

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK  
ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

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

**Councillors**

*M. Adams  
R. E. Carroll  
M. Horsfield  
J. Purcell  
C. Teall  
D. M. Whipp*

**Co-optees**

*D. Oliver  
C. Tennant*

**Police**

*Insp Goodall  
PC Lunney*

**Officers Present**

*N. Watson*

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

*J. Eccles*

*(Apologies were received from G. Wilson and Councillors L. Davy and K. Hartley.)*



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

*Judith Douglas  
Duncan Walsh  
Bob Brown  
Ken Davidson*

*17/0245/FUL Full: Erection of three houses at Land off Gaylands, Earby Minute No. 41(a)*

*Ian Longstaff*

*Emissions from Grove Mill, Earby*

*Minute No. 51*

**35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**36. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**37. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017, be approved as a correct record.

**38. POLICE AND CRIME ISSUES**

PC Lunney talked members through the crime statistics for June which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Burglary in a dwelling	2	0
Burglary other than a dwelling	4	2
Vehicle Crime	3	4
Hate crime	1	0
Assaults	6	9
Criminal Damage	15	10
Other Crime	16	23
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	46	41

It was known that a particular group of youths were causing much of the anti-social behaviour in the area. Inspector Goodall said that discussions were taking place on how to best to deal with the behaviour across various agencies and youth service providers. The Committee would be kept informed of developments.

Inspector Goodall advised the Committee that he was due to retire at the end of July, after almost 6 years' service and thanked Members for their help and support during his time in the area. Inspector Andy Winter, who had hoped to be at the meeting, would replace him.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the anti-social behaviour issue be kept on the agenda for future meetings and Inspector Winter be asked to report back in due course.
- (2) That Inspector Goodall be thanked for his hard work in the area over the last 6 years and wished well for his retirement.

**39. 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, on the grounds that the deadline for any representations on the proposed closure of some Lancashire Constabulary front counters was 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 and the next meeting of this Committee was not until 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**40. REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY'S FRONT COUNTER PROVISION**

Following a review of Lancashire Constabulary's front counters provision it was proposed to reduce the number of front counters that were open to the public from 23 to 13. This affected Barnoldswick and Colne within Pendle and would come into force in 2018.

**RESOLVED**

That a strongly worded letter be sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire objecting to the closures on the grounds that this would impact on the community's confidence in

local policing; that cutting the service in places like Barnoldswick, which was stuck out on a limb, was the wrong place to be making cuts; and that this was another nail in the coffin for public safety, making it more difficult for people to get help when they needed it.

## 41. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### (a) To be determined

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

#### **17/0203/FUL Full: Major: Conversion of former (D1) school to 11 apartments (C3) and parking at Barnoldswick Church of England Primary School, York Street, Barnoldswick for Skipton Properties Ltd**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting receipt of amended plans and a response objecting to the development. The decision remained to approve the application subject to revised conditions.

### **RESOLVED**

That the application 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: 1567SPL/BPS/LP01, 1567SPL/BPS/SL01, 1567SPL/BPS/KP02, 1567SPL/BPS/FP01, 1567SPL/BPS/FP02, 1567SPL/BPS/FP03, 1567SPL/BPS/FP04, 1567SPL/BPS/EL01, 1567SPL/BPS/EL02, 1567SPL/BPS/EL05, 1567SPL/BPS/EL06, 1567SPL/BPS/MD01, 1567SPL/BPS/EW01 Rev B, 1567SPL/BPS/EW02.

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

3. Any new or replacement external facing and roofing materials shall match those of the existing building in terms of type, size, form, texture and colour and there shall be no variation without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** In order to ensure that new material matches the existing.

4. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:

- i) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors within the site
- ii) The loading and unloading of plant and materials
- iii) The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- iv) The erection and maintenance of security hoarding

- v) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction
- vi) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works
- vii) Details of working hours
- viii) Routing of delivery vehicles to/from site.

