

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT LINDEN ROAD SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE, EARBY
ON 8TH JUNE 2021**

PRESENT –

Councillors

*M. Adams
R. E. Carroll
M. Goulthorp
J. Purcell
D. M. Whipp
T. Whipp*

Co-optees

*C. Carter, Earby Town Council
K. Singleton, Salterforth Parish Council
M. Whittingham, Barnoldswick Town Council
G. Wilson, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council*

Officers Present

<i>D. Walker</i>	<i>Environmental Services Manager (Area Committee Co-ordinator)</i>
<i>N. Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



The following person attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated –

<i>Mike Hughes</i>	<i>21/0111/FUL - Full: Major: Erection of 19 No. bungalows (over 55) with associated landscaping, car parking and access from Brogden Lane at Land to the West of Brogden View, Brogden Lane, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Minute No. 8(a)</i>
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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

No agreement could be reached on the appointment of the Chairman for the municipal year 2021/22.

RESOLVED

That the Environmental Services Manager (Area Committee Co-ordinator) facilitate this meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred until a Chairman had been appointed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEES

RESOLVED

That all West Craven Parish and Town Councils, including the Bracewell and Brogden Parish meeting, be invited to nominate co-optees to the Committee for the municipal year 2021/22.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 30th March 2021, be approved as a correct record.

7. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

	2020	2021
Burglary - Residential	2	1
Burglary - Commercial	3	2
Vehicle Crime	6	2
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	10	13
Theft	3	15
Criminal Damage	5	3
Other Crime	51	30
ALL CRIME	80	66
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	98	27

The overall reduction in crime was noted. Members raised concerns about speeding cars in West Craven. In particular, on Gisburn Road and Skipton Road in Barnoldswick and Kelbrook Road where cars were driving incredibly fast on the Salterforth/Kelbrook stretch of road.

RESOLVED

That the previous requests to the Police for speed cameras along these roads and to LCC for traffic calming measures be reiterated.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

21/0012/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 15 dwelling houses and new access at Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick for Opulwood Developments

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that should the application be refused on the grounds proposed 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.)

An update was circulated prior to the meeting with late comments from LCC Highways on a number of issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That permission be **refused** on grounds of highway safety.

21/0111/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 19 No. bungalows (over 55) with associated landscaping, car parking and access from Brogden Lane at Land to the West of Brogden View, Brogden Lane, Barnoldswick for Applethwaite Ltd

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting further discussions regarding the provision of affordable housing on the site and revised wording for condition 3. Agreement had now been reached with the agent that an off-site contribution would be acceptable.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** on the following grounds –

- Highway safety

21/0242/FUL Full: Major: Conversion of former St Andrews Sunday School into 13 No. apartments at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Mosley Street, Barnoldswick for Barnoldswick Development Co.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to liaise with the applicant to see if it was possible for them to apply for an extension of time to allow the scheme to be amended to incorporate some car parking on site and for the application to be considered at the next meeting.

(b) Appeals

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

9. 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.

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2021/22 Capital Programme which was noted.

11. RE-OPENING OF BARNOLDSWICK AND EARBY TOWN CENTRES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that Pendle Council had received an additional £81,000 through the Welcome Back Fund, which would now be able to fund marketing and street furniture. There was also some remaining funding from the Committee's allocation of the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund. This could now be rolled over and the deadline for spend was not until March 2022.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to submit a report to the next meeting on the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund and the Welcome Back Fund with the exact allocations for Barnoldswick and Earby.

12. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on Premises Improvement Grants spend in 2020/21, requesting funding in 2021/22 and seeking appointments to the Grant Panels for Barnoldswick and Earby.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the funding allocations requested be considered alongside other bids to the 2021/22 Capital Programme in due course.
- (2) That 4 Councillors be appointed to one Grant Panel for Barnoldswick and Earby consisting of Councillors R. E. Carroll, M. S. Goulthorp and 2 Liberal Democrat Councillors to be decided.

REASON

To assist new and existing businesses with physical and aesthetic improvements, creating a more attractive town centre.

13. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/22

At the Annual meeting of the Council the responsibility for appointing representatives to some outside bodies was referred to this Committee. Members were asked to consider the appointment of a representative on the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board following the retirement of former Councillor C. Carter.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the appointment of a representative on the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board be deferred to the next meeting.

REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven which was noted.

15. TREES AT KLONDYKE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report seeking approval to remove 3 ash trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders in the ownership of Pendle Council located adjacent to the highway on Earby Road, Salterforth.

The trees had been surveyed in 2019 when it was recommended that some remedial work was undertaken. When organising the work the Principal Environment Officer noted that the trees' condition had deteriorated further and were showing signs of Ash Dieback.

This issue was discussed by the Committee on 2nd February when Members resolved that the remedial work highlighted in the 2019 report be carried out and that a second opinion be obtained on the condition of the trees. A further appraisal had been undertaken by Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd which was attached at Appendix 1 of the report. This also recommended that the trees be felled.

