

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY
ON 8TH AUGUST 2017**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*D. Oliver
C. Tennant
G. Wilson*

Police

*PC Duncan Park
PCSO Mark Hyde*

Officers Present

*V. Green
J. Eccles*

*Financial Services Manager, Pendle
Borough Council (PBC)
Committee Administrator, PBC*

(Apologies were received from Councillor L. Davy.)



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

Ian Longstaff

Uniroyal Global

Minute No. 62

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

54. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 4th July 2017, be approved as a correct record.

56. POLICE AND CRIME ISSUES

PC Park and PCSO Hyde talked members through the crime statistics for July which had been circulated prior to the meeting and answered related questions.

Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2016	2017
Burglary in a dwelling	0	5
Burglary other than a dwelling	2	0
Vehicle Crime	2	4
Hate crime	3	1
Assaults	5	14
Criminal Damage	5	13
Other Crime	13	16
ALL CRIME	30	53
Anti-Social Behaviour	49	33

It was noted that the fracking demonstrations elsewhere in Lancashire were having an impact on Police resources in the area. PC Park said that action had been taken with regard to certain individuals who had been causing much of the anti-social behaviour in Barnoldswick. Anti-social crime had gone down dramatically but the situation would be monitored.

57. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To be determined

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

17/0313/FUL Reserved Matters: Erection of 4 dwellings with garages (Appearance and Landscaping) at Land opposite The Barn, Ben Lane, Barnoldswick for Mr L. Green

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting receipt of amended plans addressing concerns about drainage, protected trees and parking provision and recommending that condition 2 be revised accordingly.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager in consultation with the Chairman be delegated authority to **grant consent** subject to all planning conditions specified by the Inspector being met, and the amended condition referring to the amended plans (2604.1C).

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 accords with the Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework. 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 submitted a report on outstanding appeals for information. It was noted that the appeal against refusal of planning permission for the

demolition of existing garages and stables and erection of detached dwelling house at Letcliffe Farm, Manchester Road, Barnoldswick had been dismissed.

58. 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. There were a number of concerns raised in relation to development on land off Long Ing.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to investigate the following concerns at the Long Ing development -
 - The extensive works being undertaken to remodel the area and whether it conformed with approved plans.
 - That the site fencing appeared to take in an area of land at the rear of Victoria Road.
 - Whether trees on the Victoria Road side of the development were covered by TPOs and proper procedures were being followed to ensure that they were not inadvertently cut down.
 - The developer was parking on Council owned land at Raikes Beck harming the grassed area and should be asked to park elsewhere.
 - The developer had been told to create the site access before any development took place, but this had not been done.
- (2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked for an assurance that the SUDs scheme at the Seddon Homes development at Salterforth was operating and working well before the winter.

(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.

59. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2017/18 Capital Programme. It was noted that funding for the reintroduction of the M1 bus had been approved from the Council's central revenue budget. So the Committee was asked to deallocate £1,283 and £642 from the Barnoldswick and Earby commitments. It was also noted that £5,000 agreed at the 28th March meeting for Earby Town Council for the heating and plumbing works required at Earby Youth Hostel was not shown in the report but would be included in the next report in October.

The following bids were submitted for consideration –

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- Barlick Fell Runners - £750 for first aid training for the coaches of Barlick Fell Runners and equipment for the junior training sessions
- Earby Fieldfest - £2,000 towards the costs of organising the family festival on Spring Field Playing Fields
- The Rainhall Centre - £300 Day of Dance
- Earby Town Council - £2,000 for re-pointing, new gutters and downspouts to the front and rear of Earby Youth Hostel

In addition there had been discussions with Neighbourhood Services about improving the pavements on Victoria Street, Earby.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £1,283 and £642 funding for the reintroduction of the M1 bus, be deallocated.
- (2) That £750 be allocated towards equipment for the junior training sessions and first aid training for Barlick Fell Runners.
- (3) That £500 be allocated to the Earby Fieldfest Committee for their event on 13th August.
- (4) That £300 be allocated to the Rainhall Centre for the Day of Dance event in September.
- (5) That £2,000 be allocated for improvement works to pavements on Victoria Street, Earby.
- (6) That the bid for £2,000 from Earby Town Council for re-pointing work, new gutters and downspouts to the front and rear of Earby Youth Hostel be deferred to the October meeting.
- (7) That the £500 from Liberata's 2016/17 Maintenance Programme earmarked for work at Cemetery Road Car Park be requested in order for this scheme to go ahead.

REASON

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

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

At the last meeting it was reported that the only outstanding matter concerned the signing of the sub lease of the West Craven Sports Centre between Pendle Council and the Trust. It was reported that the Chief Executive of the Pendle Leisure Trust would be asking the Trust's Chairman and Secretary to sign the agreement at their next Board Meeting on the 4th September.

61. REDIFFUSION CABLES IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE

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.

62. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

The Chairman reported back on a meeting with Uniroyal Global, Environmental Health (EH) Officers, local residents and members of the Committee on 26th July following complaints about noise and emissions from Grove Mill in Earby.

He felt it had been a useful meeting with a good discussion of residents' concerns and work that was being undertaken by the company to address these. It was noted that the company had produced its own report on the plasticiser fallout saying that it was safe and was also commissioning a report on noise levels.

At that meeting, Ian Longstaff, a local resident, volunteered to speak on behalf of residents. He attended this meeting to submit an incident report for July which had also been circulated to Uniroyal Global and to EH. He acknowledged the amount of investment and improvements the company were making. He understood that the thermal oxidiser which was due to be installed next year (hopefully mid 2018) would address residents' concerns over the plasticiser but wanted written assurances from the company that this would also address their other concerns regarding noise and odours.

The Committee's main concerns were that the plasticiser fall-out had not been independently tested or commissioned by the Council; the noise levels needed to be taken over a period of time; and there had been a lack of consistent communication from the company on these issues.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Environmental Health Team be asked to carry out tests on the plasticiser fallout from the stack at Uniroyal Global to ensure that there was no risk to public health.
- (2) That the Environmental Health Team be asked to carry out some long term monitoring on noise levels, if necessary purchasing or hiring the equipment required for the job.
- (3) That Uniroyal Global be asked if they would be willing to attend regular liaison meetings with Ward Councillors, Environmental Health and residents to maintain a dialogue on the resolution of outstanding issues.
- (4) That this be a standing item on the agenda for future meetings and the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to provide regular progress reports.

REASON

In the interests of public health and amenity.

63. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for 1st April to 30th June 2017.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

64. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE – RESPONSE TIMES

Members considered the ambulance response times from the North West Ambulance Service for April to June 2017.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to the NWS Director of Operations, recognising the sustained improvement of ambulance response times in BB18, but noting that they still fell short of their targets and that the Committee would continue to monitor performance.

REASON

In the interests of public health.

65. EARBY CRICKET CLUB – TERMS OF LICENCE

Members of the Committee had met representatives of Earby Cricket Club and local residents on 21st June to discuss complaints about noise nuisance and users of the Club parking on local streets instead of the car park. At this meeting residents also expressed their concerns about speeding cars and noise nuisance at night.

It was reported that the Council's Enforcement Officer had met members of Earby Cricket Club Committee on 13th July and given advice on how to reduce noise. The terms of the Club's licence were set out for information.

66. 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.....