

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA TEAMS
ON 1ST DECEMBER 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. M. Mills
J. Purcell
T. Whipp*

Police

PCSO I. Hartley

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 C. Pollard.)

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

*Ben Moorhouse
Andrew Blackburn*

*20/0500/FUL - Full: Erection of one dwelling
house at Land to the south west of 82 Esp Lane,
Barnoldswick*

Minute No.63(a)

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

76. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

77. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3rd November 2020, be approved as a correct record.

78. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

	2019	2020
Burglary - Residential	4	4
Burglary - Commercial	3	1
Vehicle Crime	5	5
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	20	13
Theft	4	6
Criminal Damage	8	0
Other Crime	34	25
ALL CRIME	68	46
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	33	41 (incl.16 Covid related ASB)

Discussions focused on the ASB which was a continuing concern. It was noted that there had been over 500 ASB incidents reported to the Police over the last 9 months, and that this could be just the tip of the iceberg, with many other cases going unreported. The Christmas tree in Earby had been vandalised and there were continuing problems in Victory Park with racing cars and damage.

RESOLVED

- (1) That representations be made to the Police about the problems with ASB in West Craven and Lancashire County Council be asked about the level of youth provision in the area and whether more could be done.
- (2) That the Committee's concern about speeding traffic on various roads mentioned at previous meetings be reiterated to the Police and for those roads to feature in their ad hoc enforcement work.
- (3) That the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and Lancashire County Council be reminded of the Committee's previous request to take effective action along the A56, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick and other routes including Kelbrook Road where there had been fatalities and serious accidents, where average speed cameras or permanent speed cameras could be employed to improve highway safety.
- (4) That the interactive signs on Gisburn Road heading to and from Bracewell be recalibrated.
- (5) That the concerns and priorities expressed at previous meetings be reiterated –
 - That policing in the parks, speeding cars on the road and boy racers remain a priority
 - That the gatherings of young people and the ASB arising be targeted.

79. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

20/0500/FUL Full: Erection of one dwelling house at Land to the south west of 82 Esp Lane Barnoldswick for Mr B Moorhouse

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The proposed detached dwellinghouse is of an inappropriate scale, design, siting and massing in relation to the Barnoldswick Conservation Area and Calf Hall and Gillians Conservation Area. As such the development would be harmful to the character and appearance of the Barnoldswick Conservation Area and Calf Hall and Gillians Conservation Area. The harm to the significance of the designated heritage assets is less than substantial harm and there are no public benefits that would outweigh this harm. The development is therefore contrary to Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and Paragraph 196 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

(b) Appeals

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

80. 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 use of the land at Unit 2, Victory Business Park, Barnoldswick for assembly and leisure had not ceased, so appropriate action would be taken.

81. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

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

The report showed an underspend of £280 for the Mill Race Improvements at Valley Gardens. However, Members were not sure that the new cage on the inlet, which was part of the improvement scheme, had been installed and so were reluctant to de-allocate this funding until this had been checked.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to check that the Mill Race Improvement scheme had been carried out according to the schedule of works and, provided the new cage on the inlet had been installed, that the underspend of £280 be de-allocated.
- (2) That the re-allocations totalling £6,000 to the Barnoldswick Town Square reflagging and public realm work scheme previously approved by Committee be noted.

REASON

To enable the capital programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

82. RE-OPENING OF BARNOLDSWICK AND EARBY TOWN CENTRES

There were discussions on the use of £11,320 ERDF funding for the re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby town centres allocated to this Committee which needed to be spent by 31st March 2020. There was also Pendle funding of £6,480 that had been made available for town centres.

An update was given on the work underway to install canopies to provide shelter for people who might have to queue outside premises. Due to the width of the pavements only Colne Road and Victory Road in Earby and Albert Road in Barnoldswick had been found to be suitable. Ballast would be needed to secure the canopies and consent from businesses affected.

A Shop Local app had been found that could provide home delivery with no upfront costs. If businesses signed up to it, the company took care of advertising and organised delivery, taking a percentage of the total sales. Businesses needed to be consulted on whether they wished to proceed with this service.

Wider promotional activity would be taken early next year when more businesses were open.

RESOLVED

That business owners on Albert Road in Barnoldswick and Colne Road and Victory Road in Earby be consulted on the canopy option, and a virtual meeting be arranged as soon as possible to see if local businesses wanted to pursue the Shop Local app.

REASON

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

83. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- (a) **Impact of large scale redundancies on local economy (08.09.2020)**
- (b) **Transdev Buses – Request for Information (06.10.2020)**

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submit a report on the Transdev Buses to the next meeting.

84. 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 the ELCCG about bringing routine breast screening back to West Craven in the interests of public health.

85. BREAST SCREENING

Currently women in West Craven were being called to Burnley General Hospital for routine breast screening which was being carried out in a mobile unit on the car park. This used to be a service offered to women at the Butts Clinic in Barnoldswick and made it much easier for them to access. It was presumed that this change had occurred in view of the current pandemic.

There was fear that with people being advised not to travel outside of their area and not to use public transport whenever possible, that women were not taking up the offer and putting their health at risk. Those women attending the clinics and using public transport could be putting themselves at increased risk of infection.

RESOLVED

That the ELCCG be asked to bring the mobile unit for breast screening back to Barnoldswick and, if the Butts Clinic or an alternative site was not considered suitable, that Council officers help with finding a more suitable location.

REASON

In the interests of public health.

86. 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.

87. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven and answered related questions. A couple of additional sites were also mentioned where there were landscaping issues.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to take appropriate action in respect of PLE/18/0711, PLE/18/0925, PLE/20/0357, the two landscaping issues raised at the meeting and remove PLE/20/0559 from the list.

Chairman.....

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