# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL ON 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

PRESENT -

Councillor G. Waugh – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

Constabulary Representative

N. Butterworth
P. Howarth
PCSO A. Gill

D. Clegg
S. Cockburn-Price
V. Fletcher
M. S. Foxley
A. R. Greaves
A. Mann
N. McCollum
J. Nixon

# Officers in attendance

S. Petty

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

Coordinator)

Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Foxley and D. Lord, M. Thomas (Colne Town Council) and Inspector A. Cartwright.)

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#### 100. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

#### 101. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Pelter referred to his attendance at the previous two meetings of this Committee at which he had raised a number of issues. He stated that, as advised at the last meeting, he had attempted to contact his local County Councillor but, despite leaving a message, had not received a response.

In reference to one of his concerns, it was noted that the drains at the North Valley Road/Byron Road roundabout had recently been cleared to address the problem of flooding at this location. However, they had since become blocked again. As a member of the Committee had previously reported this issue directly to Lancashire County Council independently, she agreed to follow this up.

102. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** 

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

# 103. PROGRESS REPORT

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

It was noted that a meeting with the owners of land off Laithe Street, Colne had been postponed until the New Year.

# 104. POLICE ISSUES

PCSO A. Gill provided an update on recent police activity in the Colne and District area. It was noted that total crime had reduced by 17 compared with the same period last year, although there had been a rise in anti-social behaviour.

In relation to recent crime, particular reference was made to a case of males targeting vulnerable members of the public by way of door to door fish sales in the Trawden, Barnoldswick and Foulridge areas. Those concerned had been arrested and released pending further investigation.

There had also been nine cars stolen from AJ Car Sales, Colne. Seven of the vehicles had been found and returned and three suspects identified.

A further issue, raised by a member of the Committee, was the ongoing problem of drug dealing and/or drug use at Ivegate across from the Duke of Lancaster pub. A request was made for the police to include this area on their patrol.

# 105. 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 -

19/0650/OUT Full: Erection of a private stable block, with four stables, tack room and feed store (All Matters Reserved) at land to the south of County Brook Lane, Foulridge for Mr Iain McFarlane

#### **RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. An application for approval of the reserved matters (namely the access, appearance, layout, scale and landscaping of the development) shall be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission and the development hereby permitted must be begun two years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved.

**Reason:** This condition is required to be imposed by the provisions of Article 3 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 and Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Details of the access, appearance, layout, scale and landscaping (hereinafter called the 'reserved matters') shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority before any development begins and the development shall be carried out as approved.

**Reason:** In order to comply with the requirements of Section 92 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

3. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: ML/IM/5822 RevA and Location Plan 1:2500.

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

4. Prior to the commencement of development samples of the external facing materials to be used in the construction of the development hereby permitted (notwithstanding any details shown on previously submitted plans and specification), shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

**Reason:** To ensure the materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

- 5. No works shall commence unless and until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be submitted at a scale of 1:200 and shall include the following:
  - a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained; b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;
  - c. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety approved form within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

**Reason:** To ensure the appropriate landscape design and in the interests of the visual amenities of the area.

6. The stable block, tack room and feed store hereby permitted shall be used for the stabling of horses owned, or leased, by the occupier of Hullet Hall Barn only, unless details of an alternative property are submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall not be used for livery, equestrian events or any commercial purpose whatsoever at any time.

**Reason:** The safeguard the amenities of the area and intensity of use.

7. No development shall commence unless and until, a scheme for the containment and storage of manure has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such a scheme shall be constructed and completed strictly in accordance with the approved plans.

**Reason:** To prevent the pollution of the water environment.

**8.** The proposed stables must be positioned on the site in strict accordance with the location shown on plan ML/IM/5822 RevA.

**Reason:** To protect the visual appearance of the open countryside.

#### **INFORMATIVE**

The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct a right of way. The development may affect the setting of Public Footpaths 3, 2

#### 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 proposed development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework. 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) Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which advised the Committee of three outstanding appeals.

