

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON 31ST MARCH, 2021**

PRESENT –

Councillor G. Waugh – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors	Co-optees	Constabulary Representative
<i>D. Clegg S. Cockburn-Price V. Fletcher M. S. Foxley P. Foxley D. E. Lord A. Mann N. T. McCollum J. Nixon</i>	<i>T. Clark</i>	<i>PCSO Ailsa Gill</i>

Officers in attendance

<i>Neil Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager (Area Coordinator)</i>
<i>Lee Johnson</i>	<i>Principal Environmental Officer</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N. Butterworth and M. Thomas (Colne Town Council).)



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

<i>Peter Cunningham</i>	<i>Confirmation of TPO/NO1/2021 – Oakfield, Skipton Old Road, Colne</i>	<i>Minute No.149</i>
<i>Deana Wilson</i>	<i>Confirmation of TPO/NO5/2020 – Land to the rear of 175-187 Cotton Tree Lane, Colne</i>	<i>Minute No.150</i>
<i>Aneesha McGladdery</i>	<i>Re-opening of Colne Town Centre</i>	<i>Minute No.154</i>

141. COUNCILLOR TONY GREAVES

At the Council meeting on the 25th March, 2021, members of this Committee, together with the rest of Council paid tribute and observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect following the recent death of Councillor Tony Greaves.

It was agreed that, on behalf of this Committee, a letter of condolence be sent to Councillor Greaves's family.

142. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the

declaration of interests. The following person declared a pecuniary interest in the item indicated –

Councillor S. Cockburn-Price Removal of trees at Heyroyd, Skipton Road, Minute No.153
Colne

143. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

144. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

145. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

146. POLICE ISSUES

PCSO Ailsa Gill provided an update on recent police activity and referred to the crime figures for March 2021 compared with the same period last year. There had been a slight increase in most categories of crime. The largest increase related to anti-social behaviour, with 151 incidents compared with 72 the previous year. Of those, 47 had been Covid breaches.

PCSO Gill advised of an Operation that had taken place the previous weekend which had targeted areas of complaints regarding anti-social behaviour. This, together with dealing with speeding vehicles, continued to be a priority.

147. 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. P. Reeves

Further to this item being deferred at previous meetings of this Committee, it was noted that further comments were still awaited from the Environment Agency (EA) with regard to the Flood Risk Assessment, following the EA's initial objection to the application. It was recommended that the approval of the application and any conditions necessary be delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager subject to the withdrawal of the objection by the EA.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to **grant consent**, subject to the withdrawal of the objection by the Environment Agency.

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 acceptable in terms of design, amenity, highways impacts and all other relevant regards. 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) Planning appeals

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

148. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

**149. CONFIRMATION OF TPO/NO1/2021 –
OAKFIELD, SKIPTON OLD ROAD, COLNE**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which sought Committee's approval of the confirmation of TPO/NO/2021 following objection.

RESOLVED

- (1) That confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order be approved.
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to vary or revoke the Tree Preservation Order.

REASON

- (1) ***To protect the tree and its contribution to the amenity value of the Lidgett and Bents Conservation Area.***
- (2) ***To ensure the effective management of the Tree Preservation Order.***

**150. CONFIRMATION OF TPO/NO5/2020 –
LAND TO THE REAR OF 175 – 187 COTTON TREE LANE, COLNE**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which sought Committee's approval of the confirmation of TPO/NO5/2020 following two objections.

RESOLVED

- (1) That confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order be approved.
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to vary or revoke the Tree Preservation Order.

REASON

- (1) To protect the tree and its contribution to the amenity value of the area.**
- (2) To ensure the effective management of the Tree Preservation Order.**

151. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance of the Committee's capital programme for 2020/21 was £14,850.

Further to the item being deferred at the last meeting, a bid from Colne Dramatic Society was resubmitted for consideration. At the request of this Committee, quotes for the works to the Little Theatre, Colne had been provided prior to the meeting. On this occasion the Committee was asked to consider the bid for building works only. Estimates ranged from £9,750 to £11,000.

A bid for the replacement of a basket swing for the Millennium Green Play Area was also submitted for reconsideration.

At the request of a Member, the Committee was asked to consider allocating funds towards the provision of mobile speed cameras in the area. It was reported that solar powered mobile speed cameras, with Bluetooth technology could be provided at a cost of £2,700 each.

Members were also reminded that this year and in previous years, each Councillor had been allocated a sum from the capital programme for spend in their ward. It was noted that there were some unspent funds remaining in Councillor Tony Greaves's allocation.

RESOLVED

- (1) That any unspent funds previously allocated to Councillor Tony Greaves be redistributed amongst the two remaining Waterside Ward councillors (A. Mann and D. Lord) for appropriate spend.
- (2) That, taking into account resolution (1), it be noted that Councillors A. Mann and D. Lord agree to allocate their remaining funding to the following schemes (subject to meeting the agreed criteria) –
 - Building works to the Little Theatre, Colne - £ 4,000
 - Replacement basket swing for the Millennium Green Play Area - £ 1,246
 - Essex Street Pocket Park - £10,000
- (3) That a further £5,750 be allocated towards building works to the Little Theatre, Colne from the Committee's capital programme.
- (4) That, subject to receipt of a capital programme bid form and subsequent approval by Financial Services, the remaining balance of £9,100 from the Committee's capital programme

be allocated for the provision of mobile speed cameras and it be noted that Councillor J. Nixon agrees to allocate the remainder of his funds to the same project.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

152. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 25th February, 2021 were submitted for information.

153. REMOVAL OF TREES AT HEYROYD, SKIPTON ROAD, COLNE

(Councillor Cockburn-Price declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting for this item only.)

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for Members to determine an application for tree work in a Conservation area. The application was for the removal of an Ash and two Elm trees at Heyroyd, Skipton Road, Colne.

RESOLVED

That the Committee has no objections to the removal of the trees and allows the work to go ahead.

REASON

- (1) The Ash tree is suffering from Ash Dieback with around 50% of the canopy dead. The tree also has little or no amenity value and is not suitable for Tree Preservation Order.***
- (2) The Elms are in poor condition. The trees have little or no amenity value and are not suitable for Tree Preservation Order.***

154. RE-OPENING OF COLNE TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which updated the Committee on the spending for the re-opening of Colne high street. The Committee was also asked to consider delegating the remaining spend on other Colne projects to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager in consultation with the Chairman.

Aneesa McGladdery of Colne BID reported on the work being carried out in preparation for the re-opening of non-essential retail and personal care (e.g. hairdressers etc.) on 12th April. A number of pictures had been circulated prior to the meeting which highlighted the street cleaning that had taken place. All shops had been involved in the 'Big Colne Clean Up' and the Fresh Lick of Paint scheme had relaunched at the beginning of the year.

155. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

It was reported that Colne Youth Action Group was due to hold its first outdoor event, with Burnley Football Club in the Community, on 7th April at King George V Playing Fields. This would be followed by other regular outdoor activities e.g. bike maintenance. A Service Level Agreement

with Colne Town Council was pending which would allow the use of Alkincoats Park for team 'dance yourself fit' sessions.

There continued to be a good working relationship with the police and the Restorative Justice approach had been positively received.

156. 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.

157. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted, for information, a report which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

He answered a number of specific questions in relation to the report.

CHAIRMAN _____