

22. PROGRESS REPORT

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

23. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Boast reported on the increase in anti-social behaviour in particular areas of Colne in recent weeks. Specific reference was made to the wooded area on Cottontree Lane, where groups frequently gathered. He advised that a S34 Dispersal Notice had been authorised and would take effect from 7.00 p.m. on Friday 7th August for 48 hours. This would be reviewed on Monday.

He made reference to the letter that had been sent from this Committee to the Police and Crime Commissioner following issues raised at the last meeting. He advised that he was due to meet with the Chairman of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership and a number of Committee members on Tuesday of next week to discuss the concerns.

The proposed format of the meeting was not suitable to be held remotely therefore, due to current COVID-19 restrictions, only limited numbers could attend. It was agreed that a further meeting with other members of the Committee would be arranged.

Other issues raised by the Committee included speeding vehicles on Whitewalls Drive, Colne and through Laneshawbridge. Members were advised to report problem areas to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership via its website.

24. 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 -

20/0276/HHO Full: Erection of two storey side extension and alterations to vehicle access (Re-submission) at Netherheys House, Barrowford Road, Colne for Mr Anwar

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update which advised of further neighbour comments. It was reported that, following amendments to the plans, the neighbour had no objections to the application.

During the debate, Members made specific reference to the removal of two Sycamore trees from the site, which were protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). A Tree Replacement Notice had been issued and the Committee felt that these should be planted in the original locations.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allow for legal advice to be sought.

(b) Planning appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on planning appeals. It was reported that, since the writing of the report, the following decisions had been made –

19/0701/FUL 19/0021/AP/COND	Appeal against condition attached to grant of planning permission for change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of a detached garage (Re-submission) at Thornlea, Lane House Lane, Trawden, Colne, BB8 8SN Appeal Decision: Allowed
PLE/19/0405 19/0010/AP/ENFORC	Appeal against enforcement notice for the unauthorised removal of the slate roof, leadwork and the stone lantern on the building at Langroyd Hall, Langroyd Road, Colne BB8 7AN Appeal Decision: Dismissed

25. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

26. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2020/21 capital budget.

27. WATERSIDE PLAY AREA

It was reported that Colne Town Council intended to carry out improvements to some of the play areas the Council transferred to them a few years ago. As part of this, they had made a request to take on a section of land, as shown on the submitted plan, to enable the two Waterside play areas to be combined.

Any transfer would be subject to the usual covenants and restrictions as to future use and disposal which had been placed on transfers under the Transfer of Services and Facilities programme. In addition, a right of way would be reserved for access to the retained grassed area.

It was noted that the Town Council intended to move the play equipment currently located at land at the bottom of Exchange Street, Colne. This would leave the land vacant. Options for this land were discussed as follows –

- 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 submitted 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

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to –

- (1) approve the transfer of the land shown on the attached plan to Colne Town Council;
- (2) consider the three options listed above in relation to the land at the bottom of Exchange Street, Colne.

REASON

- (1) *The land has little potential alternative use value; is of little capital value; and there is no objection to the proposed transfer.*
- (2) *To determine the future use of the land.*

28. LAND ADJOINING 8 BRIERCLIFFE AVENUE, COLNE

Following the receipt of a request to purchase the land adjoining 8 Briercliffe Avenue, Colne, shown edged black on the plan attached to the report, the Chief Executive submitted a report for Members to consider asking the Policy and Resources Committee to declare the land surplus to requirements.

RESOLVED

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to declare the land adjoining 8 Briercliffe Avenue, Colne, shown edged black on the plan, surplus to requirements in order for a sale to be negotiated.

REASON

To achieve a capital receipt and to end all liabilities.

29. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

Councillor Cockburn-Price provided an update on Colne BID's progress in setting up projects to support the re-opening of Colne Town Centre. Discussions regarding a Colne-wide app for hospitality, covered by a town-wide licence, were ongoing.

30. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had either been referred to this Committee or requested by the Committee. Reports would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Land off Laithe Street, Colne (07.03.19) (09.05.19)
- (b) Responsibility for highway maintenance (05.03.2020)

31. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next item of business

when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

32. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for Quarter 4 (1st January to 31st March, 2020) and Quarter 1 (1st April to 30th June, 2020) in the Colne and District area along with annual totals for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

CHAIRMAN _____