As these were such important mature trees in the area, and not a lot of evidence of damage, Members felt that it was worth getting a second opinion before making a final decision.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to allow Salterforth Parish Council to consider allocating funds to commission a second independent tree report to assess the need to fell the trees at Klondyke.

REASON

To seek a second opinion on the need to fell the trees at Klondyke to reduce the risk of harm, damage or incident.

16. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Condition of bus shelters in West Craven

Members discussed a number of issues with bus shelters/stops in West Craven including –

- Vandalised bus shelters at WC High School on Kelbrook Road, Barnoldswick
- Sign missing at the bus turnaround on Greenberfield Lane, Barnoldswick
- Bus shelters on Earby Road in a precarious condition
- Primesite bus shelters in poor condition
- Road not built up to a suitable standing for the main bus stop on Station Road, Barnoldswick

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request that the quality bus scheme be extended beyond Colne; that the damaged bus shelters and those in poor condition be repaired or replaced; and that LCC be asked to take on their future maintenance.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to take up the other bus shelter/stop issues with relevant bodies.

REASON

To improve the experience for residents using the bus service.

(b) Condition and status of the footpath from Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick to the back street adjacent to number 135

It was reported that the above footpath was no longer safe, with missing and uneven flags. It was not recognised as a public right of way, although it had been used as such for many years.

RESOLVED

That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to request LCC to add the footpath to the Definitive Map and for them to bring it up to an adoptable standard.

REASON

To regularise the use of the footpath and in the interests of public safety.

(c) Highway Issues on Back Myrtle Grove, Barnoldswick

There was an issue with the condition of the road surface at this location, which was not adopted highway and wider issues about inadequate parking.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to arrange a meeting with Ward Councillors, a representative from LCC and residents to try to resolve some of the highways issues on Back Myrtle Grove.

REASON

To try to improve highway issues in this location for the benefit of residents.

(d) Requests from residents to be connected to main drains

It was reported that new regulations meant that some residents in Pendle who relied on septic tanks were no longer meeting current standards. The Committee had been approached by residents in 2 locations, one in Barnoldswick and one in Kelbrook, seeking to regularise their waste by connecting to the main drains.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to –

- (1) Convey the Council's support to residents' requests to connect to the main drains;
- (2) Look at ways the changes to regulations were impacting residents of Pendle, to try to get an idea of the extent of the problem and ways the Council could help; and
- (3) Discuss the issue with Yorkshire Water and United Utilities to see how the Council could assist residents in an environmentally friendly way.

REASON

To support residents in upgrading their drainage systems.

(e) Air Pollution in Kelbrook

There were concerns about possible emissions from testing aircraft engines at Euravia affecting the air quality in Kelbrook.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to report back on the emissions from Euravia and how they were monitored and Euravia be asked if they would consider setting up a liaison group consisting of local residents, Ward Councillors and company management to discuss this issue.

REASON

To satisfy concerns about air pollution in the area and improve communication between the company and local residents.

(f) Drainage to the rear of Walmsgate Methodist Chapel, Barnoldswick

There was an issue with a building owned by Pendle Council causing damp penetration to the rear of Walmsgate Methodist Chapel in Barnoldswick, which was a Grade II listed building.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to submit a report to the next meeting on whether the Council's ownership of the neighbouring property was causing the damp issue at Walmsgate Methodist Chapel in Barnoldswick and, if so, options to remedy the situation.
- (2) That a meeting be arranged with Ward Councillors and the trustees of the Chapel to discuss the situation.

REASON

To prevent damage to a Grade II listed building.

(g) Wellhouse Road car park, Barnoldswick

It was noted that in heavy rainfall, there was ponding on the Wellhouse Road car park and the gullies appeared to be blocked.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to arrange for the gullies at Wellhouse Road car park to be cleared.

REASON

To improve drainage.

(h) Access track off Greenberfield Lane to the north of Victory Park

It was reported that the road at the above location was in a poor state. Over the years the Council had been receiving rent from United Utilities for use of the track. Barnoldswick Town Council had requested that the amount collected to date be transferred so that they could use the revenue to pay for the resurfacing works which were needed, but had not received a reply. The repair works were estimated to cost around £9,000.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to agree for the rental income paid by United Utilities to use the access track off Greenberfield Lane to be transferred to Barnoldswick Town Council to pay for essential repairs to the track.

REASON

To progress highway improvements.

17. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- (a) Meetings with local businesses (05.01.2021)
- (b) Transdev Buses – Request for a meeting (05.01.2021)

RESOLVED

That both these meetings be progressed at the earliest opportunity.

18. 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.

19. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1st January to 31st March 2021, which was noted.

20. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven and answered related questions. He agreed to check progress with several cases and email Members with an update.

Chairman.....