

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 11th JANUARY, 2018**

PRESENT –

Councillor G. Waugh (Chairman in the chair)

Councillors

*N. Butterworth
D. Clegg
S. E. Cockburn-Price
M. S. Foxley
D. E. Lord
N. T. McCollum
J. A. Nixon
S. Petty
G. Roach
P. White*

Co-optees

Officers in attendance:

<i>Peter Atkinson</i>	<i>Neighbourhood Services Manager and Area Co-Ordinator</i>
<i>Neil Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager</i>
<i>Jane Watson</i>	<i>Head of Democratic Services</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Cooney and A. R. Greaves).



130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

Councillor S. E. Cockburn-Price declared a pecuniary interest in minute numbers 135(a) (planning application 17/0644/FUL at Heyroyd Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne) and 135(c) (application for works to protected trees at Heyroyd, Skipton Old Road, Colne).

131. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Alison French, a resident from Colne, expressed her concern at the increase in the number of potholes on adopted roads in the town. She was aware that this was a County Council function and asked why Colne had not been allocated any of the £5 million street repair fund and she asked the Committee to support the residents of Colne in pressurising the County Council into properly supporting the maintenance of Colne's roads. In response the Chairman said that the local County Councillors were aware of the situation and they had already met with the Leader of the County Council and asked that this issue be dealt with as a priority and funding be allocated appropriately. He said officers were working to repair the potholes but were also investigating ways to improve the repairs to ensure they did not deteriorate as was currently the problem.

John Barker, also a resident from Colne, expressed concern that the grit bins were not being replenished and he also questioned whether the gritting routes were the right ones. He was concerned that Spring Lane and Stanley Street were gritted but Derby Street (where there were two nurseries) wasn't. Mr. Barker asked that the Committee raise this issue with the County Council as a matter of urgency. The Chairman explained that Mr. Barker's concerns would be passed onto the County but a resolution at the last Council meeting in December had asked for an urgent meeting to be held with the County Council regarding gritting issues.

Sue Bryant-Sharples made reference to a planning application at the former Northern Polytunnels site in Colne. She was concerned that work had started on site prior to the application being submitted and raised a number of issues relating to the planning process. In response the Planning, Building, Control and Licensing Services Manager said it was premature to discuss the application prior to it being submitted to Committee for consideration. Ms. Bryant-Sharples was advised that she would have an opportunity to express her views at a future meeting of the Committee.

132. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

133. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Winter provided an update on Police activity over the past few months. He explained that the festive period had been very busy with unprecedented demand on Police time but he was confident that things were settling down. A number of operational issues had included human trafficking, suspected brothels and an increase in the illegal sale of cigarettes. Three drugs warrants had been executed and anti-social driving had been targeted. There had also been significant issues with shoplifting and the Police were working with the courts to target prolific and repeat offenders. The Police were also planning to visit vulnerable shops/stores to help prevent any further shoplifting.

Young people riding their bikes without lights and weaving in and out of traffic in the town had also been targeted. Warnings had been given and a £30 fixed penalty notice had been served on one individual. The Committee were advised that three similar burglaries had been carried out which had resulted in Audi cars being stolen. Investigations were ongoing but it was thought that the perpetrators were from West Yorkshire.

The Committee were advised that the drink driving campaign over the festive period had resulted in the detection of a high number of offences. Although he did not have the figures with him Inspector Winter said there had not been a reduction in this type of offence. He agreed to forward these figures onto the Committee along with the number of drug related driving offences.

Inspector Winter advised that the Police were aiming to recruit 400 new officers over the next two years. There had been however, three new Community Beat Officers and five PCSO's appointed in the Nelson area. There was still a vacancy for a PCSO in the Boulsworth and Foulridge wards but Inspector Winter assured the Committee it was his intention that this post be filled.

134. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

135. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on planning applications to be determined as follows:-

17/0589/FUL Full: Major: Demolition of health centre (Use Class D1) and construction of mixed use building comprising of 4 no. retail units (Use Class A1) and 11 no. 2 and 1 bed apartments (Use Class C3) at the former Colne Health Centre and Pharmacy, Richmond Court/Market Street, Colne for PEARL2

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred pending discussions on an alternative design.

(Councillor S. E. Cockburn-Price declared a precuniary interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting during discussion).

