

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK  
ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

*PRESENT –*

*J. K. Starkie – His Worship the Mayor of Pendle  
D. M. Whipp (Chairman – in the Chair)*

**Councillors**

*R. E. Carroll  
K. Hartley  
T. Whipp*

**Co-optees**

*D. Haigh  
J. Mills*

**Police**

*Inspector A. Winter  
Sergeant T. Hitchen*

**Officers Present**

*N. Watson*

*Planning, Building Control and Licensing  
Services Manager*

*J. Eccles*

*Committee Administrator, PBC*

*(Apologies were received from Councillor M. Adams, M. S. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, J. Purcell and C. Teall.)*



**121.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**122.**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Residents from Sough and Earby said that in the light of recent announcements, they wanted to formally raise objections to the reopening of the existing Colne to Skipton line. They were aware that a feasibility study was being carried out which would take into account the impact on people's homes, environmental factors etc and how this would impact on some residents in West Craven. They were also aware that the route could be amended. They had met Andrew Stephenson MP to express their concern and would be setting up a Residents' Association. In the meantime, they wondered what Members' views were and if it was possible to have an item on a future agenda for discussion?

The Chairman said that whilst he understood the concerns of residents living close to the tracks, this issue was outside the remit of the area committee. Pendle Council as a whole had taken the decision to support the reopening of the line some years ago, taking the collective view that it would improve connectivity and be good for the area in terms of job creation and economic prosperity. It was understood that there would be an update on transport issues discussed at the 19<sup>th</sup> March Policy and Resources Committee and residents were encouraged to attend this meeting and make their views known.

123.

## MINUTES

### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019, be approved as a correct record.

124.

### POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Inspector Winter referred to the review of police core services in Lancashire last year and the significant effect this had had on police resources in Pendle. In West Craven the Neighbourhood Police Team now consisted of Sergeant Steve Murphy, PCSO Mark Hyde (retiring this month, but would be replaced) and PCSO Neil Wallin. They would be assisted by members of the response teams.

There would be 60 police response officers working out of Colne across 5 teams. Two officers from each team (10 in total) had been aligned to West Craven and would default to policing this area when not on response duties. They would develop close links with the Neighbourhood Police Team in this area. This new policing model would be introduced next week.

Having made the necessary changes, it had been recently announced that some further funding would be made available for Neighbourhood Policing in Lancashire, providing 3 additional officers for Pendle, 5 in Burnley and 5 in Blackburn. These officers would work alongside the new Teams but also work together on separate operations from time to time. Inspector Winter would be looking to make the most of the additional resources. Some of the funding taken from the Neighbourhood Policing had gone into recruiting more people for the Communications Room to improve the 101 service.

Sergeant Hitchen presented the crime figures for January compared to the same period in 2018 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	7	3
Burglary - Commercial	4	1
Vehicle Crime	4	8
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	12	11
Theft	6	12
Criminal Damage/Arson	5	7
Other Crime	12	32
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	16	1

Sergeant Hitchen elaborated on the statistics to put some perspective on them. He appreciated that crime had a significant impact on those people affected, but reassured residents that crime was very low in West Craven and it was a safe place to live. Acquisitive crime was particularly low, although there had been a spate of incidents over the Christmas period involving theft of tools from vans.

He answered questions about local policing matters, the use of Facebook and CCTV in the Town Centre. The Police encouraged people to always report crimes either via 101 or directly to the Police.

Concern was raised about parking on both sides of the road on Red Lion Street and Birtwistle Lane causing problems for farmers' vehicles and potential difficulties for emergency service vehicles. It was agreed that this matter be referred to County Council.

**125. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report for information on planning appeals as at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. It was noted that since the report was written, the following appeal had been dismissed –

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 by Future Habitats Ltd

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

**(a) Wardle Storeys**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that a planning application had still not been received. The applicants were still working on the flood risk information that was required.

**RESOLVED**

That, the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to submit a report to the next meeting and a site visit arranged prior to the meeting.

**(b) Outstanding**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases and answered related questions.

**(c) 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. It was noted that the Legal Team had traced the owners of the Gospel Hall and would be serving notice on them. New wooden windows had been installed at 15 King Street, Barnoldswick, so this case would now come off the enforcement list.

**127. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2018/19 Capital Programme.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the £2,000 allocated for a pavement improvement scheme at Long ing/Clayton Street be deallocated.

- (2) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager deallocate any amount remaining from the litter and dog waste bins (Barnoldswick), Premises Improvement Grant Scheme (Barnoldswick), Contribution to wheelchair route at Victory Park and Barnoldswick Town Centre Scheme.
- (3) That the £5,666 remaining in the Barnoldswick balance and the above deallocated amounts be combined with the Barnoldswick Town Centre Improvement Scheme for the reflagging of Barnoldswick Town Square.

**REASON**

***To improve the appearance and use of the Barnoldswick Town Square for the benefit of the whole town.***

**128. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Community Investment Fund.

**RESOLVED**

That the Community Investment Fund budget allocations to Councillors M. Adams, K. Hartley, C. Teall, D. M. Whipp and T. Whipp totalling £10,200 be added to the Barnoldswick Town Centre Improvement Scheme for the reflagging of Barnoldswick Town Square, and Councillor J. Purcell be asked if she wanted to contribute her £2,040 towards the scheme.

**REASON**

***To improve the appearance and use of Barnoldswick Town Square for the benefit of the whole town.***

**129. UNIROYAL GLOBAL**

There was no further news on the improvement works at Uniroyal, but it was understood that works were progressing as agreed.

**130. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. It was noted that the number of fixed penalty notices issued for litter and dog fouling was low.

**131 BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM**

Members considered a request from the Bancroft Mill Engine Museum to appoint a person to be a Trustee of Bancroft Mill Engine Museum for a period of 3 years.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor K. Hartley be appointed Trustee of Bancroft Mill Engine Museum for a period of 3 years.

**132. WEST CRAVEN FLOOD DEFENCE AND RESILIENCE UPDATE**

Members considered a report from the Neighbourhood Services Manager that was submitted to Policy and Resources Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It provided progress made with the ESIF funding bid, Environment Agency flood modelling and Natural Flood Management in Earby and Victoria Clough culvert repairs being undertaken at the Ghyll Meadows culvert.

At that meeting it had been resolved that an alternative course of action to deliver the new flood defence wall on New Cut adjacent to Albert Street, Earby as a stand-alone project be considered. Also, that discussions be held with the County Council to ensure the flood defence wall was reconstructed to the parapet level required by the Environment Agency. This meeting had taken place last Thursday, and it had been agreed to progress this as a possible project.

Yorkshire Water had promised some time ago that it needed to address various problems in Earby, mainly surveys of the combined sewers on Water Street, but had not undertaken the necessary work. The Committee was also disappointed that the £1m works at Victoria Clough culvert had not dealt with the various service crossings, which still needed to be addressed.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to -

- (1) Request Yorkshire Water to complete the outstanding work of surveys of sewers (mainly on Water Street, Earby) and report back.
- (2) Organise a public meeting/drop in session with the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water to report back on the various work programmes and update residents and the wider community.
- (3) Request the Environment Agency to deal with the service crossings at the Victoria Clough Culvert.

**REASON**

***To enable flooding issues in West Craven to be effectively managed and reduced.***

*Chairman*.....