

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT  
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK  
ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

*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. 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 and E. West.)*



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

*Debbie Smith*

*Item 5a - 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*

*Item No. 115(a)*

*Gary Parkinson  
Kelvin Harvey*

*Item 5a – 19/0620/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 12  
No. semi-detached dwellings and associated  
hardstanding and landscaping at Land west of  
Playing Fields, Bailey Street, Earby for PEARL  
Together Ltd*

*Item No. 115(a)*

**109.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**110. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**111. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, be approved as a correct record.

**112. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

The crime figures for December 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	0
Burglary - Commercial	3	1
Vehicle Crime	9	6
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	13	12
Theft	8	6
Criminal Damage	5	4
Other Crime	35	30
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>59</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	14	31

PCSO I. Hartley talked through the crime figures and answered related questions. He also reported back on a drugs related operation in West Craven by the Neighbourhood Taskforce at the request of the Committee, which had resulted in a car being seized in Nelson.

There continued to be anti-social behaviour, loud music and cars racing in Victory Park, although the Police were aware of the activity and regularly patrolled the area, taking action when appropriate. Racing cars was mentioned on Ghyll Lane. There had also been complaints from residents about drugs activity and anti-social behaviour at the car park on Ghyll Lane near the Church of St. Mary le Ghyll.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the car park on Ghyll Lane near the Church of St. Mary le Ghyll be added to the Neighbourhood Police Patrol list.
- (2) That thanks be given to Sergeant T. Hitchen and Inspector A. Cartwright for the recent action taken by the Neighbourhood Taskforce in relation to drugs activity in West Craven.

**113. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, the grounds being that urgent representations needed to be made to the respective health authority about the unplanned closure of Butts Clinic in Barnoldswick.

**114. CLOSURE OF BUTTS CLINIC**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, the East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust had posted on Facebook a message saying that there was a leak in the roof at the Butts Clinic and the Podiatry Clinic was being moved to Colne Health Centre. Members were concerned that this was another key health service that was being removed from Barnoldswick, causing particular problems for older people, those with disabilities and people relying on public transport.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clinical Commissioning Group be asked for an urgent meeting to discuss the future of Butts Clinic and services in Barnoldswick.

**115. 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 -

**19/0289/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**

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The site is in a location with low accessibility that would not be readily accessible by public transport, and sustainable modes of transport and the proposed development would result in a significant increase in car usage and contrary to policy ENV4 and WRK5 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and paragraphs 83 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The proposed development result in unacceptable harm to the landscape character and visual amenity of the area, the design of the development fails to take opportunities to mitigate those impacts and therefore represents poor design contrary to policies ENV1, ENV2, WRK5 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and paragraphs 83 and 130 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**19/0620/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 12 No. semi-detached dwellings and associated hardstanding and landscaping at Land west of Playing Fields, Bailey Street, Earby for PEARL Together Ltd**

*(Councillor D. M. Whipp declared a personal interest in this item as a Director of Together Housing, but said that he had taken advice and did not need to withdraw from the meeting.)*

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

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update reporting that further details on drainage had been submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and sent to

PBC Drainage, LCC LLFA and Yorkshire Water for their comments. To date no comments had been received.

**RESOLVED**

That determination of the application be **deferred** to the next meeting for further information on drainage.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

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

**116. 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. It was noted that a meeting had been arranged about the conditions imposed on the Brindley Mews development, formerly known as Hope Mill B and the outcome would be reported to the next meeting.

**(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 Wardle Storey Buildings, School Lane, Earby**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report following concern over completion of works on the North Block and work commencing on the South Block. A report had been submitted to this Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 but no further progress had been made since then.

All outstanding conditions for both blocks should have been submitted for discharge by the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be requested to issue Breach of Condition Notices in respect of the South Block at the former Wardle Storey buildings and that authority be delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager to issue a Stop Notice in respect of the North Block, provided there was conclusive evidence that the building was or soon to be occupied.

**117. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2019/20 Capital Programme was £6,259: Barnoldswick £440 and Earby £5,819.

A bid from Salterforth Parish Council seeking £1,500 to provide play equipment on the village play area was considered.

**RESOLVED**

That £1,500 from the Earby allocation of the 2019/20 Capital Programme be allocated to Salterforth Parish Council for play equipment on the village play area.

**REASON**

*To ensure that the Capital Programme is efficiently and effectively distributed.*

**118. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING**

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October were submitted for information.

**RESOLVED**

That the Traffic Liaison Meeting be asked to pick up the following issues –

- Item 20 – that the request for a footpath be given proper consideration and they be informed that the street lights are LED ones;
- Item 21 – Committee’s concern that adequate measures were not in place to deal with speeding vehicles on Barnoldswick Road/Kelbrook Road, Salterforth;
- Item 22 - that following the recent fatality, the pedestrian crossing on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick be progressed as soon as possible;
- Item 26(ii) – that further action be considered on Coates Avenue to deal with the HGV vehicles; and
- Both Speed Indicator Devices on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick needed to be fixed.

**REASON**

*In the interests of highway safety.*

**119. PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM BAWHEAD ROAD TO BAILEY STREET AND PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF FOOTPATH 16, EARBY**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on an application to make an order to permanently close two public footpaths in connection with the planning application for 12 dwellings on Bailey Street.

**RESOLVED**

That this item be deferred to the next meeting when the planning application for 12 dwellings on Bailey Street would be determined.

**120. PROBLEM SITES**

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

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to –

- (1) Take appropriate enforcement action against the owners of Gospel Hall;
- (2) Look at the possibility of the Council undertaking the necessary works required at 449 Colne Road, Kelbrook and putting a charge on the property; and
- (3) Arrange the meeting previously requested with the owners of Brook Shed as soon as possible.

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

**121. VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

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.

**122. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that a site visit to the Dam Head Road Garage site showed it to be tidy with no evidence of fly-tipping. It was noted that Environmental Services officers were monitoring the site.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to arrange for West Close Lorry Park to be monitored following an increase in flytipping caused, in part, to the introduction of reduced opening hours of the County's household waste recycling centre.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager add West Close Lorry Park to the environmental blight list

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

**123. UNIROYAL GLOBAL**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services reported that progress with the various improvement works undertaken at the company would be reviewed and an update provided to the February meeting. However, it was reported that residents were keen to have what would hopefully be the final meeting of the Working Group to finalise any outstanding issues.

**RESOLVED**

That a meeting of the Uniroyal/Residents Working Group be set up at the earliest opportunity to review last year's improvement works and any outstanding issues.

**REASON**

***To facilitate discussions between local residents and Uniroyal Global and draw the matter to a close.***

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**125. WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE**

The Yorkshire Devolution Movement was an independent pressure group set up in 2012 to campaign for a directly elected regional parliament for Yorkshire. The organisation had requested that the Committee consider asking the Council to use West Riding of Yorkshire when addressing residents and businesses in West Craven.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the request for the Council to use West Riding of Yorkshire when addressing residents and businesses in West Craven be declined.
- (2) That the BBC be asked to recognise within future reports that both Barnoldswick and Earby (West Craven) are settlements located within the historic County of Yorkshire rather than Lancashire.

**REASON**

1. ***Whilst sympathising with the request, it was felt that it would be an unreasonable request.***
2. ***In recognition of the towns' history.***

**126. NO COLD CALLING AREAS**

Members again 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 to designate Kelbrook a No Cold Calling Area.

**REASON**

***In the interests of public wellbeing and safety.***

Chairman.....