

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
SALTERFORTH VILLAGE HALL, SALTERFORTH
ON 3RD OCTOBER 2017**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*T. Whipp
G. Wilson*

Police

PCSO N. Wallin

Officers Present

N. Watson

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

J. Eccles

(Apologies were received from C. Tennant and Councillors L. Davy and M. Adams.)



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

<i>Harold Chambers</i>	<i>Application for Works to Protected Trees – St Michael’s Church, Bracewell</i>	<i>Minute No. 86(b)</i>
<i>Glen Holmes</i>	<i>Disposal of sites for housing</i>	<i>Minute No. 93</i>

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

83. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

84. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 5th September 2017, be approved as a correct record.

85. POLICE AND CRIME ISSUES

PCSO N. Wallin presented the crime figures for September compared to the same period in the previous year and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2016	2017
Burglary in a dwelling	3	6
Burglary other than a dwelling	9	3
Vehicle Crime	12	6
Hate crime	1	0
Assaults	5	7
Criminal Damage	11	10
Other Crime	15	16
ALL CRIME	56	48
Anti-Social Behaviour	46	31

There had been some serious crimes committed targeting expensive cars in the area. It was thought that the offenders were from West Yorkshire and was a Pendle wide problem. As reported at the last meeting there was still a problem with speeding cars through Bracewell.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a letter be sent to the Divisional Commander asking him to ensure that sufficient divisional resources were in place to target the people committing these serious crimes.
- (2) That the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership be asked to put in place a mobile speed camera on the road through Bracewell.
- (3) That County Council be asked to make arrangements to include the road through Bracewell in the schedule for Speed Indicator Devices.

86. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding appeals for information. Since the report was written 3 appeals had been allowed, the first one with costs, as follows –

17/0001/OUT

17/0013/AP/REFUSE Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for residential development (0.42 hectares) (Access Only) at Land To The West of Birtwistle Court, Kelbrook Road, Barnoldswick

16/0617/FUL

17/0014/AP/REFUSE Appeal against refusal of planning permission for demolition of ambulance station and erection of nine dwelling house, four semi-detached with access off Brogden View and five detached accessed off Brogden Lane

16/0597/OUT

17/0007/AP/REFUSE Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for erection of twenty dwelling houses and construction of access road form

Greenberfield Lane (Access, Layout and Scale) (Re-Submission) at Land At The Junction With Greenberfield Lane Gisburn Road Barnoldswick

(b) Application for Works to Protected Trees – St Michael’s Church, Bracewell

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report seeking permission for the removal of protected trees at St Michael’s Church, Bracewell.

The Committee were keen to retain the lime tree and 2 sycamore trees to the west of the main entrance and it was suggested that this was possible if the wall was built out slightly and reinforced with concrete, like the section of the wall that had been rebuilt 20 years ago with no subsequent problems.

RESOLVED

That the decision on the proposed removal of protected trees at St Michael’s Church be deferred to enable the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager to seek a second opinion on a way of addressing the damage to the wall whilst retaining the lime and sycamore trees, and to have further discussions with the Parish Church, if necessary, on the outcome.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity and for the enjoyment of future generations.

87. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases as at 22nd September. It was noted that the alleged new access road at the caravan site at Lower Greenhill Farm appeared to be well used and didn’t look like it was being removed. However, it was noted from the report that the owners of the site had until 16th October to remove the unauthorised access track and that compliance would be monitored.

(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.

88. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee’s 2017/18 Capital Programme.

It was noted that approval had been given from the Council’s central revenue budget to pay for the reintroduction of the M1 bus service in 2017/18. However, payments for this service in 2016/17 had been paid out of this year’s budget and so additional funding was required as follows – Barnoldswick £428 and Earby £214.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £428 from the Barnoldswick allocation and £214 from the Earby allocation of the 2017/18 Capital Programme be allocated for payment made in this financial year for the reintroduction of the M1 bus service in 2016/17.
- (2) That £1,194 be deallocated from the Barnoldswick table for the lighting on Walmsgate Car Park Improvement Scheme, as it was no longer required.
- (3) That the Cemetery Road Car Park allocation of £3000 that had mistakenly been entered twice in the report be corrected.

