

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 4TH JANUARY 2022**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

*M. Adams
M. Goulthorp
J. Purcell
D. M. Whipp
T. Whipp*

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 C. Carter and P. Maskell.)



<i>Dean Simpson</i>	<i>21/0554/VAR – Full: Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 17/0313/REM at Land opposite The Barn, Ben Lane, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Item 133(a)</i>
<i>Valerie Webster</i>	<i>21/0792/FUL - Full: (Major) Construction of a new treated water storage tank and temporary construction access track, temporary widening of the junction between Manchester Road and Letcliffe Lane, demolition of the existing treated water storage tank and associated works including reprofiling of land surrounding the existing and proposed treated water storage tank at the covered reservoir to the South East of Park Hill, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Item 133(a)</i>

129.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

130.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

131.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

132.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for December 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	1	0
Burglary - Commercial	2	0
Vehicle Crime	7	7
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	8	12
Theft	10	5
Criminal Damage	3	5
Other Crime	22	18
ALL CRIME	54	47
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	43	24

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked to send a representative to the next meeting, if possible.

133.

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 -

21/0676/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

(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 agreement to additional obscure glazing to the rear first floor windows, details of a landscaping scheme and comments from United Utilities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the planning application be refused on the following grounds –

- Impact on drainage in the area and proximity to neighbouring properties

21/0752/VAR Full: Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 20/0657/FUL to allow minor material amendments to the design of the proposed dwelling at Caravan Site, Lower Greenhill Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth for Mr and Mrs Nathan and Caroline Hudson

RESOLVED

That the application be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from 03/12/2020.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 200 Rev C 400 Rev A, 501 Rev A, 502 Rev A.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. Prior to the commencement of above ground works involved in the erection of the external walls of the development samples of the external materials to be used in the construction of the walls and roof shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter times be carried out in strict accordance with the approved materials.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

4. The dwelling hereby approved shall not be occupied unless and until provision has been made within the site to enable a minimum of three cars to park, turn and exit in forward gear and the parking and turning areas have been surfaced in a bound porous material. Thereafter the car parking and turning areas shall at all times be maintained free from obstruction and available for parking a minimum of three cars.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory level of car parking provision in the interest of highway safety.

5. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the local planning authority the foul and surface water drainage shall be in accordance with the approved plans Nos. 200 Rev C, 501 Rev A and 502 Rev A and shall be fully implemented prior to the occupation of the dwelling hereby approved.

Reason: To ensure adequate drainage and mitigate the risk of flooding.

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 variation of condition accords with the policies of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, Replacement Pendle Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework. 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.

21/0792/FUL Full: (Major) Construction of a new treated water storage tank and temporary construction access track, temporary widening of the junction between Manchester Road and Letcliffe Lane, demolition of the existing treated water storage tank and associated works including reprofiling of land surrounding the existing and proposed treated water storage tank at the covered reservoir to the South East of Park Hill, Barnoldswick for Yorkshire Water Services Limited

An update was given at the meeting reporting receipt of plans showing surveyed existing and proposed sections in relation to Park Road. Details of arrangements for the separation of construction traffic from pedestrians within Letcliffe Park were being prepared. It was recommended that approval of the application be delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager subject to the receipt of acceptable revised plans for separation of construction traffic from pedestrians within Letcliffe Park.

RESOLVED

That authority be delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager to grant this application subject to the receipt of acceptable revised plans for separation of construction traffic from pedestrians within Letcliffe Park, satisfactory discussions on the boundary fence being pushed further back away from properties on Park Road; and the temporary egress onto Manchester Road being made permanent to improve visibility and highway safety, and the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: BAR44-STA-SRE-SRE-DR-Z-0012-S3-P02, BAR44-STA-SRE-SRE-DR-Z-0015-S3-P01, BAR44-STA-SRE-SRE-DR-Z-0016-S3-P03, BAR44-STA-SRE-SRE-DR-Z-0017-S3-P01, BAR44-STA-SRE-SRE-DR-Z-0018-S3-P04, BAR44-STA-SRE-SRE-DR-Z-0020-S3-P01.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations of the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal ref: 081_21_RE01. Prior to the commencement of

the development a scheme of ecological enhancement shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented prior to the commencement of the use of the development or in accordance with an alternative timescale detailed in the approved scheme and shall be maintained in accordance with the approved scheme at all times thereafter.

Reason: To ensure the protection and enhancement of the ecology of the site.

