

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 2ND JULY 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
J. Purcell
T. Whipp*

Co-optees

*P. Hampson
G. Wilson*

Police

PC D. Cleal

Officers Present

D. Walker

*Environmental Services Manager (Area
Co-ordinator)*

A. Cameron

Senior Planning Officer

J. Eccles

Committee Administrator

(Apologies were received from E. West.)

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

<i>Andrew Smith</i>	<i>19/0199/FUL – Full: erection of a building for storage of maintenance equipment (Retrospective) at Land to the north east of Bashfield Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth</i>	<i>Item No. 30</i>
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<i>John Pratt</i>	<i>Gospel Mission Hall, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Item No. 35</i>
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26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 4th June 2019, be approved as a correct record.

29. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for June compared to the same period in 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	2	2
Burglary - Commercial	2	2
Vehicle Crime	7	4
Hate Crime	0	2
Assaults	16	13
Theft	2	7
Criminal Damage	8	8
Other Crime	16	33
ALL CRIME	53	71
Anti-Social Behaviour	25	23

PC D. Cleal attended the meeting. He said he was not able to answer questions about specific crime but was happy to report any issues back to PC S. Murphy who hoped to attend the August meeting.

Members asked for further information on the significant increase in thefts and if there was any pattern to the crimes. A number of concerns were highlighted in relation to drug dealing, the increasing open use of drugs and speeding cars in the area.

30. 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 -

19/0199/FUL Full: Erection of a building for storage of maintenance equipment (Retrospective) at Land to the north east of Bashfield Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth for Mr & Mrs Nathan Hudson

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

The Senior Planning Officer submitted an update at the meeting which reported receipt of a letter from a barrister representing the applicants in relation to the concerns raised by neighbours about the provision of passing places on the access lane.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to **grant consent** subject to the receipt of amended plans providing resolution to the provision of a passing place on the access road, the following conditions and a condition to ensure that the passing place is maintained –

1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 200, 400, 501.

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

2. The building hereby approved shall be used only for storage related to the operation of Lower Greenhill Caravan Park or for purposes of or ancillary to agriculture as defined by Section 336 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and for no other purpose including any other use falling within Use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) without the express written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To preserve the rural character of the countryside and in the interest of highway safety.

3. The hardstanding hereby approved, as shown in drawing No. 501, shall not be used for external storage purposes.

Reason: To preserve the open rural character of the countryside

4. The hardstanding hereby approved, as shown in drawing No. 501, shall at all times be maintained free from obstruction and available for access and manoeuvring purposes to enable vehicles to turn and exit in forward gear.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

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 development is acceptable in terms of policy, visual and residential amenity and highway safety. 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) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that there were no new or outstanding planning appeals as at 20th June 2019.

31. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to provide updates to the next meeting on PLE/19/0492 and PLE/18/1135.

(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.

32. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2019/20 Capital Programme was £8,256: Barnoldswick £440 and Earby £7,816.

Members considered a bid from the Countryside Access Officer, seeking £1,300 towards Salterforth Beck footpath improvements.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to allocate £1,300 from the Earby allocation of the 2019/20 Capital Programme towards the Salterforth Beck footpath improvements.

REASON

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

33. PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING (POP) PROJECT - PARKING

PC Murphy was running a POP project regarding inconsiderate parking around West Craven. He was also interested in the possibility of trialling double parking on a street and two-way traffic being changed to a one way street with diagonal parking. He had asked for Members' views on these issues before he approached Lancashire County Council.

RESOLVED

That PC Murphy be informed that the Committee's response to the introduction of measures to combat inconsiderate parking would depend on the location and circumstances in each particular case but that the Committee would welcome any specific ideas or proposals he had for consideration.

REASON

In the interests of improving parking arrangements for residents and highway safety.

34. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven, which was noted. Members asked that consideration be given to adding a number of sites to the Committee's list of problem sites.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be requested to submit a report to the next meeting on the current condition of -

- Brook Shed, Earby
- Former stables adjacent to Solicitors at top of Newtown, King Street, Barnoldswick
- Vacant garage building on St James Road (former Barnoldswick Baths)

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

35. GOSPEL MISSION HALL, BARNOLDSWICK

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the recent request to release the restrictive covenant on the Gospel Mission Hall so that the current owner could use the site for residential development.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be informed that the Committee wished to retain the covenant on the Gospel Mission Hall.

REASON

To prevent further encroachment on green space in Barnoldswick.

36. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

The Chairman reported that the Residents Group were concerned that Uniroyal were behind with the Cooling Tower replacement and were seeking a meeting of the Working Group in July as previously planned. However, the Environmental Health Manager had visited the site yesterday and was pleased with progress. She had met the project consultant undertaking various improvement works on site who had advised her that the cooling system replacement was well underway. They were due to connect S4, the last spreading line to the RTO during the August shut down. Whilst on site the RTO appeared to be very quiet.

The Environmental Health Manager advised that it would make sense for the improvement works and the various other measures being undertaken to complete, before the Working Group met again. She was confident that the company would continue to make good progress this summer.

RESOLVED

That Uniroyal be allowed to continue with the completion of the improvement works, but that in lieu of a meeting of the Working Group, the Environmental Health Manager be asked to provide a definitive timeline for the implementation of the remaining works.

REASON

To monitor implementation of the improvement works in the interests of residential amenity.

37. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven.

RESOLVED

That Land off Hill Street/Earl Street, Barnoldswick and Cemetery Road Car Park, Earby be removed from the list of environmental blight sites in West Craven.

REASON

As both sites had now been dealt with.

38. WEST CRAVEN FLOOD DEFENCE AND RESILIENCE

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted an update on recent flood alleviation work in Barnoldswick and Earby for information. The report gave an update on progress made with the ESIF funding bid, Environment Agency (EA) flood modelling and Natural Flood Management in Earby and Victoria Clough culvert repairs being undertaken by the EA; Ghyll Meadows culvert works being undertaken by Pendle; and progress made on the flood resilience schemes with funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

It was noted that the EA had completed their detailed flood modelling work in Earby and had shortlisted their three preferred schemes. A decision on their preferred option was expected later this month.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to arrange a public meeting with senior officers from the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water, to coincide with EA's decision on their preferred scheme for Earby, to discuss the remaining outstanding issues and push this work forward.

REASON

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

Chairman.....