

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
THE RAINHALL CENTRE  
ON 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

*PRESENT –  
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  
C. Pollard*

**Police**

*PCSO I. Hartley*

**Officers Present**

*D. Walker*

*Environmental Services Manager (Area  
Co-ordinator)*

*N. Watson*

*Planning, Economic Development and  
Regulatory Services Manager*

*J. Eccles*

*Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies were received from G. Wilson, E. West and Councillor K. Hartley.)*



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

*Neil Stephenson  
Janice Garnett  
Louise Varey*

*Item 5a - 19/0664/OUT Outline: Major: Residential  
development of up to 34 dwellinghouses (Use  
Class C3), associated access roads (Access only  
with all other matters reserved) at Land to the east  
of Becksides, Becksides, Salterforth*

*Item No. 87(a)*

*Michael Bates  
Alex Wilson*

*Item 6a – Outstanding Enforcements*

*Item No. 88(a)*

**83.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**84.**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**85.**

**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019, be approved as a correct record.

**86. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

The crime figures for October 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	3
Burglary - Commercial	1	3
Vehicle Crime	4	7
Hate Crime	2	0
Assaults	17	16
Theft	8	14
Criminal Damage	18	7
Other Crime	21	34
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>84</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	25	19

PCSO Hartley was not familiar with the crime statistics but said he would be happy to report back any matters of local concern. He provided an update on police actions responding to complaints about damage at Victory Park, caused by young drivers. PC Murphy had been speaking to the drivers of cars coming into the park. One Section 59 Notice of the Road Traffic Act had been issued for using their vehicle in a manner which caused "alarm, distress or annoyance". If reported to have done so again within a year the police would have the right to confiscate the vehicle. A camera had now been sited in the park which would pick up future vehicle movements.

Drugs use in vehicles parked at Greenberfield Lane car park was reported as being a recurring problem. There was also a problem with speeding cars at Clough Park off Walmsgate. PCSO Hartley said he would investigate but reassured Members that all the parks and car parks in West Craven were on the Team's patrol plan.

It was noted that Sergeant Hitchen had requested information on knife crimes and this would be reported back to a future meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That the West Craven Police Team be requested to follow up on recent vehicle damage to the bowling green at Victory Park; continue checking on vehicle activity at Victory Park; include Clough Park off Walmsgate and Greenberfield Lane in their patrol plan; and report back on the increase in thefts and vehicle crime in October and any update on the attempted cashpoint machine burglary in Kelbrook.

**87. 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 -

**19/0664/OUT Outline: Major: Residential development of up to 34 dwellinghouses (Use**

**Class C3), associated access roads (Access only with all other matters reserved) at Land to the east of Beckside, Beckside, Salterforth for DDK Estates Limited and Seddon Homes Limited**

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

Prior to the discussion, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager pointed out a correction required on page 16 of the report. The report said that impacts were significant and therefore the “tilted balance” did not apply. What it should have said was that the “tilted balance” test had been carried out and weighing up the significant landscape impacts and unsustainable development disbenefits against any benefits, that planning permission should not be granted.

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The proposed development would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape in terms of views out of, and into, the site and would be severely detrimental to the landscape quality of the area contrary to Policy ENV1 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2011-2030).
2. The proposed development would result in an unacceptable increase in housing for Salterforth exceeding the scale of development identified as being appropriate for the village in Policy SDP2, Policy SDP3 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2011-2030). The development would be of a disproportionate nature and scale to the settlement harming its character.
3. The site is located in an unsustainable location outside of the settlement boundary contrary to Policy LIV1 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: core Strategy (2011-2030).

**(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals. It was noted that notification of another appeal had been received as follows –

*19/0018/AP/REFUSE - Outline: Major: Erection of 14 No. dwelling houses with access road (Access and Scale only) at Land opposite The Barn, Ben Lane, Barnoldswick, BB18*

**88. 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. There was a discussion about the process that had led to the enforcement notice being served on the owners of Unit 2, Victory Business Park.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to check documentation received in respect of Unit 2, Victory Business Park to ensure that the proper procedure had been followed and to liaise with the planning agent.

