

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT –

R. E. Carroll – (Chairman, in the Chair)

Councillors

*M. Goulthorpe
J. Purcell
D. M. Whipp
T. Whipp*

Co-optees

*C. Pollard, Salterforth Parish Council
G. Wilson, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council
C. Carter, Earby Town Council*

Officers Present

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

(Apologies were received from M. Whittingham, P. Maskell and Councillor M. Adams.)

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

91. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

92. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 5th October 2021, be approved as a correct record, subject to the last 2 bullet points on Minute 86(2), being amended to read -

- Request LCC to clear the gullies and United Utilities to look into the surcharging of combined sewers in the Wellhouse Road/Skipton Road area; and
- Ask LCC to increase the capacity of the gullies on Gisburn Road, to deal with the excess surface water collecting in the dip.

93. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

	2020	2021
Burglary - Residential	3	2
Burglary - Commercial	2	1
Vehicle Crime	5	4
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	15	16
Theft	4	5
Criminal Damage	9	4
Other Crime	25	47
ALL CRIME	64	79
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	58	28

A recent occasion was mentioned when the Police had arranged to visit a resident but did not attend and sent no explanation and then made an unscheduled visit when the person was out. Members also raised some crime safety issues and a problem with the lighting at Rainhall Road car park.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Police be asked if it was possible for an officer to attend the next meeting, to note the above comments and consider whether this was in accordance with their normal visiting procedure; that action be taken where possible to address the speeding cars on Kelbrook Road and Gisburn Road; and that they put a message out on social media reminding residents to lock up their outbuildings, sheds, garages etc.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to ensure that the lighting at Rainhall Road car park was working.

94. 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 -

**21/0571/REM Full: Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of 10 dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of Outline Planning Permission
17/0691/OUT at Land Off Cob Lane And Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook for YLBD**

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

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update reporting an additional response with officer comments.

This item had been deferred from the last meeting to allow time to consider the revised landscaping details and to see if the developer would install an above ground swale to attenuate

the surface water rather than an underground system. These issues were covered in the officer's report.

RECOMMENDATION

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

- Layout due to inadequate and cramped outdoor space.

21/0676/REM Reserved Matters: Erection of 14 no. dwellinghouses (Appearance, Landscaping and Layout) for Outline Permission 18/0821/RES at Land opposite the Barn, Ben Lane, Barnoldswick for Simpson Homes Limited

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update reporting receipt of additional information relating to the drainage system. There were some landscaping and drainage issues that still needed to be resolved so it was recommended that this application be deferred until the next meeting.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this item be **deferred** to the next meeting.

21/0769/OUT Outline: Major: Residential Development (Access only) at Land to the west of White Leys Close, Earby for McDermott Homes

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

- Salterforth had had its quota of houses
- Drainage was inadequate
- Impact on highways/road safety

(b) Appeals

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

95.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report for information, giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions for information.

96.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2021/22 Capital Programme. There was a request that Members consider taking out the Barnoldswick Town Square reflagging scheme, as current works were now being done with new funding from LCC.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Barnoldswick Town Square reflagging scheme remain in Appendix 1 in the report, as work was still outstanding on the original contract.
- (2) That LCC be asked for additional funding to finish flagging on the far side of Newtown which was not included in the Barnoldswick Town Square reflagging scheme.
- (3) That paras 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report refer to the Barnoldswick and Earby and Coates wards rather than the towns of Barnoldswick and Earby.
- (4) That the £3,000 allocation for the mini stage for town centre events (Scheme 34) be removed, as this had now been purchased with the non-grant funding remaining from the £6,480 PBC had awarded this Committee for town centres in West Craven.
- (5) That the funding set aside for the Gisburn Road footpath improvements be taken from the Barnoldswick Councillors' allocations not from the Earby and Coates Councillors' allocations.
- (6) That the funding for Salterforth Christmas decorations be paid to the Parish Council as soon as possible.

REASON

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

97.

GISBURN ROAD FOOTPATH

The Countryside Access Officer reported that a letter had been sent to the owner of the wall in disrepair on the footpath to see if they were prepared to carry out the repairs. An update would be given at the next meeting.

98.

TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 22nd September, 2021 were attached for information.

It was noted that in relation to parking problems at the Butts, Barnoldswick (Min 5.1), LCC had confirmed there were some restrictions in place. However, the issue seemed to be double parking on the private frontage outside the cadets building which was adjacent to the garage and not enforceable. This was restricting access and their ability to parade.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request that LCC proceed with the Vicarage Road, Barnoldswick double yellow line request and amend the minutes as follows –
 - Page 2, Dam Head Road was in Barnoldswick not Earby
 - Page 3, Foster Street should be Foster Road
- (2) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to see if anti-social behaviour powers could be used to try and resolve the parking issues outside the cadets building at The Butts, Barnoldswick.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety and to address inconsiderate parking.

