

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS  
ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

*PRESENT –*

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

**Councillors**

*M. Adams  
C. Carter  
M. Goulthorp  
K. Hartley  
J. Mills  
J. Purcell  
T. Whipp*

**Co-optees**

*C. Pollard*

**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 P. Hampson, E. West, G. Wilson and Councillor R. E. Carroll.)*



*The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated –*

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| <i>Mike O' Brien</i> | <i>20/0035/REM Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of 129 dwellings and associated roads, infrastructure and parking (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of Outline Planning Permission 13/16/0054P at site of former Barnsay Shed, Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick</i> | <i>Minute No. 7(b)</i> |
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**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**7. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020, be approved as a correct record.

**8. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

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

|                             | <b>2019</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Burglary - Residential      | 2           | 2           |
| Burglary - Commercial       | 2           | 0           |
| Vehicle Crime               | 4           | 8           |
| Hate Crime                  | 2           | 0           |
| Assaults                    | 13          | 11          |
| Theft                       | 7           | 6           |
| Criminal Damage             | 8           | 9           |
| Other Crime                 | 33          | 38          |
| <b>ALL CRIME</b>            | <b>71</b>   | <b>74</b>   |
| Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) | 23          | 42          |

Crime statistics for March, April and May had also been circulated.

There was particular concern about the steep increase in ASB activity over the last few months. Members also highlighted continued problems with drug activity and boy racers in the parks, as well as criminal damage to the pavilion and bowling green in Victory Park. There was a discussion about the additional powers PCSOs had for dealing with alcohol related crimes in the town centres and whether they could be extended to deal with issues in the parks. Also, if there were any other actions that might help to combat crime in the parks, particularly night-time crime, such as allowing the parking of motor homes in car parks in Pendle's parks.

Information on a new online Police messaging system, Lancashire Talking, was discussed, where people could sign up to flag up areas of concern and receive messages and updates on crime in their area. The Chairman encouraged Members of the Committee and residents to sign up and highlight problems and concerns in particular locations in West Craven.

It was noted and welcomed that from the end of August there would be an additional PCSO working alongside PCSO N. Wallin and PC S. Murphy, filling the vacancy left in August 2019.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Police be thanked for filling the PCSO vacancy in West Craven.
- (2) That the Police be asked to provide some commentary on the dramatic increase in anti-social behaviour in the last few months and to note Members' concerns about drugs activity and ASB in the parks.

## 9. 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 -

**19/0863/REM Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of 34 dwelling houses (access, appearance, layout, scale and landscaping) at Land at Field Number 0087, Earby Road, Salterforth for Cross Construction Limited**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager read out representations from the agent, Alan Kinder, in support of the application, which informed Members that the overhead power lines which traversed the site directly above the route of the planned estate road would be placed underground.

### RESOLVED

That permission be granted subject to the following conditions -

1. This notice constitutes an approval of matters reserved under Condition 1 of Planning Permission No. 16/0630/OUT and does not by itself constitute a planning permission.

**Reason:** The application relates to matters reserved by Planning Permission No.16/0630/OUT

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

CROS/19 Dwg02C, CROS/19 Dwg09B, CROS/19 Dwg20A, CROS/19 Dwg21, CROS/19 Dwg22, CROS/19 Dwg23, CROS/19 Dwg24A, CROS/19 Dwg00, CROS/19 Dwg01 and CROS/19 Dwg08.

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

3. Prior to first occupation of each dwelling, the on plot parking provision as shown on the approved plan CROS/19 Dwg02C, must be constructed, surfaced and marked out. The parking spaces shall thereafter always remain unobstructed and available for parking.

**Reason:** In order to ensure satisfactory levels of off street parking are achieved within the site, to prevent parking on the highway to the detriment of highway safety.

4. The windows in the second floor side elevations of House Type 1 and the two windows in the first floor eastern side elevation of House Type 5 of the development hereby permitted shall at all times be glazed only with obscure glass of Level 4 or above. Any replacement glazing shall be of an equal degree of obscurity and the windows shall be hung in such a way so as to prevent the effect of obscure glazing being negated by way of opening.

**Reason:** In order to protect and preserve the privacy and amenity of the occupiers of the adjoining dwelling.

5. Prior to first occupation of the first dwelling on site, works for all power lines to be placed underground must be completed and shall thereafter remain underground permanently.

