

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK  
ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 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**

*C. Pollard  
E. West*

**Police**

*PCSO I. Hartley*

**Officers Present**

*D. Walker  
N. Watson  
J. Eccles*

*Environmental Services Manager (Area  
Co-ordinator)  
Planning, Economic Development and  
Regulatory Services Manager  
Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies were received from G. Wilson and P. Hampson.)*

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

*Martin Peacock  
Mr Hudson  
Norman Whittaker*

*Item 5(a) – Full: Erection of a building for storage  
of maintenance equipment (Retrospective) at Land  
to the north east of Bashfield Farm, Kelbrook  
Road, Salterforth*

*Item No. 58(a)*



**54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**55. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**56. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019, be approved as a correct record.

**57. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

The crime figures for August 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Burglary - Residential	2	2
Burglary - Commercial	1	5
Vehicle Crime	0	8
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	17	12
Theft	5	9
Criminal Damage	9	3
Other Crime	25	46
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>85</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	27	34

Members raised matters of local concern. There had been a recent incident of vehicles driving on the football pitches at Victory Park. The registration number of a vehicle had been caught on CCTV and reported to the Police. PCSO Hartley said that he would follow this up with the local Police Team, but assured Members that all the parks in Pendle were on the Police’s anti-social behaviour patrol route.

Members were concerned that there had been a significant increase in crime in the last twelve months, and welcomed a response from Sergeant Hitchen in due course. It was noted that the comparison with crimes committed in the same month a year ago was no longer with old reporting practices, but was comparing like with like.

**58. 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 -

**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 and Mrs Nathan Hudson**

Consideration of this application with amended plans had been deferred at the last meeting to allow for further negotiations between interested parties regarding the provision of a passing place.

**RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions and a condition requiring an adequate passing place on the access track leading into the site from Kelbrook Road within 4 weeks of the date of the permission in recognition of the need for the passing place in terms of highway safety and that the application is a retrospective one.

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

**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. 501C, shall not be used for external storage purposes.

**Reason:** To preserve the open rural character of the countryside

## 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.***

**19/0460/FUL Full: Major: Change of use of agricultural land to equine and the siting of an indoor horse manage and stables (Floor Area: 1136sqm) (Suis Generis) and associated external works including siting of a muck midden at Moor View Farm, Earby Road, Salterforth for Wolfenden Concrete Limited**

The Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services Manager reported that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

### **(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that there was one outstanding planning 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*

## **59. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

### **(a) Outstanding**

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

**(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.

**60. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance of the Committee's 2019/20 capital programme was £6,956: Barnoldswick £440 and Earby £6,516.

**61. PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven, which was noted.

**62. UNIROYAL GLOBAL**

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

**63. VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

At the last meeting it was requested that this item be added to the agenda as a standing item. It was noted that the Economic Development Team was in the process of arranging meetings with some of the owners of vacant properties in the Town Centre, and an update would be provided to a future meeting.

**64. PENDLE SCULPTURE TRAIL, LETCLIFFE PARK**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report seeking the Committee's comments on the proposed installation of new sculptures to Letcliffe Park, rather than adding them to the other sculptures in Aitken Wood, Barley.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Policy and Resources Committee approve the placement of new sculptures at Letcliffe Park.

**REASON**

- 1. To resolve issues relating to the trail and allow a future to be mapped out for it.**
- 2. To ensure that tourism is developed and the grant funding is used for the benefit of the borough.**

**65. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**To consider the gas supply to Springmount, Earby**

Springmount was the only road in Earby which was not connected to gas. Residents renting properties from Together Housing were finding it expensive to heat their homes and wanted the

option of being able to use gas. They had asked the Committee if it could help to arrange gas to be brought to their properties.

**RESOLVED**

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to report back on any way the Council could help houses at Springmount, Earby to be connected to gas.

**REASON**

*In the interests of local residents.*

66.

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

It was noted that the following item had been requested by this Committee and a report would be submitted to a future meeting –

- Potential problem building – Brook Shed, Earby

*Chairman.....*