

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

*PRESENT –*

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

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

*C. Pollard*

**Police**

*PC S. Murphy*

**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 and Councillors R. E. Carroll and J. Purcell.)*



**27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**28. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**29. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020, be approved as a correct record, subject to the deletion of the following condition “*subject to agreement by the Financial Services Manager*” in the second resolution of the Capital Programme 2020/21 item at Minute 22.

**30. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

PC S. Murphy talked members through the crime figures for August 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Burglary - Residential	2	3
Burglary - Commercial	5	3
Vehicle Crime	8	7
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	12	18
Theft	9	5
Criminal Damage	3	4
Other Crime	46	37
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>77</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	34	67

Members discussed at length community safety issues, in particular the significant rise in anti-social behaviour (ASB). There was a core group of youths causing ASB in Earby - at Rushton Avenue playground, the Waterfalls and the recreation ground. There was a widespread problem with damage, drugs activity and anti-social behaviour in Victory Park, Letcliffe Park and Valley Gardens in Barnoldswick. There were also reports of dangerous driving in and around West Craven, which the Police were aware of.

PC S. Murphy urged residents to report all incidents of crime by phoning 101 or going online. Any anecdotal reports would not be logged or count towards the crime figures. He also took the opportunity to encourage Councillors and members of the public to sign up to Lancashire Talking if they had not already done so. This Police initiative invited people to say where they thought the hot spots for areas of concern were in their neighbourhood and was a good way of alerting the Police to problems in an area.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Police be asked to take appropriate action where possible to deal with the following issues -

- ASB by youths at Rushton Avenue playground in Earby
- ASB and open drugs dealing and consumption in the Barnoldswick parks, Earby Waterfalls and Recreation Ground
- Boy racers driving dangerously in and around West Craven

## **31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Planning applications for determination**

**20/0393/VAR Full: Variation of Conditions: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 19/0069/FUL at Caravan Site, Lower Greenhill Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth for Mr and Mrs N. Hudson**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting following additional clarification on surface water storage capacity. The officer's recommendation remained to approve.

## **RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions -

1. The development permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of the permission.
2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 400 Rev C, 501, 7325/020, 7325/021, 7325 Fig 3 Rev B, 200 Rev C.
3. There shall not be more than 20 touring caravan pitches and 36 static caravans sited within the approved application site and they shall be laid out in accordance with the approved plan 501.
4. The caravan pitches / static caravans shall be occupied for holiday purposes only and shall not be occupied as a person's sole or main place of residence. The operators of the site shall maintain an up-to-date register of the names of all owners of caravans on the site and of their main home addresses and shall make this information available at all reasonable times to the local planning authority.
5. All static caravans shall be finished/painted prior to being brought on to the caravan park in a colour to be first agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and thereafter maintained in accordance with the approved colour.
6. Provision shall be made within the site for the parking of not less than one car per caravan pitch/static caravan, together with turning spaces such that vehicles serving may both enter and leave the site in a forward gear, in accordance with the approved plans. The caravan pitches/static caravans hereby approved shall not be occupied unless and until the access, parking and turning areas have been laid out, surfaced and made available for use and the parking and turning area shall thereafter remain free from obstruction and available for parking and manoeuvring purposes at all times thereafter.
7. The use hereby approved shall not commence unless and until the works to the junction and access road detailed in drawing Nos. 7325/020, 7325/021 have been completed in accordance with a scheme of construction of the site access to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works to the junction.
8. The use hereby approved shall not commence unless and until the existing vehicular access to the site from the access road to Bashfield Farm has been physically and permanently closed and thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of Part 2 classes A and B of the second schedule of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), there shall be no vehicular access to the site from the access road to Bashfield Farm.
9. For the full period of construction, facilities shall be available on site for the cleaning of the wheels of vehicles leaving the site and such equipment shall be used as necessary to prevent mud and stones being carried onto the highway. The roads adjacent to the site shall be mechanically swept as required during the full construction period.
10. No caravans shall be sited on the approved application site unless and until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include the following:
  - a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained;
  - b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;
  - c. an outline specification for ground preparation;

