MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2019

PRESENT -

Councillor G. Waugh – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors	Co-optees
N. Butterworth D. Clegg S. Cockburn-Price V. Fletcher M. S. Foxley P. Foxley A. R. Greaves A. Mann J. Nixon	T. Clark B. Hodgson P. Howarth M. Thomas

Officers in attendance

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

Coordinator)

Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Lord, N. McCollum and S. Petty.)

115. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

116. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

117. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

118. PROGRESS REPORT

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

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager also provided a verbal update in which he advised that a planning application had been received for the redevelopment of

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the site at Langroyd Hall, Langroyd Road, Colne. Any outstanding enforcement action relating to the site was still being pursued.

The Committee asked that a further update be provided to the next meeting of this Committee.

119. POLICE ISSUES

No police issues were raised.

120. 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 -

19/0604/VAR Full: Variation of Conditions: Condition 3 (Number of Vehicles) of Planning Permission 13/12/0588P at 15 New Market Street, Colne for Mr Feroz

RESOLVED

- (1) That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –
- 1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: ET-01 Rev.A, Stanley St CP /02.

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

2. Whilst the eight parking spaces on the Stanley Street car park shown on plan No. Stanley St CP /02, or eight alternative spaces to be agreed by the Local Planning Authority, are available for use no more than 12 private hire vehicles shall be shall be operated for the collection of customers from 15 New Market Street at any one time.

If the eight parking spaces cease to be available for use by the taxi business no more than 5 private hire vehicles shall be operated for the collection of customers from 15 New Market Street at any one time.

No hackney carriage shall be operated from the premises at any time and the operator shall notify the Local Planning Authority in writing of the registration numbers of the vehicles to operate from the premises no later than 14 days after the commencement of the use hereby permitted and within 14 days of any change of the vehicles operated.

Reason: In order that the Local Planning Authority can control the number of vehicles operated from the site to limit parking congestion in the locality.

3. Not more than 5 private hire vehicles shall be operated for the collection of customers from 15 New Market Street outside the following hours: 18:00 and 00:00 on any day.

Reason: To restrict the hours of operation of the private hire vehicles departing from the premises to when off-street car parking is available to limit parking congestion in the locality.

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4. Not more than 8 private hire vehicles associated with the taxi business shall be parked on the Stanley Street car park at any one time.

Reason: To limit parking congestion in the locality.

5. There shall be no embarking or disembarking of passengers at the Stanley Street car park at any time.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

(2) That the applicant be invited to engage in discussions with the Council with regard to future parking arrangements associated with the business.

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 variation of conditions is acceptable in accordance with the Replacement Pendle Local Plan and Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy. 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 and one new appeal.

121. 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.

(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 due to take place on 29th January, 2020 to discuss the ongoing issues at Hubbs House Farm, Colne.

(d) Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne

It was agreed that the following issues would be raised with Persimmon Homes in relation to the Knotts Drive development, Colne –

- Lack of drainage on the un-tarmacked footpaths on the site which had led to the pooling of water during heavy rainfall
- Clay/dirt being washed down the estate and not being adequately swept away
- The need for grit bins on the site. It was noted that these were unlikely to be provided by Lancashire County Council at present, as the highways on site were unadopted.

(e) Development at land to the east of Windermere Avenue, Colne (The Rough)

Members raised a number of issues with regard to the development at land to the east of Windermere Avenue, Colne. It was stated that there had been problems with wagons arriving at 6.40 a.m.; damage to pavements due to wagons parking on them; the incorrect location of cabins on the site; and recent flooding to cottages in Lidgett.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that the Council was working with the developer to help deal with the problems encountered.

122. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2019/20 capital budget.

The following bids were submitted for consideration –

- Blucher Street Tree £1,250
- Trawden Forest Primary School Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) Stage £3,000

The report also provided an update on a request to Trawden Forest Parish Council to match fund works to the parapet wall at the rear of 10-13 Winewall Road and 3-11 Holme Street, Trawden.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the bid of £1,250 for the Blucher Street Tree be refused.
- (2) That a total of £3,000 be allocated for the PTFA Stage at Trawden Forest Primary School, £2,000 of which to be allocated from the Committee's capital programme, with the remaining £1,000 to be funded equally by the capital funds of Councillors M. Foxley, P. Foxley and S. Cockburn-Price.
- (3) That the £1,000 contribution for works to the parapet wall at the rear of 10-13 Winewall Road and 3-11 Holme Street, Trawden, provisionally agreed at the October meeting of this Committee, be de-allocated.
- (4) That the balance of £9.10 remaining for litter and dog waste bins be de-allocated and the funds returned to the capital programme.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

123. PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING SCHEME: CALDER STREET, COLNE

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which provided details on the outcome of a survey for the possible introduction of a residents-only parking scheme on Calder Street, Colne.

The survey had been carried out in response to a petition from residents. However, the results showed that the majority of residents either did not want residents-only parking or did not perceive there to be a problem. Whilst this was the case Lancashire County Council would not approve the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme.

RESOLVED

That a residents-only parking scheme not be introduced for Calder Street, Colne.

REASON

The survey results provide no evidence to support the introduction of a scheme for Calder Street, Colne.

124. LAND AT LENCHES ROAD, COLNE

At the July meeting of this Committee, Members deferred consideration of a request for the various restrictive and positive covenants covering five parcels of land fronting, and to the rear of Lenches Road, Colne to be removed, to allow for further information.

In response the land owner had provided a site plan and initial development proposals for the site. The Committee was reminded that the garage/garden plot adjacent to 45 Lenches Road was not included in the proposed scheme and would not require the removal of the covenant.

In view of this additional information, the Committee was asked to further consider the request for the removal of the covenants and to make a recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to decline the request for the removal of the various restrictive and positive covenants covering five parcels of land fronting, and to the rear of Lenches Road, Colne.

REASON

To ensure that the land continues to be used for its intended purpose.

125. BLUCHER STREET TREE IN WATERSIDE

Further to a request from this Committee, the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the situation regarding a tree outside 12 Blucher Street, Colne.

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The Committee was asked to consider whether to remove the tree and plant a smaller tree in a container to replace it. The estimated cost for the works was £1,250 (see minute 122).

RESOLVED

That the tree outside 12 Blucher Street, Colne be retained.

REASON

The tree is not unsafe or diseased and adds to the street scene.

126. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1st July to 30th September, 2019 in the Colne and District area along with annual totals for 2019/20.

127. 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 7th November, 2019 were submitted for information.

128. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meetings of the Pendle Local Nature Reserve Steering Group (17th September), Friends of Alkincoats Park (4th November) and Friends of Ball Grove (12th November) were submitted for information.

129. 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) Land off Laithe Street, Colne (07.03.19)
- (b) Old Mill sites in the South Valley (04.04.19) (Report on outcome of the meeting)
- (c) Town Centre Trees (07.11.19)