

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

*PRESENT –*

**Councillors**

*M. Adams  
M. S. Goulthorp  
K. Hartley  
M. Horsfield  
J. Purcell  
D. M. Whipp  
T. Whipp*

**Co-optees**

*D. Haigh  
G. Wilson*

**Police**

*Insp A. Winter*

**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 Councillors C. Teall and R. E. Carroll.)*



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

*Ian Longstaff*

*Uniroyal Global*

*Item No. 12*

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor D. M. Whipp be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

*Councillor D. M. Whipp – Chairman (In the Chair)*

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor K. Hartley be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES**

**RESOLVED**

That all West Craven Parish and Town Councils, including the Bracewell and Brogden Parish meeting, be invited to nominate co-optees to the Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A resident from Barnoldswick asked if the Committee agreed that the recent reinstatement of Councillor Carroll was a disgrace.

The Chairman explained that the reinstatement of Councillor Carroll was a decision made by the Conservative party. Full Council in October 2017 had suspended her membership of all Committees except the area committee for 12 months. The area committee could only deal with local issues, and this matter did not qualify as business for the meeting.

**6. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, be approved as a correct record.

**7. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

Inspector A. Winter presented the crime figures for April and answered related questions. There were some questions about specific crimes which he said he would look into and respond by email. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2018</b>
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Commercial	4
Vehicle Crime	4
Hate Crime	0
Assaults	18
Theft	9
Criminal Damage/Arson	7
Other Crime	14
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>56</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	29

He gave a general update on recent Police work in the area and where resources had been targeted including crimes detected, arrests and cases of restorative justice.

Members highlighted issues of concern, including anti-social behaviour in Valley Gardens, vandalism in Earby, and dangerous driving on the Coates Estate, Church Street and in Barnoldswick Town Centre.

It was noted that in the past the Committee would highlight community concerns and ask the Police to give them priority in the coming month and report back to the next meeting. This had worked well and the Committee was keen to reinstate this reporting system. Inspector Winter

confirmed that if community policing priorities were presented to the Police at future meetings then they would be looked at.

A local resident asked what provision the Police were making for the Bands on the Square event at the weekend. Some older people were finding the large number of people intimidating and last year there had been some instances of anti-social behaviour. She suggested that the event had become too big. Inspector Winter assured her that there would be a strong Police presence over the weekend as they wanted to avoid any disruptive behaviour. The Police had met the organisers of the event and been involved in its planning. In contrast to previous years, the consumption of alcohol would be restricted. No-one would be allowed to enter the Square with pre-bought alcohol.

The Chairman added that the number of people supporting the event was an indication of how popular the event had become and that this was good for the town. It was unfortunate that there had been some bad behaviour last year. It was hoped that controlling where drink could be purchased, would make for a better event.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That Inspector Winter and his team be thanked for their hard work in policing the area.
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Policing Team be informed of the following community policing priorities for the coming month –
  - Anti-social behaviour in parks
  - Dangerous driving
  - Victory Park – recurrent problem with racing cars, litter, damage to grass, drug-related issues

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Planning applications**

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

**18/0137/FUL Full: Change of use from retail (Use Class A1) to mixed use retail with hot food takeaway (Use Class A1 and A5) and installation of flue to rear at 7-9 Colne Road Earby for Sukhraj Singh**

## **RESOLVED**

That the planning application 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: Proposed Side Elevations 01 (Drawing Number 1), Proposed Elevations

(Drawing Number 5 – Amendment A), Proposed Floor Plan and Roof Plan (Drawing Number 6 – Amendment C) and Proposed Floor Plan Class Use Areas (Drawing Number 7).

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

3. Prior to the commencement of external works, details of the materials to be used for the extraction duct including colour samples shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

**Reason:** To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

4. Prior to the commencement of development on site, a scheme for the fumes, vapours and odours (including grease and carbon filters) to be extracted and discharged from the premises shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented in full accordance with the approved scheme prior to opening for business and shall thereafter be maintained in efficient working order.

**Reason:** In order to ensure that odours outside the premises are minimised in the interests of residential amenity.

5. Prior to the commencement of development on site, a scheme for the sound installation of odour control equipment shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented in full accordance with the approved scheme prior to opening for business and shall thereafter be maintained in efficient working order.

**Reason:** In the interests of residential amenity.

6. The premises shall not be open for customers or any other person not employed within the business operating from the site outside the hours of 06.00 and 23.00 hours Monday - Sunday (including Bank Holidays).

