

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 20th AUGUST, 2020
VIA TEAMS**

Councillor M. Iqbal (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
M. R. Arshad
D. Clegg
S. E. Cockburn-Price
T. Cooney
M. Goulthorp*

*J. Henderson
Y. Iqbal
A. Mahmood
B. Newman
J. Nixon
D. M. Whipp*

Also present:

Councillor K. Turner

Officers in attendance:

<i>Dean Langton</i>	<i>Chief Executive</i>
<i>Vince Green</i>	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>
<i>Alex Cameron</i>	<i>Senior Planning Officer</i>
<i>Joanne Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the items indicated:

<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 on site of the former Barnsay Shed, Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Minute No.22(a)</i>
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<i>Beccy Murrell Daniel Hughes Robin Willoughby</i>	<i>20/0259/FUL Full: Conversion of barn into two holiday lets and siting of five holiday cabins (re-submission) at Stone Fold Farm, Stump Hall Road, Higham</i>	<i>Minute No. 22(b)</i>
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19. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

20. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

21. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July, 2020 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) **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 on site of the former Barnsay Shed, Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick for Seddon Homes Ltd**

This application had been considered by West Craven Committee on 7th July, 2020 and their comments were included in the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager's report.

An update was circulated prior to the meeting with comments from PBC Environmental Health and the PBC Environment Officer. Subject to additional conditions for a landscaping scheme and to ensure the mitigation proposed in the noise report was implemented, the application was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the planning application be **deferred** to the next meeting to allow comments to be received from the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board.

- (b) **20/0259/FUL Full: Conversion of barn into two holiday lets and siting of five holiday cabins (re-submission) at Stone Fold Farm, Stump Hall Road, Higham for Mrs D. Whitehouse**

In addition to the speakers, representations from Garry Harper, Norman Mitchell and Daisy Whitehouse were read out at the meeting. Comments on the application from John Horsfall, Stuart Forshaw, Linda Lonsdale and Mike Tetley of Higham Parish Council had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

At a meeting of Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee on 8th July, 2020 the decision to refuse this application was referred as a recommendation to this Committee as the decision would lead to a significant risk of costs being awarded against the Council in the event of an appeal. The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for consideration.

RESOLVED

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

1. The development would lead to an increased use of the highway via a substandard access. The increase in vehicular traffic resulting from the proposed development would result in an

unacceptable impact on highway safety contrary to Policy ENV4 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and paragraphs 108-109 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. The development would result in unacceptable harm to the landscape and scenic beauty of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty contrary to Policies ENV1, ENV2 and WRK5 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, the guidance of the Supplementary Planning Guidance: Forest of Bowland AONB and paragraph 172 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

23. **STRATEGIC MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH JUNE 2020**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which provided performance monitoring information on the Council's service and financial plans for the first quarter of 2020/21. The report detailed how the Council had responded to the Covid 19 pandemic and the impact on service delivery. The Chief Executive gave a further update at the meeting on how staff had adapted to the situation and how working arrangements might change in the future.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the appreciation of Councillors be conveyed to staff at all levels, working from home and in the Council's buildings, and they be thanked for their efforts in continuing to deliver critical and other services where possible, and providing additional support throughout this difficult period.
- (2) That volunteer groups also be thanked for their collaborative work supporting people in the local community.
- (3) That the progress made on actions identified in the Strategic Plan (as shown at Appendix A of the report) be noted.

REASON

- (1) ***To acknowledge the hard work of staff and volunteer groups over the last few months.***
- (2) ***To inform the Committee of performance monitoring information relating to the Council's services and financial plans.***

24. **PEARL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on development activity being carried out by the four PEARL joint venture companies. It set out work planned over the next 12 months and summarised all development undertaken by the PEARL companies, since they were established.

RESOLVED

That the ongoing and planned development activity of the PEARL companies be noted.

REASON

To keep the Committee informed of progress with the PEARL companies.

25. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER FOR ALCOHOL CONTROL

The Corporate Director submitted a report on the review of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PCPOs) in relation to alcohol control in Pendle. There were 5 PCPOs which needed to be reviewed in 2020 and either extended or allowed to lapse. Parish Councils, the Police and the Fire Service had all been consulted and were in favour of an extension.

RESOLVED

That a single Alcohol Control PSPO with a schedule and maps of the areas included (with an improved map for Earby) be agreed, subject to public consultation on the Council's website, and made for a period of three years and that the necessary legal steps, including the provision of signage, be taken to implement the PSPO.

REASON

To enable the Council and its partners to respond to concerns regarding alcohol related behaviour that is detrimental to the quality of life in town centres and some parks in Pendle including enforcement action.

26. POLICY THEMES – ANNUAL REPORT

The Chief Executive submitted an annual update on the following policy themes: Community Safety; Community Cohesion; Children and Young People; Health and Wellbeing; Climate Change/Emissions; Equality and Diversity; and Pendle Vision Board.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the progress of these thematic areas and challenges to delivery be noted.
- (2) That the Healthy Weight Advocates be reviewed and Members encouraged to get involved in the Healthy Places, Healthy Future programme.
- (3) That a cross-party scrutiny group be established to consider poverty in Pendle in 2020-21.