**Reason:** in the interest of highway safety.

5. Before the use of the site hereby permitted is brought into operation facilities shall be provided within the site by which means the wheels of vehicles may be cleaned before leaving the site. There should also be provision to sweep the surrounding highway network by mechanical means if needed.

**Reason:** To avoid the possibility of the public highway being affected by the deposit of mud and/or loose materials thus creating a potential hazard to road users.

6. No part of the development hereby approved shall commence unless and until a scheme for the construction of the site access and the off-site works of highway improvement has been submitted to, and approved by, the Local Planning Authority. These should include works to create new vehicle accesses from York Street and Wellington Street (including radius kerbs and tactile paving) and the revocation of existing School Keep Clear Traffic Regulation Orders. No dwelling hereby approved shall be occupied unless and until the above works have been implemented in accordance with the approved scheme.

**Reason:** In order to satisfy the Local Planning Authority and Highway Authority that the final details of the highway scheme/works are acceptable before work commences on site.

7. No dwelling hereby approved shall be occupied unless and until the walls highway frontage of the site to Wellington Street and York Street have been reduced to a height not greater than 1m above the crown level of the carriageway of both Wellington Street and York Street within the visibility splays show on the plan: Site Lines – received 22/06/2017. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, thereafter no structures or planting shall be erected, plated or allowed to remain within the above defined areas.

**Reason:** To ensure adequate visibility for the drivers of vehicles entering and leaving the site.

8. The layout of the development shall include provisions to enable vehicles to enter and leave the highway in forward gear. The vehicle parking and turning provisions shall be marked out and surfaced in accordance with the approved plans and be available for use before the occupation of the first dwelling and maintained free from obstruction and available for parking and manoeuvring purposes thereafter.

**Reason:** Vehicles reversing to and from the highway are a hazard to other road users.

9. The garages hereby approved shall be kept available for the parking of vehicles ancillary to the enjoyment of the households and shall not be used for any use that would preclude the ability for their use for the parking of private motor vehicles.

**Reason:** To ensure that adequate parking provision is retained on site.

**10.** The following windows of the development hereby permitted shall at all times be glazed, up to a minimum height of 1.7m above floor level in the rooms that they serve, only with obscure glass of a type and degree of obscurity to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to its installation:

- The first floor windows in the north gable elevation.
- The first floor windows in the south elevation.
- The first floor window in the east gable elevation.

Any replacement glazing shall be of an equal degree of obscurity to that which was first approved. The windows shall be hung in such a way so as to prevent the effect of obscure glazing being negated by way of opening.

**Reason:** To protect the privacy of the occupants of the adjacent dwelling.

**11.** The landscaping scheme detailed in drawing No. 1567SPL/BPS/EW01 Rev B and specification 1567SPL/BPS/LS01 Rev A shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the approval of the scheme. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

**Reason:** To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings.

**12.** No development shall be commenced unless and until a scheme for the disposal of foul and surface water has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall provide for separate systems for foul and surface waters and be constructed and completed in accordance with the approved scheme before the first dwelling is occupied.

**Reason:** In order that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied with the details of the proposal and to avoid flooding.

## **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 compliant with policy and acceptable in terms of design, amenity, heritage impact, ecology impact 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.***

**17/0245/FUL Full: Erection of three houses at Land off Gaylands, Earby for Mr R. G. Walker**

*(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.)*

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting receipt of amended plans and comments from Earby Town Council and PBC Environmental Health.

Publicity on the amended plans expired on the 13<sup>th</sup> July and therefore the recommendation was amended to Delegate Grant Consent.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the application be **refused** on grounds of –

1. Impact on conservation area
2. Impact on landscape
3. Highway safety

### **(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding appeals for information.

## **42. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

### **(a) Outstanding**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report detailing outstanding enforcement cases which was noted.

### **(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.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to look into the owner's compliance with the enforcement notice at 1 Avon Drive, Barnoldswick.

