

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY  
ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**

*PRESENT –  
D. M. Whipp (Chairman – in the Chair)*

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

*D. Haigh  
J. Mills  
C. Pollard  
G. Wilson*

**Police**

*PC M. Lunney  
Sgt T. Hitchen*

**Officers Present**

*P. Atkinson  
K. Hughes*

*Neighbourhood Services Manager  
Principal Development Management  
Officer  
Committee Administrator, PBC*

*J. Eccles*

*(Apologies were received from Cllr M. S. Goulthorp.)*



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

<i>Mike O'Brien Amanda Oakden Janice Garnett Bryce Greenwood David Beresford</i>	<i>18/0362/FUL – Full: Major: Erection of 34 dwellinghouses with associated access roads, car parking, open space, landscaping and other associated works with vehicular access via Beckside at Land to the east of Beckside, Beckside, Salterforth</i>	<i>Minute No. 47(a)</i>
<i>Ian Longstaff</i>	<i>Uniroyal Global</i>	<i>Minute No.50</i>
<i>Jeff Smith Paul Hanson Nathan Brown</i>	<i>Land at Earlham Street/Chapel Square, Earby</i>	<i>Minute No.52</i>

**43.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**44.**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A resident from Salterforth asked if there were any plans to plant up the wild borders at the side of the road between Salterforth and Kelbrook, which she said were looking awful. The Chairman

explained that last year the Barnoldswick in Bloom Group had planted the verges with wild flowers to attract bees and butterflies. In the first year there had been lots of annuals and a good display whereas this year had produced a different mix of plants. At the end of the season the plants would be mowed off. The BIB group would then decide whether to reseed the verges or do something different. He said he would pass on her comments to the group.

A resident from Sykes Close, Salterforth complained about speeding cars in a 20mph zone and asked what was being done to enforce the speed limit. He also complained about street equipment being knocked down at the junction with Earby which hadn't been reinstated. The Chairman explained that neither of these complaints were the responsibility of this Committee. However, he said he would chase the reinstatement of signs and bollards with County Council. Speeding vehicles was then discussed more generally under Police and Community Safety Issues.

A resident from the top of Klondyke said that following a vehicle crashing into his fence a horse crossing road sign had been knocked down at the entrance to Mucky Lane. He asked if this could be reinstated at the earliest opportunity as this was a highway safety issue. The Chairman said that he would ask the Neighbourhood Services Manager to arrange for this to be done as soon as possible.

**45. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, be approved as a correct record.

**46. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

Sgt Hitchen presented the crime figures for July and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Burglary - Residential	5	1
Burglary - Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	4	2
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	14	23
Theft	12	9
Criminal Damage/Arson	13	7
Other Crime	5	18
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	33	36

In view of residents' concerns about speeding vehicles Sgt Hitchen explained the role of the Police and the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership on speed enforcement. Whilst the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership did not enforce 20mph zones with static vans, the public could request for speed enforcement to be carried out at a particular site and if it was confirmed that there was a history of accidents and speeding problems and it was safe to carry out mobile enforcement at the location, then it could be included in the enforcement programme. It was noted that the newer, slightly larger speed enforcement vehicles were capable of detecting more offences by operating from the front and the back.

With regard to speeding cars around Sykes Close, the Chairman asked the Neighbourhood Services Manager to request County Council to install a large 20mph zone street sign to reinforce the speed limit in that area. It was noted that Salterforth Parish Council had asked County Council to designate the other side of Salterforth near The Anchor as a 20mph zone. The Neighbourhood Services Manager said he would check with County Council to see what progress had been made.

The Chairman asked the Police for their views on reinstating the shop radio scheme which was set up some years ago alongside the CCTV and if they would participate in such a scheme. The Town Council was undertaking a survey of the Town Centre shop keepers before acquiring the necessary licence and to redistribute radio hand-sets where necessary. Sgt Hitchen said that in principle he had no objection to the scheme, although he suggested it might be easier and cheaper to set up a Whats App group.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Policing Team be informed that the community policing priorities for August be the same as previous months and include –

- Patrolling the car parks at Walmsgate, Victory Park and the back of the Football Club in Barnoldswick to combat anti-social behaviour and the dealing and taking of drugs
- Patrolling Wilkinson Mount in Earby following reports of large groups of youths gathering there and being disruptive.