(b) Matters Arising

An update on signage on Skipton Road and waiting restrictions on Foster Road, Barnoldswick, previously raised at the Traffic Liaison Meeting, were submitted for information.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request LCC to include this Committee and Barnoldswick Town Council in their consultation with local residents on the existing waiting restrictions on Foster Road, Barnoldswick.

REASON

To comment on LCC's proposals.

99. PBC/LCC HIGHWAY FUNCTIONS: WHO DOES WHAT UPDATE

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report advising Members of the latest contact information for all highway/traffic/engineering/transport related functions and setting out the new process for all requests for residents-only parking.

It was noted that the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways had agreed to meet Pendle Councillors to discuss the process for new Residents Permit Parking schemes, and so there would be an opportunity to raise issues in due course.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be informed that CCTV was now the responsibility of parish and town councils and asked to convey to LCC the Committee's disappointment about the new process for Residents Permit Parking Schemes, and they be asked to reconsider the eligibility criteria.

REASON

To improve parking for residents where there was an identifiable problem.

**100. TRAFFIC ISSUES ON SKIPTON ROAD, BARNOLDSWICK
NEAR JUNCTION OF COATES LANE**

Members had met Lancashire County Council's Operations Engineer on 7th October to discuss traffic issues on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick near the junction of Coates Lane. A note of the meeting, which set out the main discussion points and various actions that would be taken forward by LCC, was submitted for information.

RESOLVED

That a report be brought back to a future meeting when LCC provided an update on the various actions points agreed.

REASON

To consider LCC's response to road safety concerns at this location in Barnoldswick.

101. RE-OPENING OF BARNOLDSWICK AND EARBY TOWN CENTRES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the Welcome Back Fund grant spending for the re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Welcome Back Fund spending plan for Barnoldwick and Earby and progress be noted.
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to reiterate the request to LCC seeking £825 to repaint the base of the lighting columns in Earby and ask Earby Town Council to repaint the street furniture for which they were responsible.
- (3) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked for more information on the increased costs of setting up the website for Barnoldswick.

REASON

1. ***To remain apprised of developments concerning the Welcome Back funding spend.***
2. ***To ensure the effective and efficient use of the funding.***

102. DRAINAGE ON STONEYBANK ROAD AND WENTCLIFFE DRIVE

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager gave an update on a number of drainage issues in Earby that were raised at the 7th September meeting.

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The Engineering Team had discussed various infrastructure issues with Yorkshire Water and flagged up the ongoing problems at Stoneybank Road. They had also met Betts Geo Engineers to discuss the water problems in the Springfield area. Estimated costs for further investigative work and temporary solutions were set out on the agenda and totalled £20,000.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to consider a Supplementary Estimate of £20,000 to enable further investigative work and temporary solutions to be carried out as follows –
 - A Desk Study to inform the required site investigation to determine requirements for groundwater monitoring - £2,250
 - Following this, a physical investigation for borehole installation, monitoring and interpretative report with possible engineering solutions - £12,000
 - Temporary solutions to drain groundwater on Wentcliffe Drive to existing highway drainage and to remove groundwater flow over footways, causing dangerous conditions when temperatures fall below zero - £5,750
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request LCC for formal approval for the excess surface water in this location to go into the highway drainage system.

REASON

To improve drainage in this part of Earby.

103. NORTHLOME COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the 7th September meeting, Members had asked that a meeting be arranged with Together Housing to look at bringing Northolme Community Centre back into use for the benefit of the local community. Members were informed that Together Housing staff were now using the building for the foreseeable future. Together Housing said they would contact the Council once it was available for use again.

RESOLVED

That confirmation be sought on the ownership of the Community Centre and Together Housing be asked for a meeting to discuss the Centre's use going forward.

REASON

To try to provide local residents with access to a communal facility.

104. WIDENING OF PATH THROUGH BARNOLDSWICK TOWN GREEN

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted plans and costings for three schemes for potential footpath improvements at the Town Green in Barnoldswick, two of which included provision for cyclists.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be informed that Members were happy in principle to fund Option 1, and to include the provision of a double bench, with space for wheelchair access alongside, at a location providing view of the church in one direction and Fernlea Avenue and the school in the other direction.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to look at the possibility of reducing the cost of the scheme by widening the path on one side, if feasible, so that only one new edging was required; and provide further costings on a second, more decorative route, mimicking a railway line through the Town Green to run from opposite the war memorial to the new path.

