



MEETING OF THE WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE

(Members: Councillors David Whipp (Chairman), Marjorie Adams, Rosemary Carroll, Colin Carter, Mike Goulthorp, Kenneth Hartley, Jayne Mills, Jennifer Purcell, and Tom Whipp)

TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 2019
AT 6.45 P.M.

AT SALTERFORTH VILLAGE HALL, SALTERFORTH

The meeting will commence with **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**. Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions of the Committee.

Members of the public may also speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest. Petitions may also be presented.

If the item is a planning application then you must make your request **in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting**.

For other items you should try to make your request in **writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting**. If you are unable to do this the Chairman may still allow you to speak if you turn up at the meeting.

For further information and to make a request to speak please contact
Joanne Eccles on tel: 661654

If you would like this information in a way which is better for you, please telephone us.



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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ کرم ہمیں بتائیے۔

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A G E N D A

1. Declaration of Interests

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

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

2. Public Question Time

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Enc. To approve or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, 2019.

4. Police and Community Safety Issues

The Police have been invited to the meeting to discuss the crime statistics for September 2019 which will be circulated prior to the meeting. There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to raise police and community safety issues. **TO FOLLOW**

PLANNING MATTERS

5. Planning applications

Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reports that there is one outstanding appeal as follows –

19/0069/FUL

19/0009/AP/REFUSE

Appeal against refusal of planning permission for change of use of agricultural land 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, Barnoldswick

6. Enforcement/Unauthorised Uses – Complaints received

(a) Outstanding

Enc. The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submits the attached report on outstanding enforcement cases for information.

(b) Enforcement Action

Enc. The Head of Legal Services submits the attached report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions for information.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

7. Capital Programme 2019/20

Enc. The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submits the attached report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2019/20.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

8. Kensington Forest Path, Barnoldswick

At the meeting of 6th August it was reported that a number of complaints had been made about Public Rights of Way at the development site at Long Ing Lane. One of these complaints related to a route which people had found to bypass site, which has now become overgrown, and the other was about a the change in levels where the new estate road has been constructed at a higher level than footpath which it is meant to connect with.

On the first of these issues the footpath which people are using to bypass the site is not a public right of way and has not been set up as a temporary footpath by a council or the development company. Therefore neither the Council, Lancashire County Council nor the developer is responsible for its maintenance. The footpaths which run through the site are all currently subject to a temporary closure order made by Lancashire County Council which corresponds with the site boundary. Unfortunately, when this order was arranged, no provision was made for temporary footpaths during construction.

On the second issue, officers met the technical manager of the development company to look at the change in levels. The Council has dealt with this as an enforcement issue under the Highways Act 1980, notwithstanding that the footpath is currently temporarily closed. The offence is to disturb the surface of the path so as to make it inconvenient to users. It is not practical to return the path to how it was because this would have implications for the new estate road.

We looked at the possibility of a ramped access but because of the gradient of the estate road this would only be feasible by diverting the footpath, which would reduce its directness. In addition this would have required the agreement of the developer to substantial administrative and advertising costs. We were advised that there was no Section 106 agreement for the site nor the funding which could be used to improve the footpath by a ramped access.

We finally concluded that a reasonable solution was for the developer to construct a flight of steps with a handrail to a high specification on the line of the public right of way. The developer has offered to provide an informal ramped footpath on an alternative line between the estate road and the bottom of the steps. This will be surfaced with woodchip.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

9. Brook Shed, Earby

Enc. The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submits the attached report on Brook Shed, Earby. Members are asked if they wish to add this to the problem buildings list.

10. Uniroyal Global

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reports that works are progressing in line with the report submitted to the August meeting.

11. Vacant Commercial properties

The Economic Development Team is in the process of arranging meetings with some of the owners of vacant properties in the Town Centre. An update will be provided to a future meeting.

12. High Street Heritage Action Zone

Unfortunately the High Street Heritage Action Zone bid for Barnoldswick has not been successful. Members are asked to give further consideration to the Town Square improvement works as a consequence.

13. Environmental Blight

There are no existing environmental blight sites and no new sites have been put forward. The definition of an environmental blight site is:

- Untidy/derelict piece of Council land requiring tidying up and maintaining.
- Untidy/derelict piece of unregistered land requiring tidying up and maintaining.
- Untidy/derelict piece of Council-owned or unregistered land which needs regenerating (eg a former garage colony converted to a landscaped parking area).

New sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson or Julie Whittaker **including a contact name and contact details with a brief description of the site and the problem.**

14. West Craven Flood Defence and Resilience

The Chairman will give an update on the public meeting held in Earby on 18th September to discuss the Earby flood relief schemes.

15. Request from Kelbrook Primary School – drainage issue

Members are asked to consider an issue raised by the Headteacher at Kelbrook Primary School on a drainage problem/smell the school has been experiencing for several years.

A main sewer which starts at the Texaco/Subaru garage on the main road pumps on a regular basis a full storage tank of sewage, uphill and diagonally across the school playing field. At the top of the school yard at the back of school the sewer is joined with all the sewage from Quernmore estate. At this point it drops a considerable distance and is airated. It then travels downhill across the yard and flows down School Street, through the school car park and joins the main sewer to Earby.

Unfortunately when the sewage passes the school they experience an intense sewage smell in the building. Windows and doors have to be opened and this causes a Safeguarding issue and a Health and Safety issue which they have to manage. There is no pattern to the timings of the smell.

Yorkshire Water have had cameras down the sewer and cannot find any reason for the smell permeating the building. They were unaware of the holding tank at the garage and since they discovered it approximately 8 months ago have not adopted it.

16. Items for discussion

- **To consider having further “No Cold Calling” zones in West Craven**
- **To consider requests for residents-only parking on Chapel Street, Barnoldswick**
- **To consider requests for a footpath on Manchester Road, Barnoldswick**
- **To consider maintenance of open space at Cornmill Place, Barnoldswick**

The Committee is asked to consider if it would like reports on these items to come to a future meeting.