REASON

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

89. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT – BANCROFT MILL, BARNOLDSWICK

The Strategic Director submitted a letter from the Bancroft Mill Engine Trust about its financial situation following the commencement of highway drainage charges in 2012 at a rate of about £1200 per year, and their efforts and the support of Andrew Stephenson MP to have the charges removed or reduced. The outstanding sum now stood at £7,200 and the Trust was being threatened with its water supply disconnected over non-payment.

Also attached was the Council Leader's reply suggesting the Trust approach Barnoldswick Town Council and this area committee for any funding that might be available.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Andrew Stephenson MP be asked to look into the possibility of changing legislation so that small charities such as Bancroft Mill would be given a dispensation from paying highway drainage charges.
- (2) That, provided the arrears were cleared, and if it was still found to be necessary, an agreement be given in principle that some funds in the Committee's Capital Programme be set aside in future years towards the Mill's highway drainage charges.
- (3) That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked if the Tourism Budget could cover the cost of clearing the arrears of the Mill's highway drainage charges.

REASON

To try to ensure that this valuable tourist attraction and heritage asset remains open to the public.

90. PRIVATE STREET LEGISLATION: MOSS SIDE, BARNOLDSWICK

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report to clarify the highway status for Moss Side. Some of the contractor's workers had been using Moss Side as a point of access to the adjacent development site and residents wanted clarification as to whether there was public access to Moss Side.

It was noted that according to Lancashire County Council's records, Moss Side was classed as unadopted highway. However, it appeared that the second part of Moss Side (B-C on the plan attached to the report) was a private street and not a highway.

RESOLVED

That residents of Moss Side approach County Council to establish whether highway rights existed on Moss side between points B and C on the plan attached to the report.

REASON

To clarify whether Moss Side was for public use.

91. REDIFFUSION CABLES IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE

Unfortunately initial discussions with a local firm to remove the Rediffusion cables in Barnoldswick Town Centre had not progressed, but it was understood that LITE, the company which installed Festive decorations for the Council, had a cherry picker and might be able to undertake the work.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to seek costings from LITE to remove the 2 potentially dangerous sections of Rediffusion cables in Barnoldswick Town Centre, with the intention of funding the necessary work from the Capital Programme.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

92. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

The Vice- Chairman reported back on the first meeting of the Uniroyal Global Liaison Working Group meeting which had been held the previous evening. The residents were pleased to note that the company expected to have the go-ahead for the thermal oxidiser in the next week. They would then be able to apply for the relevant planning permission. It was noted that the Environmental Health Team had not been able to carry out any independent testing of noise levels, but was hoping to hire the necessary equipment shortly. Another meeting would be scheduled in early December to see what progress had been made.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to advise interested parties of the name of the phthalate in the plasticiser, as requested at the last meeting, and to arrange for the Council's own noise survey at the earliest opportunity.

REASON

In the interests of public health and amenity.

93. DISPOSAL OF SITES FOR HOUSING

Members were asked to put forward any comments they had on the disposal of sites in Aspen Grove, Bailey Street and Red Lion Street for housing in Earby, which had been discussed at the last Executive meeting.

A separate meeting was being held on 20th October with Earby Town Council, members of this Committee and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council to discuss potential housing/commercial sites more generally in Earby.

RESOLVED

That the Executive be informed that the Committee agree with Earby Town Council's objection to the disposal of Aspen Grove, Bailey Street and Red Lion Street sites for housing in Earby; that where possible brownfield sites be built on first; and, that the options for potential housing/commercial sites be looked at more closely at the 20th October meeting.

REASON

To ensure the development of Earby is planned and well thought-out for the benefit of local residents and businesses.

94. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

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

95. GLEN COTTAGE, BARNOLDSWICK

It was reported that the Head of Legal Services had written to the Solicitor dealing with Glen Cottage and an update would be reported to a future meeting.

Chairman.....