

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD REMOTELY VIA TEAMS  
ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2021**

*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. Mills  
J. Purcell  
T. Whipp*

**Co-optees**

*C. Pollard  
P. Hampson*

**Police**

*Sergeant T. Hitchen  
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*



**107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**108. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A resident of Barnoldswick asked for a review of parking around Coniston Avenue and Frederick Street. People were double parking on the bend, making it a blind bend, which was dangerous. It was becoming increasingly difficult for bin wagons, emergency service and delivery vehicles to get through. It was suggested that painting double yellow lines on the bend would stop double parking and make it safer for everyone.

The Committee agreed to refer the matter to the Traffic Liaison Meeting and asked for a report to come back to this Committee in due course.

**109. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, be approved as a correct record.

**110. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

The crime figures for February 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Burglary - Residential	4	3
Burglary - Commercial	1	1
Vehicle Crime	5	5
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	13	16
Theft	10	24
Criminal Damage	6	0
Other Crime	35	33
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	22	46 (incl. 19 Covid related ASB)

Sgt T. Hitchen and PCSO N. Wallin talked Members through the figures. The large increase in theft in the Coates ward all related to the Strand garage, where a backlog of transactions that had not been paid for had been reported to the Police as drive-offs. Going forward, the garage would deal with these differently. They would not be reported as crimes so would not appear in future crime statistics.

Members raised issues of concern, mainly speeding cars in the area, reports of some car keying in Barnoldswick and anti-social behaviour in Victory Park and Valley Gardens. The Chairman said that there had been reports of vehicle damage in the Walmsgate area and CCTV requested. This was something that Barnoldswick Town Council were looking at.

Sgt. T. Hitchen said that the Police would be doing some laser speed detection work now that the weather had improved. They would prioritise the West Craven area and then extend the work into other areas of the borough. They would also be looking to do some roadside stops working with the DVSA. It was difficult for Police to catch people in the act of speeding, but encouraged anyone who had good quality dash cam videos of cars speeding which clearly showed license plates to give the Police a copy of the footage, and if they were willing to provide a statement, the Police could use this evidence to prosecute.

Sgt T. Hitchen wanted to assure Members that the West Craven area was an incredibly safe place to live with a low incidence of crimes. He encouraged members of the public to register with Lancashire Talk and to fill in the short survey asking about crime/ASB in their local area. He said that this was the best way to feed in areas of concern/hot spots that would help to build up a picture so that policing could be better tailored to deal with crimes in their area. They also urged anyone who witnessed a crime to report it on 101, so that it could be included in the crime statistics.

**111. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Appeals**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that, at present, there were no outstanding planning appeals.

**112. 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.

**113. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance on the Committee's 2020/21 Capital Programme was £4,129 – Barnoldswick £500 and Earby £3,629.

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

There were further discussions on the use of £11,320 ERDF funding to support the re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby town centres allocated to this Committee. The Tourism and Event Officer had given them some ideas on how they might be able to spend the funding. These included the purchase of external hand sanitisers, safety measure banners, and the development of a website for town traders. He had also recommended a small spend for public safety message posters for shop windows.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That ERDF funding be used to purchase around 12 hand sanitisers for Barnoldswick and Earby and to involve the shopkeepers who had volunteered to look after them; for the purchase and distribution of posters with safety messages on them; and that opportunities for a ERDF grant-funded online presence and the possibility of providing face coverings be explored.
- (2) That PBC funding be used to purchase some tables and chairs for use outside in the Town Centres and costings be sought on providing free wi-fi.

**REASON**

***To support local businesses in the town centre and help provide a safe, shopping environment.***

**115. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Foul sewage surcharging on Salterforth Road, Earby and consequent impact on the road surface.**

The Chairman showed photographs of foul sewage surcharging onto Salterforth Road, Earby. This was a longstanding issue that had been raised with Yorkshire Water, with the most recent occurrence only 2-3 weeks ago. It was thought that the problem was due to either a blockage or too small a sewer.

**RESOLVED**

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request Yorkshire Water to take effective action to prevent the future surcharge of foul water on to Salterforth Road, Earby and to report back on the action taken. Also, that they be reminded that housing developments had been approved in this area and would be connecting to that sewer.

**REASON**

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

**(b) The adopted status of 'back' Kenilworth Drive, Earby**

The Chairman showed photographs of defects on Kenilworth Drive which needed attention and had been reported to LCC, as the responsible highway authority. However, LCC had indicated that these defects were on 'back' Kenilworth Drive which was not adopted. The photographs seemed to indicate that the defects were in fact on Kenilworth Drive, and Councillors thought that 'back' Kenilworth Drive was an adopted road.

**RESOLVED**

That the Legal Services Manager be asked to request LCC to investigate the status of 'back' Kenilworth Drive and adopt it, if it wasn't already adopted, and the defects reported on Kenilworth Drive be repaired.

**REASON**

- 1. In the interests of highway safety.***
- 2. To ensure that 'back' Kenilworth Drive had the correct status as an adopted road.***

**(c) Prolonged outages of streetlights throughout West Craven**

The Chairman gave examples of several areas in Barnoldswick and Earby where a number of streetlights were not working. This was being caused by a power supply outage and was an issue that had been raised previously with Northern Powergrid.

**RESOLVED**

That Northern Powergrid be asked if they could look into the issue of regular power supply outages in Barnoldswick and Earby and to remedy the situation.

**REASON**

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

**116. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

- (a) Meetings with local businesses (05.01.2021)
- (b) Transdev Buses – Meeting to be arranged (05.01.2021)

**117. 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, on the grounds that Yorkshire Water needed to urgently replace pipework to enable improvement works being carried out by local residents to proceed.

**118. JOINT WATER SUPPLY, GISBURN ROAD, BARNOLDSWICK**

Residents of Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick between Brogden View and Brogden Lane had historically had issues with water pressure. They had been advised by Yorkshire Water to replace their joint supply pipe. Residents had arranged for this work to be undertaken, but the contractors had discovered that the pipe to the joint supply was only 1" which was not adequate for 8 properties. This was only 3 metres of YW pipework, but it needed replacing as a matter of urgency.

**RESOLVED**

That Yorkshire Water be asked to replace the 1" pipework to the joint supply to the properties on Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick between Brogden View and Brogden Lane as a matter of urgency.

**REASON**

*To enable works to improve the water supply in this area to proceed.*

**119. 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, or in the first case, due to their being possible judicial proceedings.

**120. 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, given the imminence of judicial proceedings.

**121. STREET NAMING**

Coates Ward Councillors had been asked to comment on the name of a new development in their ward.

**RESOLVED**

That the views of the Ward Councillors be supported.

**REASON**

**To take account of the local historical significance of the site.**

**122. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven and answered related questions. He said he would visit the site in relation to PLE/18/0925 later in the week with the Enforcement Officer to assess the current situation.

**RESOLVED**

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to visit 2 further sites mentioned at the meeting in relation to possible enforcement action.

**123.**

**PROBLEM SITES**

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

**RESOLVED**

That an update be brought back to a future meeting on the fourth site on the list.

Chairman.....