerns about the appearance of Albert Hartley Yard and what appeared to be a lack of investment in the site.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to meet the owners of Albert Hartley Yard to discuss the investment in the site in relation to the Aldi development.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity and investment in this site.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven from 1st January to 31st March 2017 along with annual totals for 2016/17, which was noted.

16. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: 2016/17 SUMMARY

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on the Premises Improvement Grant scheme in 2016/17 in West Craven. Members were asked to nominate four members to be on a Premises Improvement Grant Panel.

RESOLVED

That Councillors M. S. Goulthorp, R. E. Carroll, D. M. Whipp and M. Adams be appointed to the Premises Improvement Grants Panel.

REASON

To involve Members in the allocation of Premises Improvement Grants.

17. VACANT HOUSES

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on vacant houses in West Craven.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to email Members the addresses of the 36 residential properties which had been empty for over two years.

REASON

So that Councillors were aware of vacant houses in their wards.

18. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – SPORTS GROUNDS

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on proposals and options for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in relation to sports grounds. The proposals involved Earby Recreation Ground and Springfield Playing Fields.

RESOLVED

That a Public Spaces Protection Order for sports grounds in West Craven be agreed banning dogs from Earby Recreation Ground and Springfield Playing Fields and for the number of dogs at sports grounds including the areas surrounding designated pitches to be restricted to no more than 4 dogs per person on a 2 metre lead at all times, and to incorporate the relevant parts of the existing by-laws.

REASON

To enable the Council and its partners to respond to concerns regarding behavior that is detrimental to the quality of life in public spaces in Pendle including enforcement action.

19. INSPIRE CLINICAL VAN

Inspire Integrated Substance Misuse Service now had a clinical mobile van for use across all of its service areas in East Lancashire, including Pendle. It was in the process of finding suitable venues to make it more accessible. Details of the services available were circulated to Councillors for information.

RESOLVED

That the Council be asked to look into offering its car parks and community centres, where appropriate, as suitable venues for the Inspire clinical van.

REASON

To improve accessibility to this vital resource.

20. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES - 4TH QUARTER

Ambulance response times for January to March 2017, provided by the North West Ambulance Service were circulated for information. It was noted that the response times were not getting any better.

Chairman.....