

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD REMOTELY VIA TEAMS  
ON 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

*PRESENT –*

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

**Councillors**

*R. Carroll  
C. Carter  
M. Goulthorp  
J. M. Mills  
J. Purcell  
T. Whipp*

**Co-optees**

*C. Pollard  
E. West*

**Police**

*PCSO N. Wallin*

**Officers Present**

*D. Walker*

*N. Watson*

*J. Eccles*

*Environmental Services Manager (Area  
Co-ordinator)*

*Planning, Economic Development and  
Regulatory Services Manager*

*Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies were received from Councillors M. Adams and K. Hartley.)*



**40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**41. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**42. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, be approved as a correct record.

**43. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

PCSO N. Wallin attended the meeting. He was not able to provide the crime statistics for September due to staff absence but said that they would be circulated with the October figures for the next meeting.

Discussions focused on problems in Victory Park with reports of anti-social behaviour, drugs activity and criminal damage. There were also issues with teenagers causing problems in Earby

at Rushton Avenue playground and vandalism at Hill Top Recreational Ground changing rooms. There was frustration that incidents were being reported but the Police were not always responding.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Police be asked to patrol all the parks in West Craven and take appropriate action where possible.
- (2) That a request to Sergeant T. Hitchen be made for the Police Task Force to visit Barnoldswick and Earby with a view to tackling some of the anti-social behaviour and drugs activity.

**44. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Planning applications for determination**

**20/0534/FUL Full: Change of use of land for the siting of 3 holiday shepherd huts and associated parking and infrastructure at Craven View Farm, Moorgate Road, Barnoldswick for John Kinder**

The Chairman read out a letter on the applicant's behalf in view of him not being able to attend the meeting. The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting late comments from LCC Highways which meant that subject to satisfactory plans for the off-site highway works the proposed development was now acceptable in terms of highway safety. The recommendation had therefore been changed from delegate refusal to delegate grant consent.

**RESOLVED**

That authority to grant planning permission be delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager subject to the expiry of publicity and any necessary alterations to the off-site highway works and the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

**Reason:** Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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

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

3. The materials, finish and external appearance of the shepherd huts shall be in accordance with the submitted document 'Details of Shepherd Huts' or alternative details that have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** To allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development in the interest of visual amenity.

4. Not more than three shepherd huts shall be sited on the application site and they shall be occupied for holiday purposes only, they 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 the occupiers of the holiday lets and cabins and of their main home addresses and shall make this information available at all reasonable times to the local planning authority.

**Reason:** In order to ensure proper control of the use of the holiday units and to prevent the establishment of permanent residency.

5. The use shall not commence 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.

**Reason:** To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings.

6. 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.

**Reason:** In order to prevent light pollution causing harm to wildlife and the open rural character of the countryside.

7. The use hereby approved shall not commence unless and until the parking area and access has been formed, surfaced and made available for use in accordance with the approved drawing: Site Plan, the parking spaces, access and manoeuvring areas shall thereafter at all times remain free from obstruction and available for vehicle parking and manoeuvring purposes.

**Reason:** To allow for the effective use of the parking and manoeuvring areas in the interest of highway safety.

8. The use hereby approved shall not commence unless and until foul water drainage has been installed and is operational in accordance with the in accordance with the approved drawing: Site Plan.

**Reason:** To ensure acceptable foul water drainage to prevent flooding and pollution.

9. No development shall commence unless and until the off-site highway works detailed in drawing No. JLA106 have been completed and the passing places and road widening made available for vehicular use. Thereafter if the passing places and/or widened section become unavailable for vehicular use the use of the application site for holiday accommodation shall cease and the shepherd huts removed from the land.

**Reason:** To ensure adequate provision for vehicles to safely pass other vehicles and pedestrians on the access road.

## **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 is in accordance with the policies of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and the saved policies of the Replacement Pendle Local 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.***

## **(b) Appeals**

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

## **45. NATIONAL PLANNING REFORMS**

A report on National Planning reforms considered by Policy and Resources committee on 17<sup>th</sup> September had been circulated to members for information.

## **46. 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.

## **47. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2020/21.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That £3,000 currently allocated for measures to support the reopening of the high street that could not be covered by ERDF funding be vired towards the public realm work in the Barnoldswick Town Square reflagging scheme.
- (2) That £440 be allocated towards car park repairs required at Victory Park.

**REASON**

- 1. *The long term improvements to the public realm in the Town Centre will benefit both retailers and shoppers.***
- 2. *In the interests of health and safety.***

**48.**

**TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING**

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 were submitted for information. Members were concerned that issues previously raised were either not being dealt with effectively or not being addressed at all.

**RESOLVED**

That the Traffic Liaison Meeting be asked to give proper consideration to the following issues –

- The introduction of road safety measures on the A56 Skipton Road, Earby including the possibility of installing a roundabout at the junction with Victoria Road/New Road
- The request for an advanced warning weight limit sign on Skipton Road to prevent HGVs entering Coates Avenue, Barnoldswick
- The previous request for traffic calming to combat speeding vehicles on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick, in particular a pedestrian crossing, in view of the pedestrian fatality.
- Rationalising the speed limits on Manchester Road, Barnoldswick – on the lower section of the road the speed limit could be increased to 30mph whereas on the higher section of the road the speed limit could be reduced
- The removal of double yellow lines near the now redundant bus turnaround at Foster Road, Barnoldswick
- The problem with the prohibition of driving on Park Road, Barnoldswick except for access not being adhered to.