## **43. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2017/18 Capital Programme was £17,343. The following bids were submitted for consideration –

Salterforth Toilets Group - £500 for the repair of a broken sewage pipe  
St Joseph's Community Centre, Barnoldswick - £1,000 to renew leaking gutter and fascia boards  
Earby Field Fest - £2,000 towards the costs of organising the family festival.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to allocate £500 to the Salterforth Toilets Group for the repair of the broken sewage pipe and £1,000 to the St Joseph's Centre for the replacement of the gutter and fascia boards.

- (2) That £3,000 be allocated towards the £6,000 costs of resurfacing Cemetery Road car park; that Earby Town Council be asked to contribute £1,000 towards the improvements; and the Executive be asked to fund the remaining £2,000.
- (3) That consideration of funding for the Earby Field Fest be deferred to the next meeting to allow for further discussions with the organisers of the event.

**REASON**

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

**44. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted the minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the issue of traffic speeds on Valley Road, Barnoldswick be monitored
- (2) That in respect of the Barnoldswick Signing Strategy, County Council be asked to replace the old pole to which a new sign had been fitted on the road heading towards the roundabout on Skipton Road, with a new one.

**REASON**

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

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

An update from the Head of Legal Services on the above agreements was noted.

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

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager said that there was no news to report on the removal of Rediffusion cables from Barnoldswick Town Centre. Any progress would be reported to the next meeting.

**47. REVIEW OF COUNCIL-OWNED CAR PARKS WITHIN WEST CRAVEN**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report that had been considered by the Executive on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 regarding a review of Council-owned car parks in the Borough and asked Members to consider matters regarding various West Craven car parks.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the recent report to the Executive regarding a review of Council-owned car parks in the borough be noted.
- (2) That business/resident permits on the relevant car parks set out in the report be introduced.

- (3) That short-stay disc parking on Wellhouse Road Car Park, Barnoldswick be reintroduced.
- (4) That a usage study for Wellhouse Road Car Park be undertaken and the results be reported back to this Committee.
- (5) That no further action be taken with respect to the car parks in Earby, and that they remain as long-stay car parks for public use.

**REASON**

- 1. To provide a framework on which to decrease costs and increase income on public car parks in West Craven.**
- 2. To ensure the availability of short-stay parking for town centre shoppers.**
- 3. To provide members with a detailed analysis on which to base their decision.**

**48. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven.

**RESOLVED**

That the Environmental Services Manager be asked -

- (1) To arrange for the removal of the brown recycling bins at Land off Hill Street/Earl Street, Barnoldswick, which were not being used for their intended purpose; and
- (2) To arrange for the removal of the abandoned red car, that had now appeared on Cemetery Road car park.

**REASON**

***In the interests of visual amenity.***

**49. PROBLEM BUILDINGS**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem buildings in West Craven which was noted.

**50. EARBY CRICKET CLUB – PARKING ISSUES**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June Members of the Committee had met representatives from Earby Cricket Club, Earby Town Council and local residents to discuss parking issues on residential streets near the Cricket Club. The Cricket Club had agreed to improve the signage for parking to try to get more of its members to park in the grounds rather than on nearby streets.

Residents also expressed their concerns at the meeting about speeding cars and noise nuisance at night.



**RESOLVED**

That County Council be asked to raise the issue of speeding cars in the vicinity of the Earby Cricket Club at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting and the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to report back on the terms of the Cricket Club's music licence.

**REASON**

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

**51. EMISSIONS FROM GROVE MILL, EARBY**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report following complaints from local residents about plasticiser fallout from the stack and noise issues in relation to a generator at Uniroyal Global, Earby. Environmental Health Officers had recently met the company to try to ensure improvements were made to prevent recurrence. It was reported that the installation of a silencer on the new ventilation system was expected to be installed by 10<sup>th</sup> July. Future planned improvements were outlined in the report.

**RESOLVED**

That a public meeting be arranged with members of the Committee, PBC Environmental Health and Planning officers, local residents and representatives from Uniroyal Global, Earby after 10<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the ongoing complaints.

**REASON**

*In the interests of public health and local amenity.*

**52. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

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

- (a) Private Street Works legislation – Moss Side (11.05.2017)

*Chairman.....*