17/0644/FUL Full: Conversion of existing agricultural building into two dwellings, with associated parking and landscaping and demolition of existing Dutch barn at Heyroyd Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne for C. Malik and G. Preston

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred pending a site visit.

(b) Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the following appeal had been invalidated:-

17/0599/FUL Appeal against non-determination of planning application for change of use
17/0021/AP/NONDET to private garage at land to the west of 2 to 26 Hawley Street/Khyber Street,
Colne

(Councillor S. E. Cockburn-Price declared a precuniary interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting during discussion).

(c) Application for works to protected trees at Heyroyd, Skipton Old Road, Colne

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report following receipt of an application for works to protected trees at the above property. This application was before Committee as the applicant was a Councillor.

The proposal was to remove some dead or damaged trees, remove some branches to make safe and to plant two Hazel trees which would mitigate the loss of two Beech trees. The intention was that the works would help to restore the kitchen garden back to its original condition.

RESOLVED

That the application be approved subject to the following conditions and reasons:

1. The works hereby consented shall consist only of those detailed in the application, as qualified by these conditions, and shall be completed in their entirety.
Reason: To ensure the continued protection of the trees.
2. All works shall be carried out by an appropriately experienced, qualified and insured tree surgeon.
Reason: To ensure high standards of tree care are maintained, promoting healthy, safe trees that continue to provide amenity and ecological value to the area and/or site.
3. All works shall be carried out so as to conform to British Standard 3998:2010, Tree Works – Recommendations.
Reason: To ensure high standards of tree care are maintained, promoting healthy, safe trees that continue to provide amenity and ecological value to the area and/or site.
4. If, within a period of two years from the completion of the development any of the trees or shrubs planted in accordance with the conditions, or any tree or shrub planted as a replacement for any of these trees or shrubs, is cut down, felled, uprooted, removed, or destroyed, or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the Council, seriously damaged or defected:
 - (a) The Council shall be notified as soon as reasonably practicable.
 - (b) Another tree or shrub of the same size and species shall be planted at the same Location, at a time agreed in writing by the Council.

Unless the Council agrees in writing to dispense with or vary the requirement.

Reason: To ensure high standards of tree care are maintained, promoting healthy, safe trees that continue to provide amenity and ecological value to the area and/or site.

136. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Outstanding enforcements

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

(b) Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

(c) Hubbs House Farm, Collne

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the court had served Mr. Allison of Hubbs House Farm a fine of £9,000 for the tipping of waste on land at Delves Lane,

Colne. He had also been served with an order to remediate the land and remove any waste by 30th June, 2018 otherwise he would be in contempt of court. Mr. Allison had also been fined £4,000 with £5,000 costs for unauthorised activities at Hubbs House Farm, Colne and he had been given three months to clear the site. The County Council were in the process of obtaining counsels opinion for an injunction regarding remediation works to the farm.

(d) Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Lane, Colne

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised the Committee that no further complaints had been received.

137. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report on the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018/19. The Committee were asked to consider its base budget for this period, identify any options for budget reductions and pass on any comments to the Executive.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

REASON

To continue the implementation of the Council's Financial Strategy and to inform the development of the Council's budget for 2018/19.

138. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's Capital Programme for 2017/18 was £2,410.

A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

139. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Plaque to commemorate the Millennium – Yew Tree at Colne Parish Church

Committee were advised that to mark the Millennium a yew tree had been planted in the grounds at Colne Parish Church. The tree was 'unmarked' and it was suggested that a plaque be erected to commemorate when it was planted. Councillor Butterworth said he would arrange for this to be done.

140. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem buildings in the area. Committee were advised that work had started on the Oak Mill site and therefore it was suggested that this be removed from the list.

RESOLVED

(1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Oak Mill site on Skipton Road, Colne be removed from the list.

REASON

The site was no longer considered to be a 'problem site'.

141. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on environmental blight sites in the area.

**142. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF THE
PENDLE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Pendle Community Safety Partnership held on 7th December, 2017 were submitted for information.

143. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had been requested by this Committee and reports would be submitted to a future meeting:

Former Tower Ballroom and Sugar Hut, Keighley Road, Colne (06.07.2017)
Former Job Centre, 80 Market Street, Colne (07.12.2017)

Chairman _____