**(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.

**(c) Former Hope Mill B, Skipton Road**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the conditions imposed on the Brindley Mews development, formerly known as Hope Mill B. Residents were unhappy that the bollards preventing access from The Orchards had not been carried out in accordance with condition 7 of the planning permission.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to arrange a meeting with County Council and Together Housing about the installation of bollards which were required under condition 7 of the planning permission.

**89. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's Capital Programme for 2019/20 was £7,259: Barnoldswick £440 and Earby £6,819.

There were two new bids submitted as follows –

- £1,000 for new boiler for Kelbrook and Sough Village Hall
- £1,600 for a wellbeing garden, Cravenside Hfop

**RESOLVED**

That £1,000 be granted for a new boiler for Kelbrook and Sough Village Hall from the Earby allocation of the 2019/20 Capital Programme, but that the bid for the wellbeing garden at Cravenside Hfop not be approved.

**REASON**

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

**90. KENSINGTON FOREST PATH, BARNOLDSWICK**

An update had been given on the agenda about the public rights of way at the development site at Long Ing Lane. As requested at the last meeting, the developer had been asked to consider upgrading the surface of the proposed access ramp to a higher specification so that wheelchair users and the disabled could easily gain access between the new Kensington Forest estate road and the existing housing area on Riding Close. However, the developer had not agreed to this and it was noted that under planning and highways legislation the Council could not impose such a requirement.

**91. PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven. It was reported that Planning had sent a letter to the owners of Brook Shed on 28<sup>th</sup> October raising concerns about the appearance and security of the building

and site. It said that consideration was being given to servicing a legal notice requiring the site to be improved and asked for a response within 14 days.

**92. UNIROYAL GLOBAL**

Members noted an update on the outstanding improvement works at Uniroyal Global which had been drawn up following a conversation between the Uniroyal Global Residents Group and the company. The Council's Environmental Health Commercial Team had accepted the company's proposed timescales for the work to be completed. It was reported that there had been a high pitched whining noise emanating from the site that week which would be reported to the Environmental Health Team.

**93. VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

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.

**94. NO COLD CALLING AREAS**

Following the request at the last meeting, Tradings Standards at CC had confirmed that they would consider requests for No Cold Calling areas (NCCAs) in West Craven and set out the process which was likely to take a few months. They had advised that normally NCCAs were kept to a few streets, in an area where people were being targeted rather than an area where residents just found it a nuisance.

Members thought that it would be best to concentrate on areas where the Police advised there had been issues with cold calling. Also, to look at protecting the more vulnerable people in the community.

**RESOLVED**

That Members discuss this issue with the Police and that potential NCCAs be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee for consideration.

**REASON**

*In the interests of public wellbeing and safety.*

**95. PENNINE LANCASHIRE HEALTHY WEIGHT PROGRAMMES:  
HEALTHY WEIGHT DECLARATION**

A report seeking approval and adoption of the Healthy Weight Declaration and the Healthy Place Healthy Future District Plan was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

The Committee was asked to nominate a representative to help progress system change so that healthy weight would be 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.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor J. Mills be appointed a Healthy Weight Advocate.

**REASON**

***In the interests of public health.***

**96. OPEN SPACE, CORNMILL PLACE**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report with details of the maintenance being carried out on the open spaces within Cornmill Place, Barnoldswick and the remaining section 106 agreement funds. Since 2008 the Council had completed 8 cuts per year on grassed areas within the development and done necessary maintenance work on shrubbed areas within the site. No work had been carried out on the trees.

Initial proposals for a 10 year programme to maintain the site came to £38,710.44. At the end of this year, it was estimated that £23,244.30 would remain in the Fund.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to agree to a Community Asset Transfer of the open space within Cornmill Place, Barnoldswick to Barnoldswick Town Council along with the residual S106 funding.

**REASON**

***To benefit the local community.***

Chairman.....