#### 106. 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 -

- (1) case PLE/19/0426 (XLCR building at the junction with Wordsworth Road/North Valley Road, Colne) be closed and removed from the list of outstanding enforcements;
- (2) the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer be instructed to serve a Community Protection Notice regarding the parking at 481 Burnley Road, Colne and that a draft of this notice be circulated to the ward councillors prior to issue:

(3) concerns over the risk to the listed building at Langroyd Hall, Langroyd Road, Colne be brought to the attention of Pendle Enterprise and Regeneration Limited (PEARL), and they be asked to provide an opinion and financial viability on what would be an appropriate development on this site.

#### REASON

- (1) The activity taking place on site is compatible with the lawful use.
- (2) In the interests of public amenity.

# (b) Enforcement action

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

# (c) Hubbs House Farm, Colne

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that a multiagency meeting was being arranged to discuss issues relating to the illegal activities being carried out at Hubbs House Farm. Colne and the land associated with it.

# (d) Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne

No further issues were reported with regard to the Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne.

# 107. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance of the Committee's capital programme for 2019/20 was £7,971.

The following bids were submitted for consideration –

- Ball Grove Park Installation of electronic barrier £2,000
- Alkincoats Woodland Nature Reserve Multi-User Path Project £2,100

# **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the bid of £2,000 for the installation of an electronic barrier at Ball Grove Park be refused.
- (2) That a total of £2,100 be allocated towards the Alkincoats Woodland Nature Reserve Multi-User Path Project and this be funded equally by the capital funds of Councillors V. Fletcher, N. McCollum and D. Clegg.

# REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

# 108. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2018/19

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the following bids had been received and verified since the last meeting of the Committee –

- Casserley Road Tree Scheme £1,040 (Cllr Neil Butterworth)
- Casserley Road Tree Scheme £1,040 (Cllr Jonathan Nixon)
- Casserley Road Tree Scheme £1,040 (Cllr Steve Petty)

The Committee was advised that all Community Investment Fund allocations had now been committed.

#### 109. PROBLEM SITES

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

# 110. PENNINE LANCASHIRE HEALTHY WEIGHT PROGRAMMES: HEALTHY WEIGHT DECLARATION

Members were reminded that Pennine Lancashire was one of five national Trailblazer areas to tackle childhood obesity. Pennine Lancashire was also one of 12 Sport England Local Delivery Pilot areas which aimed to increase physical activity across the patch.

To support the delivery of both these programmes and to demonstrate local leadership and commitment to healthy weight, a report seeking approval and adoption of the Healthy Weight Declaration and the Healthy Place Healthy Future District Plan had been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

To help progress this system change, a group consisting of Councillors from across the Borough would be established. The group would work towards ensuring that healthy weight was embedded into all decision making across Pendle Council and to play a key role in championing and promoting the importance of healthy weight at a local level.

The Committee was asked to nominate one representative.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the invitation to appoint a representative of this Committee on the group referred to above be declined.

#### REASON

Due to the other commitments of Members on this Committee.

# 111. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

## (a) Lack of cash machines in Colne Town Centre

Despite initial concern over the number of cash machines (ATMs) in Colne town centre, it was agreed that the number was currently at an acceptable level.

# (b) Trees on Market Street, Colne

Reference was made to the number of trees that had been lost as a result of the development of the former Health Centre, Colne. It was suggested that alternative locations for town centre trees be explored.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to explore alternatives for the siting of trees in Colne town centre, with a view to these being planted prior to winter 2020, and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

#### REASON

In the interests of public amenity.

# (c) Woodhead Brothers Factory

In response to concerns raised at previous meetings of this Committee, it was reported that a constructive meeting had been held with representatives from the Environment Agency and Woodhead Brothers.

If necessary, a further meeting would take place in spring 2020.

# 112. 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 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 were submitted for information.

# 113. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Friends of Greenfield Nature Reserve Executive meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 were submitted for information.

# 114. 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)
- (d) Land at Lenches Road, Colne (awaiting further information) (05.09.19)
- (e) Tree on Blucher Street, Colne (10.10.19)

CHAIRMAN		