

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY
ON 2ND APRIL 2019**

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

D. Haigh

Police

*CBO S. Murphy
PCSO N. Wallin*

Officers Present

N. Watson

*Planning, Economic Development and
Regulatory Services Manager
Committee Administrator, PBC*

J. Eccles

(Apologies were received from J. Mills, G. Wilson and Councillors J. Purcell and C. Teall.)



143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

144. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

145. MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

146. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

CBO S. Murphy presented the crime figures for March compared to the same period in 2018 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	3	3
Burglary - Commercial	0	1
Vehicle Crime	17	2
Assaults	9	14

Theft	17	8
Criminal Damage	3	10
Other Crime	11	24
ALL CRIME	60	62
Anti-Social Behaviour	15	22

It was noted that the crime figures didn't really give an indication of whether the national crime trends in terms of drug activity and knife crime were impacting on crime in Pendle and West Craven. Drug-taking in public places as well as drug dealing were becoming increasingly evident.

There was concern about boy racers travelling on Skipton Road up to Victory Park. Members also referred again to vehicles not adhering to the new speed limits on Kelbrook Road, particularly the stretch from Salterforth up to Kelbrook. Following the last meeting this issue had been 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 was going to be raised at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) The Police were asked if they could consider the national crime trends in relation to drugs and knife crime and how this was impacting on crime in the West Craven area, and report back to the next meeting.
- (2) That County Council be asked to concentrate SPIDs on Kelbrook Road, particularly the stretch from Salterforth to Kelbrook, to reinforce the new speed limits.

147. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning application for determination -

19/0080/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey front porch extension at 19 King Street, Barnoldswick for Mrs Corrina Clark

RESOLVED

That consideration of the planning application be **deferred** for a site visit.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for information on planning appeals as at 21st March 2019. There were no new planning appeals and no outstanding ones, following the dismissal of two outstanding appeals.

148. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Wardle Storeys

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that no work had been done on the South Building and so he had instructed a breach of condition notice to be

served in respect of 3 conditions. The Committee would be kept informed of progress.

(b) Outstanding

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases and answered related questions. A planning application for the raised decking at 2 Taylor Street had now been received. It was noted that at the last meeting of the P & R Committee the compulsory purchase of Glen Cottage had been approved.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to report back to the next meeting regarding the extended caravan storage and failure to implement the landscaping condition at Pinhow View.

(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.

149. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 AND 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2018/19 and 2019/20 capital programmes.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to -

- (1) Deallocate the £200 underspend from repairs to Coates Bridge steps in 2018/19 and put it towards the Barnoldswick Town Square Reflagging scheme.
- (2) That the new bid, seeking £3000 from the Earby allocation of the 2019/20 capital programme for Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants, not be approved.
- (3) That £22,000 of the Barnoldswick allocation of the 2019/20 capital programme be put towards the Barnoldswick Town Square Reflagging scheme.

REASON

To enable the Capital Programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

150. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

The Environmental Health Team (EH) had visited Uniroyal Global in March 2019 to discuss the way forward following the installation of the thermal oxidizer system (RTO).

Initial indications were that the RTO was working well. EH had monitored noise from around the site and were very happy with the levels experienced from different locations. Noise directly from the RTO was not affecting any residential properties in the area. The new cooling system was on site. The engineers were now working on this system and hoped it would be fully installed and operational by the end of May 2019.

The main area of work for EH and Uniroyal Global, was to ensure that the Environmental Permit was up to date following the new abatement systems being installed and implemented. This would be carried out during 2019 and would include monitoring requirements for all new equipment.

RESOLVED

That the progress be noted and a meeting of the Working Group be arranged in June after the new cooling system had been installed and was in operation.

REASON

To monitor the new arrangements in the interests of residential amenity.

151. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight in West Craven. At the January meeting the Committee resolved that, in respect of Land off Hill Street/Earl Street, Barnoldswick, the Environmental Action Group be asked to continue to maintain the site. It was noted that the three Earby councillors had agreed to put their contributions from the Community Investment Fund towards this scheme. So there was now £9,120 available to resurface the car park. It was anticipated that the scheme would be completed within the next 2-3 months.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to -

- (1) Seek confirmation that the Environmental Action Group was prepared to continue to maintain the Hill Street/Earl Street site.
- (2) Remove Cemetery Road Car Park from the environmental blight list.

REASON

To deal with environmental blight in the area.

152. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: 2018/19 SUMMARY

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update on the Premises Improvement Grants scheme in West Craven in 2018/19 and requested that the Committee nominate at least 2 members to a Premises Improvement Grants Panel for Earby.

RESOLVED

That Councillors R. E. Carroll and M. Goulthorp be appointed to a Premises Improvement Grant Panel for Earby.

REASON

To allow Members to have involvement in the allocation of Premises Improvement Grants.

153. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Members considered the following items –

(a) To consider the withdrawal of facilities from the Butts Clinic, Barnoldswick

Members were concerned about the withdrawal of health care services from Butts Clinic, meaning patients had to travel elsewhere for treatment. Members agreed that the premises were not fit for purpose. However, no progress had been made towards providing an alternative health centre in Barnoldswick and access to all health care facilities remained inadequate.

This issue had been discussed at the Council meeting on 19th March and it had been resolved to request an urgent meeting with the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group and health care providers to discuss the continued running down of services in Barnoldswick.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Democratic Services be asked to invite Barnoldswick Councillors to the meeting being arranged with the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, to discuss the provision of health services in Barnoldswick, so local representatives could express their views.

REASON

To improve the provision of health services for residents of West Craven.

(b) Track and access to South Barn and Bashfield Farm

Residents were concerned about an access issue on the track running from South Barn and Bashfield Farm to Kelbrook Road. There was a very small piece of grass near the cattle grid on the left hand side of the track by the exit onto the main road that was just big enough for a vehicle. It had been used as a passing place since the late 60's, so vehicles could pull in if another vehicle was accessing from the main road.

The owners of the land had recently put up a fence down each side of the track, preventing access to the pull in area. There was concern that there was going to be an accident soon, as now vehicles sometimes had to stay or back onto the busy main road which was very dangerous.

Members realised that this was partly a private issue between the owners of the track and the residents that used it. However, in view of the highway safety issue, Members thought that the Council should see if there was anything it could do to help remedy the situation.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to see if the Council could do anything to help remedy the access issue off Kelbrook Road to South Barn and Bashfield Farm, and to report back to the next meeting.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

Chairman.....