# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

#### PRESENT -

Councillor G. Waugh - Chairman (In the Chair)

#### **Councillors**

- N. Butterworth
- V. A. Fletcher
- M. S. Foxley
- P. Foxley
- D. E. Lord
- N. McCollum
- J. A. Nixon
- S. Petty
- G. Roach
- P. White

#### Officers in attendance

Peter Atkinson Neighbourhood Services Manager (Area Coordinator)
Neil Watson Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager

Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Cooney and A. R. Greaves and J. Dransfield (Trawden Forest Parish Council).)

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#### 135. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

# 136. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

137. MINUTES

# **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

# 138. PROGRESS REPORT

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

It was reported that works had been carried out to tidy the gardens at 15 Cuerden Street, Colne. One side of the front garden had been cleared, and the other side was much clearer. The bins had been placed back in the garden and the footpath was no longer obstructed.

## 139. POLICE ISSUES

Further to a conversation with the Chairman of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership, Councillor G. Roach advised the Committee of a change to the way in which crime statistics were being recorded.

It was noted that a new programme had been introduced through which it was difficult to extract statistics and distinguish specific areas. It was believed that this was leading to unreliable statistics being presented.

Members asked that a letter be sent to appropriate police officers expressing the concerns of the Committee.

# 140. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

# (a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning applications to be determined -

18/0808/HHO Full: Erection of two storey extension to rear at Chesswood, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Miss Lucy Phelan

#### **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: 502 2 001, 502 2 002.

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

3. Prior to the commencement of above ground works involved in the erection of the external walls of the development hereby approved samples of the external wall and roof materials and render colour and finish shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

**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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) the garage hereby approved shall be at all times available for car parking and shall not be used for any purpose that would preclude its use for parking of one car.

**Reason:** To ensure the retention of an acceptable level of off-street car parking.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) the window in the ground floor south west side elevation shall at all times be glazed in obscure glazing of an obscurity level of, or equivalent to, Pilkington Level 3 or greater. The windows shall at all times be hung in such a way so as to prevent the effect of obscure glazing being negated by way of opening. Or, a fence or wall of not less than 1.8m in height shall be erected on the south west boundary and maintained at all times thereafter in accordance with details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** To preserve the privacy of the adjacent dwelling..

#### 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 extension is acceptable in terms of design, amenity and highway safety and would acceptably preserve the significance of the Conservation Area and the openness of the Green Belt. 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) Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report which advised the Committee of two outstanding appeals.

### 141. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

#### (a) Outstanding enforcements

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

He answered a number of specific questions relating to the report. He also provided an update with regard to an ongoing issue at a property on Ruskin Avenue, Colne. He advised that the court had made a Community Protection Notice (CPN) Remedial Order which required the owner to carry out the necessary works.

#### (b) Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report, for information, which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

# (c) Hubbs House Farm, Colne

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that a multi-agency meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the ongoing issue of illegal activities being carried out at Hubbs House Farm, Colne and the land associated with it.

#### (d) Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne

There were no further issues to report with regard to the Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne.

#### 142. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2018/19 capital budget.

Reference was made to a previously approved allocation of £100 each from the horticultural projects funds of Councillors Butterworth, Cooney, Fletcher, M. Foxley, P. Foxley, Greaves, Petty and White for a replacement noticeboard for Colne Parish Church. It was reported that a further £19.85 was required from each Councillor to allow the project to go ahead.

The following Councillors also proposed to make a financial contribution from their horticultural projects fund, subject to receipt of a completed capital programme bid form, for the projects indicated –

Councillor	Project	Amount
D. Lord	Colne in Bloom	£1,666.67
M. Foxley	Raised community flower bed (Trawden in Bloom)	£1,000
P. Foxley	Willow Weaving (Trawden in Bloom)	£500
J. Nixon	Colne in Bloom	£500

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That a further allocation of £19.85 be allocated from the horticultural projects funds of Councillors Butterworth, Cooney, Fletcher, M. Foxley, P. Foxley, Greaves, Petty and White to allow the noticeboard for Colne Parish Church to be replaced.
- (2) That the proposals for financial contributions from individual Councillor's horticultural projects fund as listed above be agreed, subject to receipt of a completed capital programme bid form.

#### REASON

To allocate the Committee's Capital Programme effectively.

#### 143. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

#### (a) Community Investment Fund 2018/19

The Chief Financial Officer submitted a report which advised of the budget allocated to each Member from the 2018/19 Community Investment Fund and the process to incur expenditure.

Members were advised that all expenditure had to adhere to the Council's Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules where applicable and only fund projects that incurred one off costs. Expenditure that resulted in an ongoing financial commitment to the authority would not be approved.

A revised application form would be circulated to Members once finalised.

# (b) Bids for consideration

There were no bids for consideration at this meeting.

#### 144. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 in the Colne and District area along with annual totals for 2018/19.

Councillor Nixon also reported that water that was orange in colour had reappeared at the bottom of Knotts Lane, Colne. He was advised that a sample of the liquid had been collected and analysed. It was agreed to circulate the lab. results to the Committee.

# 145. CUERDEN STREET, COLNE

# (a) Untidy garages

The Committee was advised that residents had reported a slight improvement in the area.

#### (b) 9 and 11 Cuerden Street, Colne

In the absence of any further information, no update was given.

#### 146. POTENTIAL PROBLEM SITES

# (a) Former launderette, Varley Street, Colne

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider whether to add the former launderette, Varley Street, Colne to the Committee's list of problem sites.

It was understood that the property was under new ownership.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the former launderette, Varley Street, Colne be added to the Committee's list of problem sites.

#### REASON

To ensure future monitoring of the site.

## (b) Scar Top Mill, Trawden

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider whether to add Scar Top Mill, Trawden to the Committee's list of problem sites.

#### **RESOLVED**

That Scar Top Mill, Trawden be added to the Committee's list of problem sites.

#### REASON

To ensure future monitoring of the site.

#### 147. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

# (a) Residents Parking, Calder Street, Colne

Councillor Lord advised of a petition that was due to be handed in to the Council requesting residents parking on Calder Street, Colne. She asked that this be supported by the Committee.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to undertake a survey on the possible introduction of a residents-only parking scheme on Calder Street, Colne.

#### REASON

To establish the support, or otherwise, for the introduction of residents-only parking in the area.

# 148. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF THE COLNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 were submitted for information.

#### 149. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Colne Market Panel held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 were submitted for information.

#### 150. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had either been referred to this Committee or requested by the Committee. Reports would be submitted to future meetings.

- (a) Former Public Conveniences Colne Bus Station (06.09.18)
- (b) Air Quality Management Area Order (08.11.18)
- (c) Superfast Lancashire (06.12.18)
- (d) Telephone boxes outside XLCR House, Albert Road, Colne (10.01.19)
- (e) Land in the South Valley off Lenches Road, Colne (2 pieces) (10.01.19)

CHAIRMAN	