- d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
- e. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;
- f. the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the commencement of the use of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

11. The development shall be carried out and operated in full accordance with the mitigation and compensation recommendations of the Ecological Impact Assessment dated 13/08/2018. No caravans shall be sited on the approved application site unless and until a scheme for the installation of bat boxes has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The bat boxes shall be installed in accordance with the approved scheme prior to the commencement of the use of the development and maintained thereafter.
12. No external lighting shall be installed within the approved application site unless and until details of the lighting have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include the type, size, wattage, location, intensity and direction of the lighting. Any external lighting shall at all times be in strict accordance with the approved details.
13. No development shall commence until final details of the design, based on sustainable drainage principles, and implementation of an appropriate surface water sustainable drainage scheme have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Those details shall include, as a minimum:
  - a) Information about the lifetime of the development, design storm period and intensity (1 in 30 & 1 in 100 year + allowance for climate change see EA advice Flood risk assessments: climate change allowances'), temporary storage facilities, the methods employed to delay and control surface water discharged from the site, and the measures taken to prevent flooding and pollution of the receiving groundwater and/or surface waters, including watercourses, and details of flood levels in AOD;
  - b) The drainage strategy should demonstrate that post development surface water run-off from the application site will not exceed a maximum rate of 9.1l/s. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed;
  - c) A site layout plan showing flood water exceedance routes, both on and off site;
  - d) A timetable for implementation, including phasing as applicable;
  - e) Details of water quality controls, where applicable.
  - f) Details of an appropriate management and maintenance plan for the surface water drainage scheme for the lifetime of the development.The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation of any of the approved dwellings, or completion of the development, whichever is the sooner. Thereafter the drainage system shall be retained, managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details.
14. No development shall commence until details of how surface water and pollution prevention will be managed during each construction phase have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

15. The site shall be developed with separate systems of drainage for foul and surface water on and off site. No development shall commence unless and until details of the foul water drainage have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If sewage pumping is required, the peak pumped foul water discharge shall not exceed 4 (four) litres per second.

**(b) Appeals**

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

**32. 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.

**33. 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 £6,769: £940 for Barnoldswick and £5,829 for Earby.

**34. RE-OPENING OF BARNOLDSWICK AND EARBY TOWN CENTRES**

An update was given on how Earby and Barnoldswick Town Councils were working together on projects to encourage people to safely visit and shop in the Town Centres. One of the Town Councils would need to lead on commissioning services and placing orders and for this they would need to access the funds which had been allocated to this Committee to support this work.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to arrange for the funding allocated to this Committee to support town centre recovery projects be transferred to Barnoldswick Town Council, on behalf of both Town Councils.

**REASON**

***So that work on the Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centre recovery projects can begin.***

**35. REMOVAL OF PAYPHONES**

BT had identified two public payphones in Barnoldswick as not being used enough and proposing to remove them under the 90 day consultation period –

Telephone Number	Address	Postcode	Average calls per month	Posting Completed Date
01282843451	OPP 7 VICTORIA RD PCO1 VICTORIA ROAD EARBY BARNOLDSWICK	BB18 6UN	5	25/06/2020
01282813370	ADJ POST OFFICE PCO1 STATION ROAD BARNOLDSWICK	BB18 5NA	22	25/06/2020

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to request that BT remove the phone box in Earby, but retain the phone box at Station Road, Barnoldswick and that it be changed to a red phone box if possible.

**REASON**

***To keep a public payphone that was still in use, and for it to become a visual asset to the community.***

36.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Parking issues in the Richmond Road & Poet's Corner areas in Barnoldswick**

Members were informed that parking was becoming very difficult in this part of Barnoldswick. Emergency vehicles sometimes found it difficult to enter the road when there was parking on both sides.

**RESOLVED**

That County Council be asked to discuss this issue at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting and consider potential solutions to the parking difficulties including the possible hardening of verges.

