

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
THE VILLAGE HALL, SALTERFORTH
ON 4TH JUNE 2019**

PRESENT –

*His Worship the Mayor Councillor K. Hartley
Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chairman, in the Chair)*

Councillors

*M. Adams
R. E. Carroll
C. Carter
M. S. Goulthorp
J. Mills
T. Whipp*

Co-optees

*D. Haigh
C. Pollard*

Officers Present

<i>D. Walker</i>	<i>Environmental Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)</i>
<i>N. Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator, PBC</i>

(Apologies were received from Cllr J. Purcell and G. Wilson.)

The following people attended and spoke at the meeting on the items indicated –

<i>Mike Scothern Danny Blackmore Chris Till</i>	<i>18/0821/RES - Outline: Major: Erection of 14 No. dwelling houses with access road (Access and Scale only) at Lane opposite the Barn, Ben Lane, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Minute No.19(a)</i>
<i>Emily Blowers</i>	<i>19/0094/OUT - Outline: Erection of 5 No. two storey dwelling houses (All Matters Reserved) at Morris Ing, Skipton Road, Earby</i>	<i>Minute No.19(a)</i>
<i>John Pratt</i>	<i>Enforcement Action</i>	<i>Minute No.20(b)</i>



15.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident from Beech Avenue, Earby asked what could be done about a neighbour who was inconsiderately (but not illegally) parking a vehicle on the roadside which was limiting the width of the carriageway and causing problems with access. She was concerned that emergency vehicles would struggle with access. Also, due to the positioning of the vehicle, she had damaged her own car. Discussions had taken place with the neighbour who refused to move the vehicle. She had also contacted the police but they had not taken any action.

The Chairman said that he would ask this issue to be raised at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting to see if LCC could do anything about the parking issue. He would also request that Pendle Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team try first to resolve the issue via mediation.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7th May 2019, be approved as a correct record.

18. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

There was no Police representative able to attend the meeting. Members noted the crime figures for May compared to the same period in 2018 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	1	2
Burglary - Commercial	4	0
Vehicle Crime	6	5
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	28	17
Theft	7	5
Criminal Damage	12	9
Other Crime	17	39
ALL CRIME	76	77
Anti-Social Behaviour	26	26

RESOLVED

That the Police be thanked for their help with the Bands on the Square event at the weekend.

19. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

18/0821/RES Outline: Major: Erection of 14 No dwelling houses with access road (access and scale only) at Land Opposite the Barn, Ben Lane, Barnoldswick for Mr L. Green

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

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory 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.)

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

- Highway Safety

19/0094/OUT Outline: Erection of 5 No. two storey dwelling houses (All Matters Reserved) at Morris Ing, Skipton Road, Earby for Mr and Mrs Beecroft

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

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting which reported receipt of a revised site layout addressing an LCC Highways objection, and further comments. The recommendation remained to approve the application with additional conditions.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

- Risk of flooding

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that there were no new or outstanding planning appeals as at 23rd May 2019. There was a Judicial Review in progress in respect of the planning application for 34 dwellings at land to the east of Beckside, Salterforth.

20. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases. He gave a further update at the meeting on a number of cases and answered related questions.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to submit a report to the next meeting on PLE/18/1135 and ensure that the outstanding issues in respect of PLE/19/0483 – the pedestrian crossing, removal of signs and hoardings and incorrect street nameplates - be addressed by the developer as soon as possible.

(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. The owner of the Gospel Mission Hall attended the meeting to discuss the problems with vandalism he was encountering doing repairs to the property required by the Section 79 Buildings Act Notice and plans for developing the site. It was noted that in the next few days he intended to submit an application to Pendle Council to relax the following Restrictive Covenant on the site – “not to erect upon the land hereby conveyed any building or buildings other than a Church or Gospel Mission Hall.”

RESOLVED

That the relaxation of the Restrictive Covenant on the Gospel Mission Hall site be considered at the next meeting.

21. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee’s 2019/20 Capital Programme which was noted. It was reported that the tenders had been received for the surfacing of Cemetery Road Car Park and an additional £4,200 was needed to carry out the work.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to allocate £4,200 from the Earby allocation of the 2019/20 Capital Programme to enable the surfacing of Cemetery Road Car Park to go ahead.

REASON

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

22. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

The Environmental Health Team had received no further complaints about Uniroyal Global following the installation of the thermal oxidizer system. The upgrading works were nearly complete.

23. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2019/20

At the Annual meeting of the Council the responsibility for appointing representatives to some outside bodies was referred to this Committee. Members were asked to consider the appointment of a representative on the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board following Councillor M. Horsfield’s retirement.

RESOLVED

That Councillor C. Carter be appointed as the Council’s representative on the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board for the following year.

REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

24. FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORK IN WEST CRAVEN

It was noted that there were ongoing flood alleviation requirements in Barnoldswick and Earby.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Environmental Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to provide an update on recent developments of flood alleviation work in Barnoldswick and Earby for consideration at the next meeting.

25. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Historic England's High Streets Heritage Action Zones

The Chairman reported that £40m of government funding was available for Historic England's High Streets Heritage Action Zones (HSHAZ) as part of the Future High Streets Fund. Under this programme not-for-profit organisations could apply for a grant of between £250,000 and £2m, to set up a four-year partnership beginning April 2020 to run a scheme to deliver physical improvements and cultural and community activities to regenerate a historic high street or town centre. It was expected that in most cases Historic England would provide funding for around 50% of costs.

West Craven Committee had already allocated £75,701 via the Capital Programme and CIF Funding for the reflagging of Barnoldswick Town Square. Other funds of around £25,000 were being put towards the scheme. It was suggested that if a further £150,000 could be raised, there would be enough match funding to enable a bid for the minimum grant of £250,000 for the regeneration of Barnoldswick Town Centre. The deadline for bids was 12th July.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive and Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to expedite work on identifying funding that could be put towards the £150,000 shortfall for a HSHAZ bid in respect of Barnoldswick Town Centre, and that the bid be pursued as soon as possible.

REASON

To improve Barnoldswick Town Centre.

Chairman.....