

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
SALTERFORTH VILLAGE HALL
ON 5TH MARCH 2019**

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

Councillors

*M. Adams
R. E. Carroll
M. S. Goulthorp
K. Hartley
T. Whipp*

Co-optees

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

Police

Sergeant T. Hitchen

Officers Present

N. Watson

*Planning, Building Control and Licensing
Services Manager
Committee Administrator, PBC*

J. Eccles

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



The following people attended and spoke at the meeting on the item below –

*Andrew Smith
Lorraine Smith
Paddy Wrightson
Katie Wrightson
Clare Lunney
Louise Varey
Jane Wrightson*

*19/0069/FUL – Major: Full: Change of use from
Agricultural to a caravan park and siting of 36
holiday lodge caravans and 20 touring caravan
pitches at Caravan Site, Lower Greenhill Farm,
Kelbrook Road, Salterforth*

Minute No.137(a)

133.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

134.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

135.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 5th February 2019, be approved as a correct record.

136. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	5	1
Burglary - Commercial	2	1
Vehicle Crime	2	3
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	12	10
Theft	7	6
Criminal Damage/Arson	12	3
Other Crime	13	39
ALL CRIME	53	63
Anti-Social Behaviour	20	21

Overall, crime was low. Whilst there was an overall increase in crime from the previous year, this was partly due to the difference in the recording of crimes over that period. In the autumn, crime reporting would be comparing like with like, and would give a truer picture of crime in the area and any trends.

The new policing model was now in place and first signs were that there was more cohesion between the Response and Neighbourhood Police teams.

Concern was expressed about the delay in replacing PC M. Hyde. At present the Neighbourhood Police Team across West Craven consisted of Sergeant T. Hitchen, PCSO N. Wallin and CBO S. Murphy. Members were also concerned about vehicles speeding on Kelbrook Road, despite the speed limit being reduced from 60 to 50mph.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a letter be sent to the Chief Constable of Lancashire Police asking for PC M. Hyde's replacement to be in post as soon as possible.
- (2) That the speeding vehicles on Salterforth to Kelbrook be flagged up with the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to see if there was any chance of increased traffic surveillance along this stretch of road and LCC be asked to improve the signage.

137. 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 -

19/0069/FUL Major: Full: Change of use from Agricultural to a caravan park and siting of 36 holiday lodge caravans and 20 touring caravan pitches at Caravan Site, Lower Greenhill Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth for Mr & Mrs N. Hudson

(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).

An update from the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager had been circulated prior to the meeting with additional objections and late comments received from Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board (IDB), Yorkshire Water, Lancashire Fire and Rescue and PBC Environmental Health.

Yorkshire Water had requested an additional condition relating to the foul and surface water drainage to control details of the drainage and its maintenance. This was now included in the proposed conditions and set out in the update.

It was recommended that the approval of the application be delegated to the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager subject to the expiry of the publicity period and agreement of the pre-commencement conditions by the applicant. He indicated that clarification could be sought on drainage issues if Committee were in doubt about the technical details.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That the application be **refused** due to the site being on a flood plain and the impact on the landscape and character of the area.
- (2) That the Policy and Resources Committee be requested to undertake a site visit prior to their meeting and that the photographs circulated by various speakers be sent to Members of the Committee.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report for information on planning appeals as at 15th February 2019.

138. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Wardle Storeys

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

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that planning applications for the development had been received. However, there had not been time to validate them as yet.

RESOLVED

That, the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to contact the agent for the development of the site to say that the Council was minded to take enforcement action if no satisfactory plan was submitted to address the outstanding issues.

(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.

139. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's 2018/19 Capital Programme was £1,796: Barnoldswick £0 and Earby £1,796.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to -

- (1) Arrange a meeting with Barnoldswick Councillors and the Engineering Team to discuss the reflagging of Barnoldswick Town Square project;
- (2) Report back on the final amounts deallocated from various Barnoldswick schemes at the last meeting;
- (3) Arrange for the Barnoldswick allocation of the High Street Revival Fund, £10,290, to be put towards the reflagging project; and
- (4) Request LCC to participate in the scheme with a view to renewing the flagged footway on Albert Road and giving the appropriate permissions for the work to go ahead.

REASON

To enable the reflagging of Barnoldswick Town Square for the benefit of the whole town.

140. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

The Committee noted a bid from Councillors M. Horsfield, M. Goulthorp and R. E. Carroll who were pooling their individual £2,040 Community Investment Fund allocations to put £6,120 towards the tarmacking of Cemetery Road car park in Earby.

141. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

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

142. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem buildings in West Craven. There was no improvement on the appearance of 449 Colne Road, Kelbrook.

RESOLVED

That the Legal Services Manager be authorised to issue a Section 215 notice on the owners of 449 Colne Road, Kelbrook, seeking improvements to the property.

REASON

In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

Chairman.....