

The only category in which incidents had increased was anti-social behaviour. The majority of these had been COVID related matters.

It was felt that youth behaviour had deteriorated over recent months and that this may be linked to the changes to schooling and lack of freedom due to COVID restrictions.

Councillor Cockburn-Price provided information on the Colne Youth Action Group, which had recently been accredited as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Foundation. The Group aimed to provide activities for young people to help tackle the problems of anti-social behaviour. The Group had already started the process of a Community Asset Transfer from Lancashire County Council (LCC) of a building in Colne. Further information would be provided to the next meeting of this Committee.

89. 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 -

19/0917/FUL Full: Major: Demolition of substation building and erection of a commercial unit (1,273m²) for Use Class B2 (General Industrial)/B8 (Storage and Distribution) use with associated parking, infrastructure and altered access at former Spring Gardens Mill, Spring Gardens Road, Colne for Mr Peter Reeves

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that should the application be refused on the grounds proposed during discussion i.e. flooding; access roads; poor design; and lack of sensible landscaping, there would be a significant risk of costs in the event of an appeal. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.)

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred**.

REASON

To allow for further information.

20/0493/FUL Full: Erection of 2 No. 3 bed dwellings and associated garages, parking and gardens at land to the north of Oakfield, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Mr P. Cunningham

The Committee had been advised prior to the meeting that this application was invalid and therefore could not be lawfully determined at this meeting.

(b) Planning appeals

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

planning appeals.

90. 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.

In response to concern by local residents, Councillors gave assurance that the stone wall at Carry Lane, Colne, would be reinstated. It was explained that the wall had been taken down due to it being structurally unsound.

91. 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. The report also included a bid for the installation of new flagging at the Ball Grove café seating area.

The Committee agreed that there was a need for an improved surface at this location, however, it was felt that a more appropriate material could be used. Although not referenced in the report it was thought that there may also have been a suggestion that railings be installed along the edge of the new surface. Members were not in support of this.

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) funding of up to £1,800 be allocated for the surfacing of the Ball Grove café seating area subject to this being in a more appropriate material, similar to that in existence on the paths around the lake;
- (2) the project be funded equally from the capital funds of Councillor M. Foxley, P. Foxley and S. Cockburn-Price;
- (3) should it be determined that as a result of the resurfacing of the café seating area, railings were required along the edge, the project not be supported and funding be refused.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

92. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update on the use of funding for the re-opening of Colne Town Centre. An update from Colne BID was also submitted which provided a detailed overview of the work being carried out.

93. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following item had been requested by the Committee.

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

It was noted that a meeting with the owner of the land had been put on hold due to the current pandemic.

RESOLVED

That the owner of the land off Laithe Street, Colne be invited to attend a remote/virtual meeting with members of this Committee.

REASON

To progress action.

94. 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.

95. 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.

Members also discussed an unauthorised development in Foulridge.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be authorised to take appropriate enforcement action in relation to the unauthorised development in Foulridge.

CHAIRMAN _____