## **47. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Planning applications for determination**

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

**18/0362/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 34 dwellinghouses with associated access roads, car parking, open space, landscaping and other associated works with vehicular access via Beckside at Land to the east of Beckside, Beckside, Salterforth for DDK Estates Limited and Seddon Homes Limited**

*(A site visit was undertaken prior to the meeting.)*

*(Before the vote was taken, the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be refused there would be a significant risk of costs in the event of an appeal. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee).*

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting two further comments from neighbours; responses from the Lead Local Flood Authority and Yorkshire Water; and confirmation that they would undertake the requirements for the amended education and NHS commuted sums requested. The applicant had also provided an updated layout plan which was circulated at the meeting. The update proposed 1 new and 4 amended conditions.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

(1) That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

- Ribbon development
  - Not sustainable development
  - Lack of infrastructure including adequate drainage/sewage disposal
  - Impact on landscape
  - Salterforth has already achieved more than its share of housing numbers
- (2) That Policy and Resources Committee be asked to determine the application at a separate meeting in Barnoldswick.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that there were was one outstanding appeal as follows -

<i>17/0691/OUT</i>	<i>Appeal against refusal of planning permission for Outline: Major:</i>
<i>18/0005/AP/REFUSE</i>	<i>Erection of up to 10 dwelling houses (Access only) (Re-Submission) at Land off Cob Lane and Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook</i>

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

**(a) Outstanding**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases for information. Members were concerned about the alleged breach of Condition 15 (Hours of construction work on site) at the site of Silentnight Holdings Plc in Salterforth and the impact this was having on residents. It was noted that at the 5<sup>th</sup> June meeting Members had resolved that the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to pursue the Compulsory Purchase of Glen Cottage, Barnoldswick as soon as possible, but no action appeared to have been taken.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to take necessary enforcement action following any breach of Condition 15 at Silentnight Holdings Plc, Salterforth.
- (2) That the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to pursue the Compulsory Purchase of Glen Cottage, Barnoldswick as soon as possible.

**(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.

**49. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2018/19 Capital Programme. The report included details of a bid from Salterforth Parish Council seeking £1,000 towards 6 barrier flower troughs to enhance the village.

**RESOLVED**

That £1,000 be awarded to Salterforth Parish Council from the Earby allocation of the 2018/19 Capital Programme for the provision of 6 barrier flower troughs.

**REASON**

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

**50. UNIROYAL GLOBAL**

Members of the Uniroyal Global Residents Working Group attended the meeting and gave an update following the most recent meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Whilst work was progressing, residents still had concerns. Mainly that the Environmental Health Team needed to undertake its noise baseline survey in the next week (ideally for 24 hours) before work started on the installation of the RTO; that the recent odours being reported on Grove Street might not be covered by the emissions notice; and that the complaints made to the Council about the odours were not being properly logged.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the note of the last Working Group meeting, circulated by email earlier in the day, be noted.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to undertake a baseline noise level survey in the next week, prior to work commencing on the installation of the RTO; that complaints about odours be noted; and an odour survey be undertaken, at a time of day when residents said there was a problem.

**REASON**

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

**51. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 along with the totals for 2017/18. It was noted that in this first quarter no fixed penalty notices had been issued, which was disappointing.

**RESOLVED**

That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to deal appropriately with littering (mainly cigarette butts) outside the betting shop in Fernlea Avenue, Barnoldswick and in the car parks at Walmsgate, north of Victory Park and in Victory Park.

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

**52. LAND AT EARLHAM STREET/CHAPEL SQUARE, EARBY**

The Chief Executive submitted a report with options and costings for converting the land on Chapel Square off Earlham Street to car parking using “grass concrete”, following a request from a local resident.

Several residents came to the meeting to object to the proposal saying they would prefer to retain the green space than have it used for car parking. They thought there was plenty of parking space on Red Lion Street. It was also reported that there were bodies buried there from when the site was a Baptist chapel.

**RESOLVED**

That the request to convert the green space on land at Earlham Street/Chapel Square into car parking spaces be refused and no further action taken.

**REASON**

*There was not a consensus of opinion amongst residents.*

**53. STEPS OFF EARBY ROAD TO MOORVIEW, SALTERFORTH**

*(Councillor K. Hartley declared a personal interest in this item which was not a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.)*

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that a quotation for £240 had been obtained to rebuild the damaged section of the retaining wall at the steps off Earby Road to Moorview in Salterforth. It was noted that there was no handrail on the steps, which residents, particularly elderly residents would find helpful.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to find the necessary funds to repair the retaining wall at the steps off Earby Road to Moorview in Salterforth and erect a handrail.

**REASON**

*For the benefit of local residents and in the interests of public safety.*

**54. 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) Sett paving on Ellis Street and Frank Street, Barnoldswick (2/7/2018)

Chairman.....