

35.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th August, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36.

PROGRESS REPORT

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

37.

POLICE ISSUES

The Committee discussed a number of concerns regarding illegal activity in the Colne and District area.

Specific reference was made to –

- the increase in drug use at Ivegate, across from the Duke of Lancaster pub; behind the library; and in the cemetery
- drug activity in cars
- speeding vehicles, particularly on Keighley Road, Laneshawbridge
- anti-social behaviour (ASB) of young people in Ball Grove Park
- vandalism

It was noted that, as referred to at the last meeting, a meeting had been held with the police, the Chairman of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership and a number of Committee members to discuss concerns over crime trends. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the format of the meeting had meant that only limited numbers could attend. It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting would be circulated to the remaining members of this Committee.

A number of Councillors advised of their individual arrangements to meet with the police/a youth worker later this month to discuss the issues in more detail. This would include the possibility of using the Restorative Justice approach to address the ASB in Ball Grove Park.

The Committee also questioned the role of the occupant/tenant of the Colne Cemetery House and whether opening/closing of the gates and patrolling the grounds was a condition of the contract.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the concerns of the Committee be relayed to the police as soon as possible.
- (2) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to provide clarification on the role, if any, of the occupant/tenant of the Colne Cemetery House.

38.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning applications to be determined -

20/0143/FUL Full: Erection of a two storey extension to the south side with attached garage and roof terrace, external alterations to existing dwelling house including alterations to doors and windows and insertion of rooflights (part retrospective) at Lower Naze End Farm, Hollin Hall, Trawden for Mr Andrew Smith

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to grant consent subject to receipt of acceptable amended plans relating to the proposed horizontal windows and appropriate conditions.

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 would preserve the significance of the Conservation Area and is in accordance with the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan. 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.

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

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** due to inappropriate design.

(b) Planning appeals

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

39. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement action

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

A verbal update on a number of cases was provided.

40. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's capital programme for 2020/21 was £50,540.

Members were reminded that in previous years, each Councillor had been allocated a sum from the capital programme for spend in their ward. It was noted that, whilst a member of the Council, former councillor Steve Petty had not spent his full allocation.

RESOLVED

- (1) That each Colne and District Councillor be allocated £2,500 from the Committee's capital programme for spend on appropriate capital projects, subject to receipt of a completed capital programme bid form.
- (2) That any unspent funds, previously allocated to former councillor Steve Petty, be redistributed amongst the two remaining Horsfield Ward councillors, for appropriate spend.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

41. RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

At the March 2020 meeting, Members discussed the general condition of the local highways. It was the view of the Committee that a former system by which Lancashire County Council provided funding to enable Pendle Council to carry out road and pavement repairs should be reintroduced.

It was reported that, as this was a Borough wide issue, the matter had been referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for discussion where it was 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.”

In light of the current proposals for the creation of a Unitary Authority, the Committee felt that any discussion with Lancashire County Council should be put on hold.

42. LAND FRONTING 6 TO 22 PATTEN STREET, COLNE

Further to this item being deferred at the July meeting of this Committee, the Chief Executive re-submitted a report for Members to consider granting garden tenancies on land fronting 6 to 22 Patten Street, Colne.

It was noted that, due to current COVID-19 government restrictions, ward councillors had not been able to consult with residents as planned.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of this Committee, no later than January 2021.

REASON

To allow time for ward councillors to meet with residents.

43. PROPOSAL TO REMOVE TREES AND SHRUBS FROM THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS, COLNE

It was reported that, at a recent meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group (CEWG), reference was made to proposals to remove trees and shrubs at the King George V Playing Fields, Colne to help combat anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues in the area by providing better visibility.

The matter had been referred to this Committee for discussion.

The CEWG meeting had also included a discussion on whether there was scope for additional tree planting on the playing fields.

The Committee was advised that, further to the CEWG meeting, additional information had been received regarding the proposals to address the ASB. This indicated that the extent of the works was less than first thought as it mainly involved pruning and clearing undergrowth.

This was felt to be more acceptable, as Members were generally opposed to the removal of trees and bushes at this location to combat ASB. The suggestion of additional tree planting on the playing fields and elsewhere in the Borough was supported.

It was noted that Colne Town Council was due to discuss, at its next meeting, a proposal to put CCTV at the King George V play area. The option of having a camera directed towards the area of ASB could be explored.

RESOLVED

- (1) That any proposal to remove the bushes, particularly on the Skipton Road side of King George V Playing Fields, to combat anti-social behaviour not be supported.
- (2) That additional tree planting in the area be supported.

REASON

In support of the Pendle Tree Planting Plan 2020/21.

44. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

A summary of the Colne BID expenditure (as at 10th September, 2020) to support the safe re-opening of Colne Town Centre had been circulated prior to the meeting.

45. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following item had been requested by the Committee. A report would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Land off Laithe Street, Colne (07.03.19) (09.05.19)

46. 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.

47. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

He answered a number of specific questions relating to the report.

48. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Colne and District area.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a summary of the latest financial assessment relating to site 1 on the report, be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.
- (2) In the meantime, enquiries be made into the availability, or otherwise, of the Brownfield Sites Fund.

REASON

For further information.

49. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Carwash, Colne

It was reported that the development of a carwash in Colne had been carried out without planning permission.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be authorised to take enforcement action, as appropriate.

CHAIRMAN _____