

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY
ON 3RD DECEMBER 2019**

*PRESENT –
Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chairman, in the Chair)*

Councillors

*R. E. Carroll
C. Carter
J. Mills
J. Purcell
T. Whipp*

Co-optees

P. Hampson

Police

Sgt T. Hitchen

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, E. West, C. Pollard and Councillors M. Adams, M. Goulthorp and K. Hartley.)



97.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

98.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were three questions from residents of Salterforth about the recent planning application for Greenhill Caravan Park which had been granted on appeal. One concerned protecting pipes on adjacent land to ensure the continued provision of spring water and mains water whilst building work was taking place. One questioned the validity of the consent when it appeared to clash with the planning permission granted for another building with regard to the provision of a track. A further question was asked about the passing place which had not been reinstated as conditioned, where there were cars parked and machinery causing obstructions.

The Chairman said that the spring water supply was something the Council could not get involved in. This was a civil matter. If there was a problem or damage caused to the supply of mains water this would need to be taken up with Yorkshire Water.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager said that he would look into what had been approved for the 2 planning applications at the caravan park and the issue raised about the passing place, take any necessary action and get back to residents.

99.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 5th November 2019, be approved as a correct record.

100.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	2	4
Burglary - Commercial	1	3
Vehicle Crime	4	5
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	13	20
Theft	7	4
Criminal Damage	8	8
Other Crime	22	24
ALL CRIME	57	68
Anti-Social Behaviour	27	33

Sergeant Hitchen talked through the crimes and answered related questions. There followed a discussion about anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drug taking and minor assaults which seemed to be mainly caused by young people. Sergeant Hitchen said that the Neighbourhood Team, were no longer dealing with immediate response issues and would have more time to deal with these longer term issues, liaising with schools etc. The parks were on the evening patrol plan and there had been some Problem Oriented Policing (POP) work done in the parks.

The Neighbourhood Task Force, co-ordinated by Sergeant Boast, had 4 police officers working on a shift pattern dealing with priorities in Colne, Nelson, Brierfield and West Craven, as well as Ribble Valley. These included organised crime, commercial burglaries but also other priorities set at a monthly priority setting meeting.

There was concern about HGVs still entering the Coates Estate, also a problem with speeding cars. Sergeant Boast had contacted some of the haulage companies but the problem was still occurring. It was felt that better or larger signage was needed and ideally some sort of physical barrier to prevent access to these large vehicles.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Neighbourhood Task Force be asked to make tackling youth crime, anti-social behaviour and open drugs use in West Craven a priority at their next meeting.
- (2) That County Council be asked to consider at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting the problem of HGVs accessing the Coates Estate, what action could be taken to prevent it happening in the future, and to report back in due course.

101. 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 -

19/0289/FUL Full: Major: Erection of Holiday Park comprising 26 lodges with associated on-site facilities buildings, car parking, landscaping and new vehicular access at Land to the west of former Whitemoor Pumping Station, High Lane, Salterforth for Dalfour Ltd

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

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update reporting that the applicant intended to submit amended plans to address the reasons for refusal outlined in the report. It was recommended that the application be deferred without discussion to allow for those amended plans to be submitted and assessed.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the planning application be **deferred** until the next meeting.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals for information.

102. 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. Members discussed concerns about work underway at North Block, Wardle Storey Offices. It was noted that there had been some works carried out at Brook Shed, Earby. Also that preparatory work on the bollards at Brindley Mews was expected to start shortly.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to report back to the next meeting on works at the North Block, Wardle Storey Offices, Earby and to include in his report the possibility of issuing a stop notice as one of the options going forward.
- (2) That meetings continue to be arranged with the owners of Brook Shed and Brindley Mews in the New Year.

(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.

103. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2019/20 which was noted.

104. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in the second quarter, 1st July to 30th September 2019 in the West Craven area. He gave a further update at the meeting on the number of penalty notices issued for dog fouling offences from February to November – 6 for West Craven and 63 for the whole of Pendle.

RESOLVED

That more publicity be done to increase awareness about successful prosecutions for dog fouling offences.

REASON

To increase public awareness and try to reduce the number of dog fouling offences.

105. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services reported that the schedule for improvement works continued to proceed as agreed. The company had been contacted following the recent reports of a high pitched whining noise coming from the cooling towers. This had been exacerbated due to the recent still weather. The final switch across to the new chiller system would take place before the end of the year, and hopefully this issue would no longer be a problem.

106. 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.

107. NO COLD CALLING AREAS

Members considered the creation of No Cold Calling areas (NCCAs) in West Craven. The Police had been consulted and had no evidence to show that any particular area had a problem with cold calling. They had suggested that the Committee look at areas where elderly and vulnerable residents lived.

RESOLVED

That Trading Standards at County Council be asked if they would consider introducing NCCAs in the towns of Earby, Barnoldswick, Kelbrook and Sough.

REASON

In the interests of public wellbeing and safety.

108.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) To consider the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick

Members considered the need for a pedestrian crossing on Skipton Road following a recent serious road traffic accident.

RESOLVED

That the Traffic Liaison Meeting be asked to agree to the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick following the latest serious road traffic accident.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(b) To consider road safety measures on Monkroyd Avenue, Barnoldswick

Members discussed speeding vehicles on Monkroyd Avenue, Barnoldswick and the danger this posed to pedestrians and other road users.

RESOLVED

That the Traffic Liaison Meeting be asked to consider this issue and report back on the possibility of introducing road safety measures on Monkroyd Avenue, Barnoldswick.

REASON

In the interests of road safety.

Chairman.....