

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 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*

Officers Present

N. Watson

*Planning, Building Control and
Licensing Services Manager, Pendle
Borough Council (PBC)
Committee Administrator, PBC*

J. Eccles

(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. 76

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

68. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

69. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8th August 2017, be approved as a correct record.

70. POLICE AND CRIME ISSUES

The crime statistics for August had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2016	2017
Burglary in a dwelling	3	2
Burglary other than a dwelling	4	1
Vehicle Crime	3	5
Hate crime	0	1
Assaults	7	11
Criminal Damage	12	8
Other Crime	10	25
ALL CRIME	39	53
Anti-Social Behaviour	45	43

It was noted that there had been an increase in all crime mainly in Earby. Members discussed a number of local issues which were causing concern including speeding vehicles through Bracewell, and anti-social behaviour at Ann's Wood, the Waterfalls and the allotments in Earby, and asked that they be reported to the Police before the next meeting.

71. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To be determined

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

17/0352/REM Reserved Matters: Erection of two dwellinghouses (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) (16/0500/OUT) at Land to the east of Higher Park House, Barnoldswick for Mr W Al-Muhandis

(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 amended plans for Plot 2 showing the removal of large glazed features on the rear elevation and being substituted with smaller windows.

RESOLVED

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

1. The design of the proposed dwellings is poor and if built would lead to harm to the character of the area, given its prominent location. The design fails to take opportunities available for improving the character and quality of the area. The development would therefore be contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and Paragraph 64 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

17/0382/FUL Full: Erection of a multi-purpose agricultural storage, lambing and workshop building at Thornton Hall Farm, Thornton in Craven, Skipton for Mr and Mrs C. Harrison

(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 comments from North Yorkshire Highways and Earby Town Council.

RESOLVED

That planning permission 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: Har/696/1918/02, Har/696/1918/03, Har/696/1918/04, Har/696/1918/05 - received 22/09/2015.

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

3. All materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. The building hereby approved shall be used only for the purposes of or ancillary to agriculture as defined by Section 336 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and for no other purpose including any use falling within Use Class D2 (Assembly and Leisure) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) without the express written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To preserve the rural character of the countryside, the amenity of the area and in the interest of highway safety.

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 acceptable in terms of policy, visual and residential amenity 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.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding appeals for information. A verbal update was given at the meeting reporting that the appeal for 16/0760/FUL had been dismissed and 16/0597/OUT had been allowed without costs.

72. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an updated report on outstanding enforcement cases as at 5th September.

RESOLVED

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

- (1) Prioritise the investigation at Land adjacent Heather View in view of the dangerous new access which had been created.
- (2) Report back to the next meeting on the various concerns raised at the last meeting on the Long Ing development and that the developer be asked to ensure that vehicles were not parking on Council owned land at Raikes Beck.
- (3) Provide an assurance that the SUDs scheme at the Seddon Homes development in Salterforth was operational and working well before winter and request that the developer screen the car park opposite Harry Street.
- (4) Instruct the Head of Legal Services to proceed with a section 215 notice in respect of 75 Rainhall Road, 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.

73. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the uncommitted balance for the 2017/18 Capital Programme was £6,218: Barnoldswick £4,373 and Earby £1,845.

It was reported that the projector for the Centre Screen Cinema based at the Rainhall Centre had been stolen, whilst the Centre was open, so they were not able to claim for it on insurance. The opportunity was being taken to upgrade the equipment. The Centre was doing some fund raising to replace the projector and had also asked Barnoldswick Town Council for a contribution.

RESOLVED

That £3,000 from the Barnoldswick allocation of the 2017/18 Capital Programme be granted towards the purchase of a new projector for the cinema at the Rainhall Centre.

REASON

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

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

It was reported that on 4th September the Trust's Chairman and Secretary had signed the agreement for the sub lease of the West Craven Sports Centre between Pendle Council and the Trust. It was agreed that this item no longer needed to be on the agenda as a standard item.

75. REDIFFUSION CABLES IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE

Members discussed the best way to seek removal of redundant Rediffusion cables from Barnoldswick Town Centre. There were two particular locations where the overhanging cables posed a public safety risk, on Frank Street towards the junction with Ellis Street and at the end of Albert Road at the junction with New Road.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager liaise with local contractors on a price to remove the dangerous cables with a view to the work being jointly funded by this Committee and Barnoldswick Town Council.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

76. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

An incident report on Uniroyal Global, Grove Street Mill for August, compiled by local resident, Ian Longstaff, had been circulated prior to the meeting. He attended the meeting, presented the report and answered questions.

A verbal update was also given from Environmental Health on their monitoring of the emissions and noise.

The specifications for the thermal oxidiser, which Uniroyal was hoping to install mid 2018 were expected to be put to the company's Executive Board next week. Uniroyal Global had had the plasticiser analysed by Leeds University and confirmed that it was not dangerous to humans, but Members wanted to know if it was harmful to the environment. The Croquet Club, which was situated next door to the plant, were having issues and wondered if it was due to the emissions. It was noted that Pendle Council was in the process of arranging its own independent tests on the plasticiser.

With regards to noise, there was concern that Pendle Council was waiting for the results from Uniroyal Global's noise survey before carrying out its own, and questions about where the equipment would be sited.

A date had been fixed for the first meeting of the Working Group on Monday 2nd October at 6p.m. All of these issues would be discussed further at the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the name of the compound found in the plasticiser be reported to interested parties prior to the first meeting of the Working Group on 2nd October.

- (2) That Earby Croquet Club be represented on the Working Group.
- (3) That Uniroyal Global be asked to carry out its noise survey at the earliest opportunity and the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to arrange for the Council's own noise survey to be carried out as soon as possible.

REASON

In the interests of public health and amenity.

77. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

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

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

78. PARKS UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted an update on parks, recreation and green spaces work in West Craven.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

79. VACANT HOUSES

The Housing Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on the management of vacant houses in West Craven. There were concerns that the appearance and condition of Glen Cottage were deteriorating and that probate could be lengthy.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Legal Services be asked to liaise with the solicitors handling the probate at Glen Cottage and submit a report to the next meeting on the options open to the Council to progress improvement works.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

80. ALBERT STREET CAR PARK, EARBY

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported receipt of a request to use 5 parking bays on Albert Street Car Park (with no time restrictions) for parking of Country Cars, 8a Victoria Road, Earby, and sought the Committee's views.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be informed that the Committee did not agree to the request for the use of 5 parking bays on Albert Street Car Park by Country Cars.

REASON

To keep the car parking spaces on Albert Street Car Park available to the public.

81.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was noted that the following item had been requested by this Committee on 11th May.

- Private Street Works legislation – Moss Side

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to submit the report, if possible, to the next meeting.

Chairman.....