REASON

To recognise and take forward partnership working in order to deliver the Objectives in the Council's Strategic Plan.

27. THE COUNCIL'S APPROACH TOWARDS THE PREVENT DUTY

The Chief Executive submitted a report on work towards the Prevent Duty, the statutory duty the Council had to have due regard to prevent individuals being drawn into terrorism, and sought approval for the PBC Prevent Action Plan 2020-22.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the proposed PBC Prevent Action Plan 2020-22 (at Appendix 1 of the report) be approved.
- (2) That Councillor D. M. Whipp be appointed to be proactively involved in Prevent policy-setting, delivery and communications.

REASON

To ensure the Council continues to meet its statutory obligations in relation to the Prevent Duty.

28. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking approval of the draft Community Engagement Framework for Pendle.

RESOLVED

That Councillors be asked to send any comments on the draft Community Engagement Framework to the temporary Localities and Policy Manager and a revised draft be brought back to a future meeting for approval.

REASON

To enable community engagement to be part of everything the Council does and in its partnership working; help deliver the Strategic Plan; and encourage residents to influence decision making.

29. HATE CRIME GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEES

The Chief Executive submitted a report on work to raise awareness of and reporting of hate crime. Approval was sought for an Employee Guide to reporting hate incidents at Appendix 1 of the report. To support the guidance there was a briefing sheet on hate crime produced by Lancashire Constabulary (Appendix 2).

RESOLVED

That the guidance on hate crime be approved to ensure the Council is effective in reporting, recording and taking action on hate incidents.

REASONS

- (1) ***To raise awareness of, and encourage commitment to tackling hate crime in communities.***
- (2) ***To support the delivery of the Pennine Lancashire Hate Crime Action Plan by briefing staff on what hate crime is and how to respond to victims of hate crime.***

30. MATTERS REFERRED FROM AREA COMMITTEES

(a) Deterioration of Pendle's Highways

At a meeting of Colne and District Committee on 5th March, 2020 there was a discussion regarding the poor maintenance of the roads in Colne. It was felt that the general condition of the highways had steadily deteriorated over the years, particularly since the County Council had taken back the responsibility for road and pavement repairs. It was explained that for many years the County Council had provided funding to enable Pendle Council to provide the service on its behalf. Members felt that this system should be reintroduced.

It was agreed that the views of the Colne and District Committee be relayed to the County Council but also that this issue be discussed further at a future meeting. It was felt that this was an issue that affected the Borough as a whole and should be referred to this Committee for discussion.

RESOLVED

That the Leader of the Council draft a letter, to be agreed by and sent on behalf of all three parties, to the Portfolio Holder for Highways at County Council seeking a meeting to discuss the possibility of this Council being given responsibility for road and pavement repairs with an appropriate funding allocation.

REASON

To seek improvements to the pavements and roads in Pendle and in the interests of highway safety.

(b) Land at Vernon Street

At a meeting of Nelson Committee on 6th July, 2020 it was resolved "that the untidy land at Vernon Street, Nelson be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee with a view to the site being cleared by the most appropriate means and as soon as possible.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to report back on this site to the next meeting.

REASON

In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

(c) Waterside Play Areas

Colne Town Council were intending to carry out improvements to some of the play areas the Council transferred to them a few years ago. As part of this work, they had made a request to take on a section of land, to enable the two Waterside play areas to be combined. The Town Council also intended to move the play equipment from the bottom of Exchange Street which would leave this land vacant.

Policy and Resources Committee (20.08.2020)

At a meeting of the Colne and District Committee on 6th August, 2020 it was resolved “that Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to:

- (1) Approve the transfer of the land shown edged black on the plan to Colne Town Council.
- (2) Consider the three options listed below in relation to the land at the bottom of Exchange Street, Colne:
 - That the Town Council give the piece of land back to the Council in return for the alternative section of land as shown on the plan;
 - That the Town Council retain the land, grass over and maintain;
 - That the Town Council level the land and create a wildflower garden or orchard (to be determined by the Town Council at a later date).

RESOLVED

- (1) That the transfer of the land shown edged black on the submitted plan be transferred to Colne Town Council.
- (2) That the Town Council be asked for their views on the future use of the land at the bottom of Exchange Street.

REASON

To improve the appearance and management of this recreational area in Colne.

(d) Land adjoining 8 Briercliffe Avenue, Colne

At a meeting of Colne and District Committee on 6th August, 2020 it was resolved “that the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to declare the land adjoining 8 Briercliffe Avenue, Colne as surplus to requirements in order for a sale to be negotiated”. The land was formerly a footpath which was closed off several years ago when the adjoining school was built. It fell between 2 residential properties and there was interest from the owner of one of the properties to buy the land to extend their garden.

RESOLVED

That the land shown edged black on the plan attached to the Chief Executive’s report to Colne Committee, be declared surplus to requirements in order for a sale to be negotiated.

REASON

To achieve a capital receipt and to end all liabilities.

Chairman _____