MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

PRESENT -

Councillor G. Waugh – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors	Co-optees	Constabulary Representaive
D. Clegg S. Cockburn-Price V. Fletcher P. Foxley A. Mann J. A. Nixon	B. Hodgson T. Clark M. Thomas P. Howarth	Inspector A. Cartwright

Officers in attendance

Neil Watson Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager (Area

Coordinator)

Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Butterworth, M. S. Foxley, A. R. Greaves, D. Lord and S. Petty.)

The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the items indicated –

David Ashworth	19/0430/FUL Full: Erection of a detached dwelling	Minute No. 75(a)
Tracy Ashworth	house with garage at 17 White Lee Avenue,	
Thomas Ashworth	Trawden	
Lisa Wainman		
Steve Wilson		
Chris Allen		
John Laycock		
Neil Walker		

Liz Hurley Items for discussion – Noise from Woodhead Minute No. 82

Brothers Factory

70. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

71. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Pelter raised concern at the lack of action taken on a number of issues that had been reported. Examples given were grates in the road not being cleaned; potholes; bushes overhanging the pavement, particularly from tenanted properties; and surface water at garages.

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Mr Pelter was advised that the issues raised involved different agencies such as Lancashire County Council and Housing Associations. However, a number of garage sites were owned by Pendle Council and this could be looked into if further details were provided.

In the meantime, the Committee agreed to advise the appropriate County Councillor of Mr Pelter's concerns.

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th August, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

74. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Cartwright provided an update on recent police activity in the Colne and District area, making particular reference to the recent Rhythm and Blues Festival. He reported that the Festival had been a peaceful, very well attended event, with six arrests over the weekend. One of the arrests related to the intent to supply Class A drugs, with the other five being cases of drunk and disorderly conduct. A debrief with regard to the Festival was due to take place later this month.

Other work included an ongoing live investigation following the targeting of commercial premises in Colne.

He also advised the Committee of the upcoming launch of a new neighbourhood task force in Pendle. The task force consisted of four officers, based at Nelson, which would target those areas of crime that caused the greatest harm.

75. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning application to be determined -

19/0430/FUL Full: Erection of a detached dwelling house with garage at 17 White Lee Avenue, Trawden for Mr S. Hardman

(A site visit was carried out prior to the meeting.)

RESOLVED

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

1. The proposed development, by virtue of its close proximity to the dwelling at number 17 and design of that property, would result in an overbearing and detrimental impact on living

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conditions of the occupants of that dwelling. As such the development fails to comply with Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and the Design Principles SPD.

(b) Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that as at today's date there were no new or outstanding appeals.

76. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Outstanding enforcements

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report, for information, which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

A discussion was held in relation to a number of specific cases detailed in the report.

RESOLVED

That file reference PLE/19/0550 – land to the east of Windermere Avenue, Colne be removed from the Committee's list of outstanding enforcements.

REASON

The situation has been resolved.

(b) Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report, for information, which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

A verbal update was given with regard to a number of cases listed.

Reference was made to an unauthorised advertisement that had been erected on the gable end of 82 Albert Road, Colne. The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager agreed to investigate.

(c) Hubbs House Farm, Colne

There was no update on Hubbs House Farm, Colne.

(d) Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne

In response to a question asked at the last meeting, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that the matter of vehicles currently gaining access to the new builds on the Persimmon Homes site development via Knotts Drive had been investigated.

It had been confirmed that access was required at present and that no further action was necessary.

77. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's capital programme for 2019/20 was £8,971.

78. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2018/19

Members noted the allocations made to date under the Community Investment Fund.

79. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Colne and District area.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Kippax Buildings, Dockray Street, Colne be removed from the Committee's list of problem sites.
- (2) That Langroyd Hall, Langroyd Road, Colne be added to the Committee's list of problem sites.

REASON

- (1) The situation has been resolved.
- (2) To monitor the situation.

80. FORMER PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – COLNE BUS STATION

Further to a request from this Committee, the Chief Executive submitted a report which provided further details on alternative options available in relation to the future use and retention of the former public conveniences at Colne Bus Station.

The Committee concluded that the three options presented in the report would not be feasible. The preferable option would be to include the structure in plans for a larger development of the area.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive be asked to consider this site when discussing the broader regeneration of sites within Pendle.

REASON

To determine the future of this asset.

81. LAND AT LENCHES ROAD, COLNE

At a previous meeting of this Committee, Members had been asked to consider a request for the removal of various restrictive and positive covenants covering five parcels of land fronting, and to the rear of Lenches Road, Colne.

It had been agreed to defer a decision on this matter to allow for further information.

Liberata Property Services reported that further information had been requested and advised that a site plan and initial development proposals for the site were awaited. The Committee was further advised that the garage/garden plot adjacent to 45 Lenches Road was not included in the proposed scheme and would not require the removal of the covenant. Any future development would be subject to planning permission being granted.

An update would be submitted to a future meeting.

82. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT END STREET, COLNE

The Chief Executive submitted a report for Members to consider declaring an area of land at End Street, Colne surplus to requirements, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

RESOLVED

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to declare the land denoted as Area 'B' on the plan attached to the report surplus and to authorise the Chief Executive to negotiate and agree terms for the sale of the land for residential development by private treaty with the purchasers of the Council's land opposite.

REASON

To secure development on this vacant site, generate a capital receipt and remove any maintenance liability from the Council.

83. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Noise from Woodhead Brothers factory

It was reported that, since Easter of this year, there had been a problem with noise generated by the Woodhead Brothers factory in Colne. Although the pitch and intensity varied it had become a constant issue, particularly for the residents of Burnley Road and Chad Street.

The problems had been reported to the Environment Agency, but there had been no improvement since.

In view of the decades old problem with foul odours coming from the site, Members were concerned that this issue may also fail to be addressed adequately.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to submit a report to the next meeting for consideration by the Committee.

REASON

To seek to address the problem.

84. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF THE COLNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held on 8th August, 2019 were submitted for information.

85. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meetings of Pendle Local Nature Reserve Steering Group; Friends of Alkincoats Park; and Friends of Ball Grove were submitted for information.

RESOLVED

That the congratulations of this Committee be passed on to the Alkincoats Park Bowling Academy in recognition of their hard work in maintaining their greens.

86. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had either been referred to this Committee or requested by the Committee. Reports would be submitted to future meetings.

- (a) Residents Parking, Calder Street, Colne (07.02.19) (Result of survey)
- (b) Land off Laithe Street, Colne (07.03.19)
- (c) Old Mill sites in the South Valley (04.04.19) (Report on outcome of the meeting)

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