

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY
ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2017**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

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

Police

*PC M. Lunney
PCSO Alisa Gill*

Officers Present

N. Watson

*Planning, Building Control and Licensing
Services Manager, Pendle Borough Council
(PBC) & Area Co-ordinator
Committee Administrator, PBC*

J. Eccles

(Apologies were received from C. Tennant.)



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

<i>Darrell Pilkington</i>	<i>Application for Works to Protected Trees – St Michael’s Church, Bracewell</i>	<i>Minute No. 100(c)</i>
<i>Ian Longstaff Anthony Doe Daniel Hirst</i>	<i>Uniroyal Global</i>	<i>Minute No. 104</i>

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

97. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

98. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3rd October 2017, be approved as a correct record.

99. POLICE AND CRIME ISSUES

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

	2016	2017
Burglary in a dwelling	3	3
Burglary other than a dwelling	1	8
Vehicle Crime	4	3
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	10	10
Criminal Damage	6	5
Other Crime	12	21
ALL CRIME	36	50
Anti-Social Behaviour	45	34

It was noted that a teenager had been arrested in connection with damage at the Butts. Members pointed out areas of anti-social behaviour activity in Earby.

There was a discussion about Police presence in the Town and the fact that some officers had additional duties which took them away from “the beat”. Pc Lunney said he would raise this issue with Sergeant Hitchen.

Prior to the meeting the Committee had been sent a response from Sergeant Hitchen about their concerns raised at the last meeting about sufficient divisional resources being in place to target the people committing serious crime in the area.

RESOLVED

That Sergeant Hitchen be thanked for his detailed response to the Committee following the concerns raised at the last meeting.

100. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To be determined

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

17/0508/HHO Full: Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension at 1 Long Green, Earby for Mr I. Brown

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that amended plans had been received showing the reconfiguration of the door out of the garage and the addition of a cycle store.

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: Drawing No: A1 2512 002 Elevations and Sections as Proposed, A1 2512 002 Floor Plan and Roof Plan as Proposed.

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. No deliveries shall be made before 9:00am and after 3:00pm to avoid conflict with traffic (vehicular or pedestrian) attending the local primary school and/or entering/leaving the estate.

Reason: 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 residential development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the 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.

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

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report that had been deferred from the last meeting seeking permission for the removal of protected trees at St Michael’s Church, Bracewell to preserve the boundary wall. At the last meeting a local resident from the village, who had many years’ experience in the construction industry, and who had rebuilt another part of the wall, suggested that there was a way to address the damage to the wall whilst retaining the lime and sycamore trees. This would be a cheaper option for the church and would mean that the trees wouldn’t need to be felled. Unfortunately it had not been possible in the time for the Principal Environment Officer to look at an alternative approach, and the Church wanted a quick solution.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the 2 ash trees on the north west corner of the site be removed.
- (2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager meet with all interested parties to try to find a mutually acceptable solution for preserving the boundary wall whilst retaining the lime and 2 sycamore trees and for a report to come back to the next meeting for formal approval.

REASON

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

101. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

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

RESOLVED

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

- (1) Ensure that the access track at Lower Greenhill Farm had been removed.
- (2) Explore the option for serving a Community Protection Notice on the owners of 75 Rainhall Road in view of the condition of the property which was attracting vermin which was distressing for the neighbours.
- (3) Contact the agents of the development at Long Ing Lane about the traffic lights which seemed to be out of action a lot of the time, and if necessary, contact LCC

(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.

102. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the uncommitted balance for the 2017/18 Capital Programme was £3,770: Barnoldswick £2,139 and Earby £1,631.

There was a request that money be taken out of the Bracewell and Brogden Meeting Fund, as in previous years, to pay for the erection of the church star in Bracewell.

RESOLVED

That £200 be taken from the Bracewell and Brogden Meeting Fund to pay for the erection of the church star in the village.

REASON

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

103. REDIFFUSION CABLES IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager had contacted Lite and asked for a price to remove dangerous redundant Rediffusion cables in two locations on Frank Street towards the junction with Ellis Street and at the end of Albert Road at the junction with New Road. This would be reported to the next meeting.

104. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

An incident report on Uniroyal Global, Grove Street Mill for the last month, compiled by local resident, Ian Longstaff, had been circulated prior to the meeting. He attended the meeting, presented the report and answered questions. The main points in his report were that there had been one incident of plasticiser fallout on Thursday 2nd November and cars cleaned. Odours had been noted on 3-4 occasions in still conditions. There had not been any significant reduction in noise levels. EH had carried out a noise survey and the equipment was collected Monday 6th November. There had been levels recorded in excess of WHO guidelines. Uniroyal Had still not commissioned their noise survey. The finance for the purchase of the RTO had been approved although the order had not been placed yet.

A verbal update was also given on Environmental Health's monitoring of the emissions and noise. EH would be taking a sample of the emissions on Thursday 9th November. EH confirmed that the noise levels were significantly exceeding world health organisation guidelines and would need to be addressed by the company. Although the company anticipated that noise levels would reduce following the installation of the RTO, there was no guarantee. Residents hoped that ventilation could be improved and taken through the north of the building when the RTO was installed.

The second meeting of the Working Group had been arranged for 4th December.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to meet with residents and the Environmental Health Manager on site to review progress and consider future works prior to the next working group meeting on 4th December.

REASON

In the interests of public health and amenity.

105. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

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

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Democratic and Legal Manager be authorised and instructed to issue a further Section 79 notice requiring Gospel Hall to be either repaired or demolished.

- (2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to remove the Wardle Storeys buildings from the problem buildings list.

106. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

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

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

107. GLEN COTTAGE, BARNOLDSWICK

The solicitor dealing with the executors of the estate had confirmed that the estate was in probate and it was unlikely that any money would be spent on improving the appearance of the property until probate had been granted.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to discuss the matter with the Head of Legal Services to see what action could be taken and suggested that the solicitor be informed that the Council was minded to take action.

Chairman.....