**Reason:** In the interests of residential amenity.

7. The floor area of the A5 (Hot Food Takeaway) use shall be restricted to a maximum of 20 square meters (as defined on Drawing Number 7) and shall not be increased at any time without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** In order to preserve the viability and viability of Earby Town Centre.

## **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 proposal is acceptable in terms of design and materials and would not unduly adversely impact on amenity. 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 about outstanding planning appeals in West Craven which was noted.

**9. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

**(a) Outstanding**

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

**(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.

**10. REVISED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018/19 CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report on the revised arrangements for the funding of Area Committee Capital Programmes in 2018/19 and sought approval of a process to ensure that only bids of a capital nature were funded during the year.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the change made to the funding of Area Committee Capital Programmes in 2018/19 be acknowledged.
- (2) That the implications for the Committee's allocation of its Capital Programme during the year be noted.
- (3) That the process for the submission and approval of bids as set out in paragraph 14 of the report be agreed.

**REASON**

***To ensure the Committee is aware of the change in how the Area Committee's Capital Programmes are funded, together with the implications arising from this in 2018/19.***

**11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2018/19 Capital Programme was £29,267 – Barnoldswick £17,166 and Earby £12,101. There was 1 new bid as follows –

Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council – Improvements to Christmas Decorations £1,000

**RESOLVED**

That £1,000 from the Earby allocation of the 2018/19 Capital Programme be granted to Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council for improvements to Christmas decorations.

**REASON**

***To enable the capital programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.***

**12. UNIROYAL GLOBAL**

The Committee was informed that two Abatement Notices had been served on Uniroyal Global on 25<sup>th</sup> April: one to abate the noise nuisance and one to abate the nuisance caused by the plasticiser fallout. The compliance dates for the notices were as follows –

30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to abate the noise nuisance  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to abate the plasticiser fallout

There had been a number of further instances with plasticiser fall-out affecting cars and one occasion of it falling on a children's playground. The playground incident had been flagged up with Earby Town Council as it was thought that one of the phthalate's compounds was restricted in the use of children's products.

There was also concern that the acoustic shed being built to address the noise issues was behind a MUGA, and that any fumes would be coming out at ground level onto the MUGA.

The next meeting of the Uniroyal Global/Residents Working Group was on 15<sup>th</sup> May. These issues and progress on the improvement works would be discussed at this meeting. It was noted that membership of the Working Group had been extended to 5 residents, following an increase of 5 to 51 members of the Residents' Group.

**RESOLVED**

That progress be noted and further discussed at a further meeting of the Uniroyal Global/Residents Working Group on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**REASON**

***In the interests of public health and amenity.***

**13. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for 1st January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 in West Craven (including spend on litter/ dog waste bins) along with the totals for 2017/18, which was noted.

**14. PROBLEM BUILDINGS**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report about problem buildings in West Craven. He gave a further update at the meeting on progress at the buildings at Albert Hartley Yard.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to submit a separate report on work at Albert Hartley Yard at the next meeting.

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

**15. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: 2017/18 SUMMARY**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Manager submitted a report on the Premises Improvement Grant scheme in 2017/18 in West Craven. Members were asked to consider granting further funds for 2018/19 and to nominate at least 2 members to be on a Premises Improvement Grant Panel.

It was noted that there was still £9,129 left unspent in the Barnoldswick allocation and £1,685 in the Earby allocation for Premises Improvement Grants from funds allocated in previous years.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That £1,315 be approved for Premises Improvement Grants from the Earby allocation of the 2018/19 Capital Programme but no further funding be provided from the Barnoldswick allocation of the 2018/19 Capital Programme.
- (2) That the following members be appointed to a Premises Improvement Grant Panel -

Barnoldswick  
Earby

Councillors D. M. Whipp and M. Adams  
Councillors M. S. Goulthorp and R. E. Carroll

**REASON**

1. *To allow the Premises Improvement Grant programme to continue.*
2. *To allow Member to have a greater involvement in the allocation of Premises Improvement Grants.*

**16. VACANT HOUSES**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report about the management of vacant houses in West Craven. Members noted that the actions over the last 12 months had resulted in 514 long term vacant properties being removed from the list across the Borough, with 80 of these properties in West Craven.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the officers in Housing, Health and Environmental Health Services working on bringing empty properties back into use be thanked for their hard work over the last year.
- (2) That the Committee receive a further update in six months' time.

**REASON**

*To keep the Committee up to date with the management of vacant houses in their area.*

17.

**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) Land at Earlham Street/Chapel Square & Land at Red Lion Street, Earby – survey of residents (27/3/18)

*Chairman*.....