**REASON**

***To ensure that the Traffic Liaison Meeting takes into account local knowledge when making decisions referred for consideration, in the interests of highway safety.***

**49. PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING SCHEME:  
LONG ING LANE, BARNOLDSWICK**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported back on the outcome of a survey on the proposed introduction of a residents-only parking scheme on Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick. 10 properties were surveyed with 8 residents in favour of the scheme and 2 non-replies.

**RESOLVED**

That a further traffic survey be carried out to ascertain the parking issues on site and to report back with the findings.

**REASON**

***The results of the survey provide evidence to support further investigation into the introduction of a scheme for Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick.***

**50. PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING SCHEME:  
PARK VIEW TERRACE, SALTERFORTH**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported back on the outcome of a survey on the proposed introduction of a residents-only parking scheme on Park View Terrace, Salterforth. 11 properties were surveyed with 7 residents in favour of the scheme and 4 non-replies.

**RESOLVED**

That a further traffic survey be carried out to ascertain the parking issues on site and to report back with the findings.

**REASON**

*The results of the survey provide evidence to support further investigation into the introduction of a scheme for Park View Terrace, Salterforth.*

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

A couple of meetings ago it had been agreed that Earby would join Barnoldswick in promoting the Town Centres as places to shop safely with a joint video, booklet and commissioning of a photographer for use in the promotional booklet and to use on social media. An update was given on how Earby and Barnoldswick Town Councils were working together on these projects.

Barnoldswick Town Council had received approval from PBC to manage the ERDF funding for West Craven and organise the agreed, eligible works on behalf of Earby and Barnoldswick Town Councils. They had agreed to split the ERDF funding between Barnoldswick and Earby on a two thirds/one third basis.

**RESOLVED**

That a meeting be arranged between Barnoldswick and Earby Town Councils to agree on how to spend the ERDF funding allocated to support the reopening of the high street.

**REASON**

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

**52. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven. It was noted that the survey on the condition and number of garages used for storing vehicles at Dam Head Road garage site would be carried out over the next few weeks.

**53. TACKLING CONTAMINATION IN RECYCLING BINS**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report for information on plans to tackle the issue of contamination within the recycling materials collected via household and commercial schemes for information.

**RESOLVED**

That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to consider the issuing of fridge magnets with the key recycling messages, particularly the types of plastic that could be put in the brown bin.

**REASON**

*To reduce the contamination in recycling bins.*

**54. TREE PLANTING ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on proposals to increase the Council's efforts in planting trees on Council owned land; to inform the Committee of funding opportunities; to discuss and propose the need for a Tree and Woodland Strategy for Pendle and to agree the proposed tree planting annual target.

The report had been submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee before being submitted to Area Committees for comment.

It was noted that there wasn't one site in West Craven where tree planting was proposed. Barnoldswick Town Council had considered this issue and a number of potential sites were put forward at this meeting for discussion.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the sites discussed at the meeting as suitable for tree planting, be passed to the Principal Environmental Officer for consideration.
- (2) That Earby Town Council be asked to raise this issue at their next meeting and pass on any proposed sites to the Principal Environmental Officer for consideration.
- (3) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to formally invite all Parish and Town Councils to submit suggestions for additional tree planting in their areas and funding be sought to enable planting schemes to go ahead.

**REASON**

*So that through co-operative working, the amount of woodland and tree cover in the Borough can be increased.*

**55. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Road Safety concerns and traffic speeds through the crossroads at Salterforth**

Members expressed concerns about road safety and traffic speeds through the crossroads at Salterforth.

**RESOLVED**

That this issue be referred to the Traffic Liaison Meeting and they be asked to give the matter serious consideration.

**REASON**

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

**Culvert issue on Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick**

A request for Lancashire County Council to upsize the culvert issue on Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick had been made several times to Lancashire County Council. However, no action had been taken.

**RESOLVED**

That the request to County Council to upsize the culvert on Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick be reaffirmed so that action could be taken as soon as possible.

**REASON**

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

**The unreliability of Transdev buses during peak travel to work periods**

Members discussed the failure of buses to turn up at peak times affecting school children and people getting to work. It was also noted that a number of people worked in the hospitality sector in Skipton were finding it difficult and expensive to get home in the evening after the last bus at 8pm.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That Transdev be asked to provide information on the number of services that were late or had been cancelled in recent weeks, on the capacity and occupancy levels of services used by pupils and for this to be reported back to a future meeting.
- (2) That County Council be asked to consider subsidising a late night bus service from Skipton to Barnoldswick.

**REASON**

***To try to improve public transport for the benefit of local residents.***

**56.**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

**(a) Impact of large scale redundancies on local economy (03.09.2020)**

At the last meeting Members had requested a report on the impact of large scale redundancies on the local economy, an issue which was discussed at Policy and Resources Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to arrange for Committee members to meet 1 or 2 West Craven businesses a month to see if there was anything the Council could do to help them recover from the impact of Covid.



**REASON**

*To support the local economy.*

**57. 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.

**58. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to take forward the matters raised in the discussions regarding PLE/18/0711, PLE/20/0357, PLE/18/0925 and PLE/20/0540.

Chairman.....