**REASON**

***To improve access and parking for local residents.***

**Junior Football Pitch, Bailey Street, Earby – petition from Barlick Barons**

A petition from Barlick Barons had been circulating online saying that Pendle Council was intending to remove this pitch from its maintenance schedule. The Environmental Services Manager said that Pendle Council had not been aware of the extent of use of the pitch in the previous season. Once they were made aware, the pitch had been allocated for Barlick Barons' use for the forthcoming season for their 5 and 7-side teams and its maintenance would continue.

**Road Safety on A56 Kelbrook, A56 Skipton Road, Earby and Earby Road, Salterforth**

Members discussed the problem of speeding vehicles along the above stretches of road and gave a number of examples where cars had caused a danger to other drivers and pedestrians. PC S. Murphy said that he was aware of the problem; that if witnessed by the Police attempts were made to apprehend the offenders. He said that the Police would support and welcome Fixed Speed Cameras on all these stretches of road.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That in respect of the A56 Skipton Road, Earby County Council's Traffic Liaison Meeting be asked to consider introducing measures on this stretch of road, that might help improve road safety including the possibility of installing a roundabout at the junction with Victoria Road/New Road.

- (2) That the Traffic Liaison Meeting also be asked to consider introducing road safety measures on the A56 at Kelbrook including looking at the 30mph signage, which was sparse and including average speed cameras from Kelbrook to the county boundary.
- (3) That problems with speeding on Earby Road, Salterforth by Klondyke be raised at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting.
- (4) That the outcome of the above discussions at the Traffic Liaison Meeting be reported back to this Committee.
- (5) That the Police be asked to carry out speed checks at these locations and other areas of concern in West Craven as soon as possible.

**REASON**

***In the interests of highway safety.***

**Light Pollution in the West Craven Area**

Members were shown photographs of the skyline of Barnoldswick at night from Letcliffe Park. The lighting at Rolls Royce car parks stood out as being incredibly bright, particularly the larger one at the Bankfield site.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That Rolls Royce be asked to adjust the car park lights to LED ones if possible so they were less obtrusive and, if possible, to dim the lighting of the car park when it was not being used.
- (2) That other opportunities to reduce light pollution in West Craven be sought.

**REASON**

***To improve the skyline at night in West Craven for the benefit of local residents and photographers.***

**Condition of frontage at former Post Office Buildings, Barnoldswick**

Members were shown a photograph of the uneven surface of the frontage at the former Post Office Buildings at the junction of Station Road and Fernlea Avenue in Barnoldswick. An old lady had tripped in this location recently and fallen sustaining an injury. Members wanted to prevent anyone else from tripping or falling. It was noted that this area had been a passing place since 1958.

**RESOLVED**

That County Council and the owners of the former Post Office building, whoever was responsible for the frontage, be asked to improve the surface of the frontage at the earliest opportunity.

**REASON**

***In the interests of pedestrian safety.***

## **Redundancies at local companies**

Members noted that in the last few weeks over 1000 redundancies had been announced in West Craven alone. Most of these were very well paid, skilled jobs. There was concern that these jobs and local skills would be lost for good. Examples were given including Rolls Royce which was moving the manufacture of its fan blades to Singapore. It was still unclear, how much of their presence in Barnoldswick would be maintained. There was also the mention of Awaze UK in Earby vacating their premises, having made many staff redundant with the remainder working from home.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the matter be raised at Policy and Resources Committee and Members asked if anything could be done to combat this huge impact on the local economy.
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to report to a future meeting on the impact of these job losses on the local economy – covering any support available to individuals who had been made redundant and businesses suffering a downturn and any opportunities to create new businesses.
- (3) That consideration be given to the future use of redundant employment sites in West Craven – Rolls Royce Ghyll Brow and possibly part of Bankfield in Barnoldswick and Spring Mill at Earby.

### **REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

### **37. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following item 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.

### **38. PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven. It was agreed that Councillors would check on progress with the various sites and see what progress had been made.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to add a couple of sites to the problem sites list.

### **REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*



**39.**

**OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven which was noted.

Chairman.....