

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 4TH FEBRUARY 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
G. Wilson*

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 E. West and C. Pollard.)



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

<i>Gary Parkinson Kelvin Harvey John Cooper</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Item No. 131(a)</i>
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<i>Matthew Mortonson Ian Bulcock Nigel Harris Mrs S. Wellington-Clark Jean Dart Gareth Almond Fay Weatherall</i>	<i>19/0815/OUT Outline: Major: Residential development (1.48ha) (Access only) at Land to the North East of Meadow Way, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick for Future Habitats Limited</i>	<i>Item No 131(a)</i>
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127.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

128. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

129. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7th January 2020, be approved as a correct record.

130. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for January 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2019	2020
Burglary - Residential	3	0
Burglary - Commercial	1	3
Vehicle Crime	8	8
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	11	10
Theft	12	15
Criminal Damage	7	5
Other Crime	32	47
ALL CRIME	74	88
Anti-Social Behaviour	21	26

It was noted that Earby crime had gone up by over 100%. Overall crime had increased by 19%, with an increase in ASB of almost 24%. This had been the second consecutive month there had been a rise in the crime statistics.

RESOLVED

That Sergeant T. Hitchen be asked to thank the Neighbourhood Team for their work in policing the area but to pass on the following matters of concern –

- Speeding cars down Gisburn Road and Kelbrook Road heading towards Salterforth
- Anti-social behaviour including drugs activity & teenagers throwing rocks at cars
- Aggressive tactics from door to door sales people in Barnoldswick
- Paving flags stolen from Bruce Street

131. 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 -

19/0620/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 non-pecuniary interest in this item as a Director of PEARL Together Ltd, but said that he had taken advice and did not need to withdraw from the meeting.)

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that should the application be refused there was a significant risk of costs being awarded against the Council in the event of an appeal. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.)

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update reporting further comments from LCC Lead Local Flood Authority. It had no objection to the proposed development, subject to the inclusion of recommended planning conditions which were set out in the report. The recommendation had therefore been changed to approval with additional conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

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

The development was in the wrong place, and there were too many complicating issues including drainage.

19/0815/OUT Outline: Major: Residential development (1.48ha) (Access only) at Land to the North East of Meadow Way, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick for Future Habitats Limited

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

RESOLVED

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

1. The proposed development would cause harm to the significance of the heritage assets and their settings. Such harm would be contrary to Section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Policies ENV1 and LIV1 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy. For the purposes of the National Planning Policy Framework, whilst such harm would be less than substantial it would be sufficient to justify refusal of planning permission when weighed against the benefits of the proposed development under paragraph 134.
2. The proposal would result in the unacceptable loss of a prominent greenfield site which makes a significant contribution to the landscape character and quality of the area and therefore would be contrary to policies ENV1 and LIV1 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy. Harm to heritage assets and impact on the character of the landscape, outweighing any benefits the development might bring.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

132. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

(a) 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.

(b) Brindley Mews Development (Hope B)

A meeting with LCC and PBC officers, councillors and the developers with their consultants was held on 8th January 2020 to discuss a number of outstanding conditions for the housing development at Brindley Mews. It was noted that works were now progressing well to satisfy the outstanding conditions. It had been agreed that the road would now be adopted up to the back of the Orchards and not extend further to George Street.

133. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

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

Members considered a bid from Kelbrook and Sough Village Hall applying for £425 for two recycled plastic picnic benches for use in the outside private area.

RESOLVED

That £425 be granted from the Earby allocation of the 2019/20 Capital Programme to provide two picnic benches for Kelbrook and Sough Village Hall.

REASON

- 1. Use of the outside area will enhance the facility and benefit the community.***
- 2. To ensure that the Capital Programme is efficiently and effectively distributed.***

134. 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 ,in view of the planning application for Bailey Street being referred to Policy and Resources Committee, that this item be deferred.

REASON

To see if there was a need to close the footpaths before considering the request.

135.

UNIROYAL GLOBAL

A meeting of the Uniroyal Global/Residents Working Group had been arranged for 10th February 2020. The outcome would be reported back to the meeting of this Committee on 3rd March.

136.

AREA COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Governance Working Group had asked Members to consider the future structure of area committees following the recently completed ward review. Reducing the number of Councillors from 49 to 33 meant that it was no longer feasible to have 5 area committees and Members were asked to consider whether they would prefer to have 4 or 3 area committees in their place. In both scenarios membership of West Craven Committee was proposed to be 6 Members – 3 from Barnoldswick and 3 from Earby and Coates.

The views of area committees would be reported to the Annual Council in May when the decision would be taken.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to agree that the future membership of West Craven Committee be made up of 3 Barnoldswick Members and 3 Members from Earby and Coates within the new structure of area committees.

REASON

In the interests of local democracy.

137.

VACANT HOUSES

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services reported on the management of vacant houses in West Craven. The vacancy rate across Pendle was now 1.73%, significantly below the average to the NW of England (3.2%) and average for England (2.6%). There were 87 empty properties in West Craven representing 1.15% of the housing stock covered by the Committee's wards.

138.

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.

139.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following items of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

140. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

Outstanding Enforcements

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases which was noted.

141. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report informing members of the environmental crime action for 1st October to 31st December 2019 in the West Craven area. It showed an increase in serving Section 215 notices.

Members discussed the benefit in future of having a two part report where the summary figures and general position could be discussed in the public arena and the detailed statistics with individual addresses discussed under Part II.

Chairman.....