**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF**

**WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT**

**THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK**

**ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2018**

*PRESENT –*

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

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| ***Councillors*** | ***Co-optees*** | ***Police*** |
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| *M. Adams* | *D. Haigh* | *PCSO N. Wallin* |
| *R. E. Carroll* | *J. Mills* |  |
| *K. Hartley* | *G. Wilson* |  |
| *M. Horsfield* |  |  |
| *J. Purcell* |  |  |
| *C. Teall* |  |  |
| *T. Whipp* |  |  |
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| ***Officers Present*** |  |  |
| *N. Watson* | *Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager* |  |
| *J. Eccles* | *Committee Administrator, PBC* |  |

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

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

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| *Ian Longstaff* | *Uniroyal Global* | *Minute No.87* |

**80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**81. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**82. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 2nd October 2018, be approved as a correct record.

**83. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

PCSO N. Wallin presented the crime figures for October compared to the same period in 2017 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

**2017 2018**

Burglary - Residential 3 2

Burglary - Commercial 8 1

Vehicle Crime 3 4

Hate Crime 0 2

Assaults 10 17

Theft 13 8

Criminal Damage/Arson 5 18

Other Crime 8 21

**ALL CRIME 50 73**

Anti-Social Behaviour 34 25

PCSO Wallin was asked about Home Office data showing only 2 drug related offences occurring in BB18 between September 2017 and October 2018. If the statistics were correct, Members were concerned that a lot of drug-related crimes were going undetected. PCSO Wallin said that he would look into this issue and report back.

**84. 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 -

**18/0601/FUL Full: Erection of timber garden shed and attached greenhouse on domestic garden land at 23 Duxbury Street, Earby for Mr Stephen Wilkinson**

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

**RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

**1.** The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: DRG No 23 Dux DRG 1 Rev-A, DRG No 23 Dux DRG 2.

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

**2.** Prior to the commencement of any further works samples of all external materials for the roof and elevations to be used in the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out only using the approved materials.

**Reason:** The development has already commenced works and in order to protect and preserve the character and visual appearance of the building.

***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 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 reported that there were was one outstanding appeal as follows –

*18/0248/OUT Appeal against refusal of outline permission for Major:*

*18/0011/AP/REFUSE Residential Development 3.40 ha (Access only) (Re-*

*Submission) at Land to the north east of Meadow Way,*

*Skipton Road, Barnoldswick*

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

**(a)** **Outstanding**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases for information. At the meeting he reported receipt of a planning application for Horrocks House Farm, which was awaiting validation. There was concern that the development at the North Block at Wardle Storey Offices was not being progressed in accordance with the planning conditions. There was particular concern about the height of the car park and the appearance of the fire exit. Also, it was not clear whether the postal address was on Water Street or School Lane.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to add Brindley Mews to the outstanding enforcement cases and bring a separate report back on the development at Wardle Storey Offices.

**(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.

**86. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee’s 2018/19 Capital Programme was £7,962: Barnoldswick £5,666 and Earby £2,296.

**87. UNIROYAL GLOBAL**

The Chairman had received an update from Uniroyal Global on progress with implementing the improvement works, which he reported to the meeting.

The RTO was meant to be up and running with at least one coating machine connected by 31st October but unfortunately this has not happened.The main delay has been caused by the RTO manufacturer with a delay sending the Fault Diagnostic System by two weeks and some faulty parts that needed replacing. So the revised timetable for installation was now -

• Connection of S4 coating line to commission the RTO completed by 9th Nov

* Connection of S1 coating line to be completed by 23rd November.
* Connection of S2 coating line to be completed by 14th December.

Production for the Christmas period would cease 20th Dec to 2nd Jan so any secondary works would be completed over this period.

During the period of connectivity and commissioning the Begg Cousland Abatement system would still be in operation but with less throughput.

The company was confident that the timescales would be adhered to. It appreciated that residents would be disappointed with the delay but this had been out of the company’s control and they had not wanted to rush safety critical designs in order to catch up as safety was paramount to both their employees and their neighbours. The order for the Chiller system had been placed with delivery expected at the end of December.

Ian Longstaff wanted to know what Environmental Health’s response was to this delay and pointed out that the company was now in breach of notice. He said there was still an issue with odours, noise from the cooling towers and there had been 2 recent incidents of plasticiser spillage. So residents were very much hoping that this revised timetable would not slip.

**RESOLVED**

(1) That the company update be noted and the Environmental Health Team be given authority to pursue enforcement action if necessary and that Uniroyal Global be informed of this decision.

(2) That the next Uniroyal Global/Residents Working Group meeting, including a site visit, be arranged in the second half of December, after the last coating line had been connected, and before the Christmas break.

***REASON***

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

**88. PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven. It was suggested that 449 Colne Road, Kelbrook be added to the list because the property was looking very dilapidated with a derelict car to the rear of the property. Members thought that the property was vacant.

**RESOLVED**

That 449 Colne Road, Kelbrook be flagged up with the Empty Homes Officer; that it be added to the problem building list; and an update on the condition of the property and ownership be brought to the next meeting.

***REASON***

***In the interests of visual amenity.***

**89. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1st July to 30th September 2018 which was noted.

**90. SETT PAVING ON ELLIS STREET AND FRANK STREET, BARNOLDSWICK**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that, as requested, a scheme had been designed to replace the existing road surface with sett paving on sections of Ellis Street and Frank Street, at an estimated cost of £32,000. The scheme provided crossing points in smooth cobbles. A consultation exercise was also carried out with businesses and residents located in close proximity to the proposed works, with 87% of respondents in favour of a return to sett paving.

However, concerns were raised that the proposed scheme might not alleviate existing issues with inconsiderate parking in this area.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to submit revised plans and costings for an alternative scheme to provide raised crossing points only on Ellis Street and Frank Street to the next meeting.

***REASON***

***To consider the best way forward.***

**91. LLOYDS BANK, BARNOLDSWICK**

It was reported that on Monday 7th January 2019 the Lloyds Bank branch in Barnoldswick would close. The bank had asked if they could operate a mobile branch on the Wellhouse Road Car Park Barnoldswick on Tuesday and Fridays from 8th January 2019. The mobile unit would take up a maximum of 4 parking spaces and would be located in a suitable area of the car park to limit any inconvenience to current users.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to approve the mobile branch arrangements in Wellhouse Road Car Park for Lloyds Bank from the 8th January 2019 and that the terms of agreement be reported back in due course for information.

***REASON***

***1. To ensure that Lloyds Bank customers have access to a branch in Barnoldswick.***

***2. In the interests of value for money.***

**92. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Side street adjacent to 69 Park Road, Barnoldswick**

This side street was an unmade/unadopted single carriageway which connected Park Road with Upper York Street. The new occupants at the gable end of the street had raised concern about increased traffic from drivers using it as a short cut. They had asked if it was possible to install a bollard at the gable end, like the one at the other end of the street.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to discuss this issue at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting.

***REASON***

***In the interests of highway safety.***

**(b) Barnoldswick Town Square Access**

It was pointed out that one of the two bollards preventing access into Barnoldswick Town Square was missing. This was causing problems with vehicles coming onto Albert Road and parking in front of shops and on the Town Square.

**RESOLVED**

(1) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to arrange for the missing bollard on the Town Square to be replaced.

(2) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to provide costings for moveable planting containers, suitable for placing between the raised beds and the fountain at the front of the square, which could be moved when access was needed, for the Committee to consider purchasing from the Capital Programme.

***REASON***

***To prevent unnecessary access onto Barnoldswick Town Centre and to improve its visual amenity.***

*Chairman……………………………………………………..*