

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA TEAMS
ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT –

*His Worship the Mayor Councillor Ken Hartley
Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chairman, in the Chair)*

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*P. Hampson
C. Pollard
E. West*

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 Councillor J. M. Mills.)



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

<i>Lindsay Bowker</i>	<i>19/0867/FUL- Full: Change of use of land to mixed</i>	<i>Minute No.63(a)</i>
<i>Lavinia Lindsay</i>	<i>agricultural, educational and camping use, plus</i>	
<i>Tracey Van den Brand</i>	<i>erection of timber cabin for educational use at</i>	
<i>Amelia Bowker</i>	<i>Harwes Farm, Cockhill Lane, Foulridge for Harwes</i>	
<i>Sarah Whatmough</i>	<i>Farm Community Interest Company</i>	
<i>Kirsty Pugh</i>		
<i>Alison Ashworth-Taylor</i>	<i>19/0868/FUL - Full: Formation of an access track</i>	
<i>Gillian Taylor</i>	<i>(Part Retrospective) at Harwes Farm, Cockhill</i>	
	<i>Lane, Foulridge for Harwes Farm Community</i>	
	<i>Interest Company</i>	

59.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

60.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

61.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6th October 2020, be approved as a correct record.

62.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Members had seen the crime figures for October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2019	2020
Burglary - Residential	3	3
Burglary - Commercial	3	2
Vehicle Crime	7	5
Hate Crime	0	1
Assaults	16	15
Theft	14	4
Criminal Damage	7	9
Other Crime	34	25
ALL CRIME	84	64
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	19	58

Discussions focused on the significant increase in ASB, which Members thought was probably down to Covid-19 breaches. There had also been several reports of criminal damage in Victory Park. It was reported that following a visit by the Police Task Force, an arrest had been made in Barnoldswick at the weekend. It was also noted that the recalibrated speed gun had been used in Colne recently.

RESOLVED

(1) That the Police be –

- Thanked for the action taken by the Police Task Force over the weekend which had resulted in an arrest being made.
- Asked to provide an explanation of the significant rise in ASB and for their response to be circulated to Members of the Committee as soon as possible.
- Asked if future monthly crime statistics could provide a breakdown of ASB to show the number of Covid-19 breach incidents.
- Asked to use the recalibrated speed gun in West Craven soon.
- Asked to attend the next Committee meeting if possible.

(2) That the concerns and priorities expressed at previous meetings be reiterated –

- That policing in the park, speeding cars on the road and boy racers remain a priority
- That the gatherings of young people and the ASB arising be targeted.

63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for comment

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning applications for comment -

19/0867/FUL Full: Change of use of land to mixed agricultural, educational and camping use, plus erection of timber cabin for educational use at Harwes Farm, Cockhill Lane, Foulridge for Harwes Farm Community Interest Company

19/0868/FUL Full: Formation of an access track (Part Retrospective) at Harwes Farm, Cockhill Lane, Foulridge for Harwes Farm Community Interest Company

As the site of these applications spanned both West Craven and Colne Committee areas the area committees were being asked for their comments. The applications would be determined by Policy and Resources Committee on 26th November.

An update circulated prior to the meeting reported that an additional ecology report had been received which addressed the concerns of the Council's Environment Officer in relation to the ground flora within the woodland. There was also additional detail regarding the effect of the proposed access road on the hydrology of the moorland. Subject to a condition for details of the construction and drainage of the track the Council's Environment Officer had no objection to the applications.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to summarise the speakers' comments both for and against the application in the report to Policy and Resources Committee and members of the Committee be requested to undertake a site visit prior to their meeting.

(b) Appeals

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

64. 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. It was noted that a planning application had now been received for the use of the Land at Unit 2, Victory Business Park.

65. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the remaining balance of the Committee's 2020/21 Capital Programme was £6,329 - £500 for Barnoldswick and £5,829 for Earby.

It was noted that West Craven Together's cinema project at the Rainhall Road Centre, had had to be put on hold. This Committee had previously allocated £3,000 towards the purchase of a projector for this project. It was requested that this funding be used instead for the Barnoldswick

Town Square public realm works currently underway. In particular, to include studs in the pavements for partially-sighted and blind people.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the £3,000 repayment expected shortly in respect of the West Craven Together cinema project be vired towards the public realm work in the Barnoldswick Town Square reflagging scheme.
- (2) That LCC be asked again to match fund the pavement improvements being made.

REASON

So pavements in Barnoldswick Town Centre can be improved and made safe.

66. RE-OPENING OF BARNOLDSWICK AND EARBY TOWN CENTRES

The Chairman reported that plans for bringing people back into the town centres were now having to change because of lockdown. From Thursday, many businesses in Barnoldswick and Earby would have to close as they were considered non-essential. An application was now being worked on that would enable businesses to join forces and create a collective providing a local delivery service for residents. With the worsening weather it was suggested that temporary covers on some streets in the town centres could help queuing outside premises.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the local business delivery application be looked as a matter of priority.
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to look into providing temporary covers providing shelter for people who might have to queue outside premises.
- (3) That business owners be canvassed regarding support available and measures that could be put in place, and a virtual meeting be arranged to take that forward collectively.

REASON

To support local businesses and encourage them to work in partnership.

67. REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENTS – SALTERFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Members considered a request the Council had received from Salterforth Parish Council for the transfer of a triangular piece of land in Salterforth on Kelbrook Road for use as allotments or raised beds for Salterforth residents. The site was currently let on an annual licence for use for agility dog training but was no longer being used for this purpose.

RESOLVED

That Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to transfer this piece of land to Salterforth Parish Council for use as allotments or raised beds for Salterforth residents.

REASON

To promote health and mental wellbeing in the community.

68. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

(a) Impact of large scale redundancies on local economy (08.09.2020)

(b) Trasdev Buses – Request for Information (06.10.2020)

Some information from Transdev had been received, but it was felt that further information was needed before being considered by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to pursue this matter and for a full report to come back to the next meeting.

69. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, the grounds being that urgent representations needed to be made to Lancashire County Council about various drainage and flooding issues in the interests of highway safety.

70. DRAINAGE AND FLOODING ISSUES

Following heavy rain over the weekend, site visits were undertaken on Sunday evening to locations where there had been previous problems with drainage and flooding issues, mainly on the highways. A list of the sites and issues arising are provided at Appendix A.

It was noted that many of these locations had been reported to the appropriate authorities previously but no action had been taken. In most cases it was just some maintenance that was needed although in some cases capital works would be required. In the past where action had been taken, it had been extremely effective.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to take up the issues listed at Appendix 1 of these minutes with the appropriate agencies and ask for urgent action to be taken to address them.

REASON

To try to minimise the incidents of future flooding in the interests of highway safety.

71. 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.

72. PROBLEM SITES

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

RESOLVED

- (1) That in respect of the third site on the list, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to discuss the matter with colleagues in Building Control and email Members with an update on proposed action.
- (2) That in respect of the fourth site on the list, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to ensure that the necessary action was undertaken to make the roof safe.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

73. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime action in West Craven from 1st July to 30th September 2020. He also provided an update on the enforcement of Public Space Protection Orders within parks, play area and cemeteries from the 2nd November 2020.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report and update with regard to enforcement of PSPOs within parks, play areas and cemeteries be noted.
- (2) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to –
 - Revisit a site in Earby to look at repositioning the new dog bin
 - Arrange for a new combined litter/dog waste bin to be erected at the north of Letcliffe Park at the bottom of the ginnel on Manchester Road
 - Replace the dog bin in Victory Park near Crow Nest Bridge with a larger one
 - Check that all the litter/dog waste bins were being emptied as regularly as they should be in Salterforth.

REASON

In the interests of residential amenity.

74. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

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

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to take appropriate action in respect of one site on the list and asked to check whether a couple of sites not on the list had the relevant permissions for the work to proceed.

Chairman.....

APPENDIX A

- Ghyll Brow next to Rolls-Royce – issue with culvert, extensive pooling on road. Water flows from Nutter Cote, where it surcharges from gully and then over other gully(s). Surface water at this location has contributed to a fatality in the past. (NYCC highway authority – previously reported).
- Wysick – top pond – problem with pooling. No drain? Water could escape through the retaining wall if space made for it to escape. (NYCC highway authority.)
- Wysick – lower pond – problem with pooling across the whole road. No roadside gully or drain. Could water escape through retaining wall? (NYCC highway authority.)
- Foot of Wysick, opposite Punch Bowl. Water backing up in field at top side of road. Highway culverts unable to take the flow. Water accumulating on carriageway. Property at risk during worst periods. (LCC)
- A56 Sough, by the Brickworks – issue with surface water ponding on inside of bend extending over carriageway, pavement and verge. (LCC)
- Church Lane junction with A56 – (car here had to be towed away after becoming stuck in the water). Dip in road fills regularly. (LCC)
- Salterforth Road, Earby (bottom of the Ranch)– combined sewer surcharge. Regular occurrence. Blocked/constricted sewer? (Yorkshire Water.)
- Earby Road, Salterforth – water coming out from the field onto the road through the gate on the corner on Klondike side of old rail line. Mud in run-off choking drains. (LCC/landowner.)
- Salterforth Lane, above the canal bridge – deep ponding. (LCC)
- Cocker Hill, Foulridge – badly affected by regular flooding where highway culvert fails to take flow (LCC).
- High Lane, Salterforth in vicinity of old water works – gully not working. Probably just caused by covered gully(?), as some work had been undertaken here recently. (LCC)
- Junction of Gisburn Old Track with Barnoldswick Road – water coming out of the drain/ditch onto and down the road. If the water could get into the watercourse running alongside the road on opposite side, a lot of the problem could be alleviated. (LCC)
- Culvert adjacent to Cross Gaits, Barnoldswick Road, Blacko. Water surcharging from lid and running right down into dip, where deep ponding causes road to be blocked frequently. Culvert needs proper repair/upsizing to take flow together with improved trash screen. (LCC)
- Manchester Road, Barnoldswick next to entrance of Letcliffe Park surcharging. This should drain into the culvert at Lane Bottom. Given recent improvements to that watercourse, highway drain should have work to alleviate the problem on the carriageway. (LCC)
- Manchester Road, Barnoldswick adjacent Bancroft Farm. Regularly blocked gully. Never drains properly. Also gully on opposite (farm) side of the road not draining properly). (LCC)
- Property on Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick in vicinity of Foster Road – basement needed pumping out. Water going into the basement due to undersized culvert under the road further along. Surcharging from manhole in road. Issue raised repeatedly with LCC, but no action. (LCC and UU?)
- Bracewell Lane between Barnoldswick and Bracewell – flooding across full width of road in dip. (LCC)
- Bracewell Lane on immediate approach to Bracewell from Barnoldswick – issue with the gullies in dip with watercourse. There are gullies on either side of road. There used to be separate drains to watercourse at both sides of road. One has been stopped up at some point, so water was moving across the road to the other drain, which can't take the flow. Could LCC re-open upstream drain, to double the capacity. (LCC)
- Bracewell Lane between hamlet and A59. Ponding in dip. Water surcharging from lid in middle of road (Openreach lid?). (LCC)
- Crownest Road, Barnoldswick. Full width of road flooded below entrance to ALDI across entrance/exit to Rolls-Royce, Bankfield. Surcharging from combined sewer and possibly surface water sewer. (UU and LCC?)