**Reason:** In order to protect the visual amenity of the site and rural character of the surrounding area.

## **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 development accords with the Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework. 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) Planning applications for comment**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning application for comment prior to being considered by Policy and Resources Committee -

**20/0035/REM Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of 129 dwellings and associated roads, infrastructure and parking (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of Outline Planning Permission 13/16/0054P at site of former Barnsay Shed, Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick for Seddon Homes Ltd**

## **RESOLVED**

That Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to take into account the following views of the Committee –

- Serious concerns about the impact on flooding in this area of Barnoldswick, from losing the capacity for storage of water on the green field beyond the former mill site. Also concerns of how this loss of soakaway will impact on the drainage systems in Salterforth and Earby. The scheme does not provide enough attenuation to address the amount of water there.
- Only 4.6% of the development is affordable housing, so the 5% affordable homes requirement has not been met.
- Desire for green space in the heart of the development, not just the periphery of the site.
- Request for appropriate conditions/Code of Practice to reduce nuisance and regulate acceptable operating hours during the construction phase and for this to be enforced, to minimise the impact on residents.
- Request for pedestrian crossing at the access to the site.
- Request for improved landscaping scheme – extensive tree planting to benefit residents, mitigate the loss of wildlife and help with flooding.

## **10.**

### **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. It was noted that progress had been delayed due to the Courts being closed in recent months.

**11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 AND 2020/21**

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

Members considered a bid from St. Peter's Community Garden Project, Earby applying for £200 for a new path and pond. Also, a bid from the Economic Development Team seeking £3,000 from the Barnoldswick allocation and £1,285 from the Earby allocation for Premises Improvement Grants (to add to the slippage from 2019/20 of £1,715).

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That £200 be granted from the Earby allocation of the 2020/21 Capital Programme to provide a new path and pond for St Peter's Community Garden Project.
- (2) That £3000 be granted from the Barnoldswick allocation and £1,285 from the Earby allocation of the 2020/21 Capital Programme for Premises Improvement Grants.

**REASON**

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

**12. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES**

At the last meeting it was agreed to set up Barnoldswick and Earby Task Groups to look at putting in place any additional measures required to establish a safe trading environment and to encourage people back into the town centres, using ERDF funding of £11,317 to support this work.

Since then discussions had been held with the Communications Team about ways to promote the town centres of Earby and Barnoldswick. There was to be signage and a leaflet delivered to all households saying town centres were Open for Business.

Following Ward Councillors' discussions with retailers and Barnoldswick Town Council, the plans for Barnoldswick now included the following -

- A video promoting the opening of the town centre for use on Youtube, Facebook etc.
- Promotion of a booklet saying "We're Here for You" featuring town centre businesses and distributed locally.
- Commissioning of a photographer to take pictures of traders to feature in the promotional booklet and to use on social media and for the images to be given to traders for their own use.
- Hire of a marquee cover for the Town Square when the improvement works were complete. This could be used for an enhanced programme of events/activities on the run up to Christmas, as well as for the Switch On.
- Purchase of tables for a relaunched market and for cafes to use.
- A new loyalty scheme.
- Possibly PPE and cashless facilities for traders (from the Committee's Capital Programme, rather than ERDF funding)

It was agreed that much of what was proposed for promoting Barnoldswick could also be used for promoting Earby Town Centre.

**RESOLVED**

That discussions take place with Earby Town Council and Ward Councillors to consider pooling resources on publicity for Earby and Barnoldswick Town Centres.

**REASON**

*To help Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres' recovery following the Covid-19 outbreak.*

**13. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update on the Premises Improvement Grants scheme in 2019/20 which was noted. Bids to the 2020/21 Capital Programme were dealt with under that item earlier on the agenda.

**14. REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING**

Members considered requests for residents-only parking from residents of 31-49 Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick and 1-10 Park View Terrace, Salterforth. It was understood that County Council now had a small amount of funding available for the introduction of Residents-only parking schemes.

**RESOLVED**

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to arrange for surveys to be carried out on 31-49 Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick and 1-10 Park View Terrace, Salterforth and to report the results back to a future meeting.

**REASON**

*To assess the need for residents-only parking in these areas.*

**15. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven. It was noted that both Dam Head Road Garage Site and West Close Road Lorry Park were now tidy but would need to be regularly monitored. Barnoldswick in Bloom were giving consideration to strengthening the planting of trees at the latter site, and creating a living willow screen to deter fly-tipping.

Chairman.....