REASON

To improve access through and enjoyment in the Town Green.

105. VICTORIA ROAD, EARBY REFLAGGING SCHEME

Following a site visit with Ward Councillors the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted costings for improvements to the footway at Victoria Road, Earby. Option 1 included replacing the full width of each footway at a cost of £135,000. Option 2 only included the adopted footway outside Nos. 32-64, not the private frontages.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request LCC to fund improvements to the footway at Victoria Road, Earby as set out at Option 1 with the additional request to include paving at 39-41 Edward Street.

REASON

To improve the appearance of Earby Town Centre and improve pedestrian safety.

106. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A number of items had been put on the agenda for discussion. However, officers expressed concerns that there might be GDPR issues with some of them being discussed in public. Officers advised that each one should be looked at individually to consider if the item should be considered under Part II of the agenda.

RESOLVED

That these items be considered at the end of the agenda under Part II.

REASON

To ensure that initial consideration of these issues was not likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

107.

TRANSDEV

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that issues regarding the Transdev service had been referred to Lancashire County Council officers to be noted as part of LCC's Bus Service Improvement Plan which was due to have been published by the end of October.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to publish the Bus Service Improvement Plan as soon as possible and LCC be informed that to be of any use, Transdev needed to reschedule its bus services in the morning which were currently inadequate and ill-timed for anyone trying to get to school or work in Skipton, and urgent action needed to retime the additional buses that Transdev were putting on for them to be of any use.

REASON

To improve bus services for residents.

108.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- (a) Meetings with local businesses (05.01.2021)
- (b) Euravia Working Group (08.06.2021)
- (c) Back Myrtle Grove/Clifford Street car park – scheme being amended (05.10.2021)

RESOLVED

That the first item be taken off the list and an update be brought to the next meeting on the remaining two items.

109.

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.

110.

OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven, gave an update at the meeting and answered related questions.

RESOLVED

That, following discussions with the Building Control Manager and the Enforcement Officer, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to update members on progress with cases PLE/18/0746, PLE/18/0925 and PLE/21/0764.

REASON

To monitor and progress enforcement activity.

111.

PROBLEM SITES

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

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to remove the second case from the list as all the work had been carried out satisfactorily.
- (2) That Policy and Resources Committee be asked to consider how it might be able to assist with the redevelopment of the last case on the list.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

112.

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the send quarter – 1st July to 30th September 2021 and answered related questions which was noted.

113.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Consideration was given to a number of issues which had initially been put on the agenda for discussion in the open part of the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the condition of Back Frank Street/Back Newtown, Barnoldswick and the condition of the flood wall, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick be deferred to the next meeting and discussed in the open part of the agenda.
- (2) That Transdev be asked to vary the time of buses passing at Klondike in Salterforth to avoid difficulties with them passing at that part of the road and LCC be asked to consider highway improvements to allow safe passage of traffic.
- (3) That a meeting be arranged with Members of the Committee and representatives from the Canal and River Trust, Barnoldswick Town Council and Barnoldswick in Bloom to consider use of the land at a site adjacent to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal in Barnoldswick.
- (4) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to arrange for the removal of graffiti and repainting of the youth shelter in the Council's ownership adjacent to the MUGA on Coates Lane in Barnoldswick.

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- (5) That LCC be asked to update its online system to include missing gullies e.g. Back Victoria Road, in Earby and the Butts in Barnoldswick and for a report to come back to Committee in due course.
- (6) That an update on the funding bid submitted to the Lancashire Environmental Fund for a drainage scheme at Walmsgate Methodist Chapel, be reported to this Committee in due course.
- (7) That LCC be requested to resurface the area of public highway outside the old Post Office on Station Road at the junction with Fernlea Avenue to make it safe for public use.
- (8) That LCC be requested to remark/resurface the concrete apron on the carriageway on Skipton Road at the junction with Fernlea Avenue.
- (9) That LCC be asked to address the outstanding highways issues at the Long Ing development in Barnoldswick.
- (10) That the Planning, Regulatory Services and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to submit a report to the Policy and Resources Committee on the process for individuals or organisations removing TPO trees without permission.
- (11) That Earby Town Council be asked to consider carrying out a joint improvement scheme with this Committee to upgrade the picnic site on Bleara Road, Earby.
- (12) That Together Housing be asked to improve the appearance of the garages at Conway Crescent and Coates Avenue and keep them in good condition.

Chairman.....