4. No development, including any demolition works, shall commence unless and until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:

- The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors.
- The loading and unloading of plant and materials.
- The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development.
- The erection and maintenance of security hoarding.
- Wheel washing facilities/mechanical road sweeping.
- Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction.
- A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from clearance and construction works.
- Details of working hours.
- Timing of deliveries.
- Measures to ensure that construction and delivery vehicles do not impede access to neighbouring properties.
- Routing of vehicles to and from the north along Manchester Road. No construction vehicles to access the site from the Standing Stone Lane/High Lane/Higher Lane. Construction vehicles turning warning signage and directional signage on Manchester Road and no left turn sign on exit on Letcliffe Lane.
- Use of qualified banksmen on Manchester Road and Letcliffe Lane.
- Construction site noise and vibration controls.
- Control of dust.
- Control of on-site burning.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety and residential amenity.

5. No machinery shall be operated nor any potentially noisy processes carried out at the site outside the hours of 08:00 and 17:30 on weekdays and 09:00 and 13:30 on Saturdays and there shall be no machinery operated or potentially noisy processes carried out at all on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

Reason: To protect the amenities of occupiers of adjoining and nearby properties.

6. No deliveries shall be taken at or dispatched from the site outside the hours of 08:00 and 17:30 on weekdays and 09:00 and 13:30 on Saturdays and there shall be no deliveries taken or dispatched from the site at all on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays. No Vehicles shall be left idling onsite with the engine running.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of nearby properties.

7. No development shall commence unless and until a scheme for protecting the residential and business neighbours from noise and vibration from the site during these works has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. All measures which form part of the approved scheme shall be adhered to throughout the period of demolition and/or construction.

Note:

1. The contractor shall have regard to the relevant parts of BS 5228 1997 "Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites" during the planning and implementation of site activities and operations.
2. The local planning authority expects that the best practical means available in accordance with British Standard Codes of practice 5228:1997 Parts 1 to 4 shall be employed at all times to minimise the emission of noise from the site.
3. Reference should be made to the Council's 'Code of Practice for Construction and Demolition Sites'.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory standard of amenity for neighbouring properties.

8. No development shall commence unless and until details of measures for the suppression of dust from the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

Note

1. The details of dust control measures for Haul Roads, the use of suitable wheel cleaning facilities and proposals for the sheeting of vehicles carrying dusty materials shall be included by the applicant.
2. Reference should be made to the Council's 'Code of Practice for Construction and Demolition Sites'.

Reason: To protect human health and the environment from adverse effects of air pollution.

9. The development shall not commence unless and until a scheme for the formation of construction traffic access, including visibility splays, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The use of the access shall not commence unless and until the works to the access have been completed in accordance with the approved scheme and the access shall be maintained as such thereafter while in use.
10. The development hereby approved shall not commence unless and until a scheme for the removal of the temporary access road and widening works and reinstatement of the land and walls, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The land and walls shall be reinstated in strict accordance with the approved scheme within 3 months of the substantial completion of the development or within an alternative timescale that has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and visual amenity of the area.

11. Prior to the commencement of any other part of the development the site access improvement works shall have been fully constructed in accordance with the approved plans, the works shall be maintained for the duration of the construction phase.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

12. Prior to its construction details of the surface and drainage of the site access widening shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and it shall be surface and drained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

13. The development permitted by this planning permission shall be carried out in accordance with the principles set out within the flood risk assessment and the outline sustainable drainage strategy September 2021 / BAR44 STA PWA AS Z 001 S3.P01 / Stantec UK Ltd.

The measures shall be fully implemented prior the commencement of the use of the development and in accordance with the timing / phasing arrangements embodied within the scheme, or within any other period as may subsequently be agreed, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory sustainable drainage facilities are provided to serve the site.

14. No development shall commence until details of how surface water and pollution prevention will be managed during each construction phase have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Those details shall include for each phase, as a minimum:

a) Measures taken to ensure surface water flows are retained on-site during construction phase(s) and, if surface water flows are to be discharged they are done so at a restricted rate to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

b) Measures taken to prevent siltation and pollutants from the site into any receiving groundwater and/or surface waters, including watercourses, with reference to published guidance.

The development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the development is served by satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of surface water during each construction phase(s) so it does not pose an undue flood risk on site or elsewhere and that any pollution arising from the development as a result of the construction works does not adversely impact on existing or proposed ecological or geomorphic condition of water bodies.

15. The use of the development hereby approved shall not commence unless and until a Verification Report and Operation and Maintenance Plan for the lifetime of the development, pertaining to the surface water drainage system and prepared by a suitably competent person, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

The Verification Report must demonstrate that the sustainable drainage system has been constructed as per the agreed scheme (or detail any minor variations), and contain information and evidence (including photographs) of details and locations (including national grid reference) of inlets, outlets and control structures; landscape plans; full as built drawings;

information pertinent to the installation of those items identified on the critical drainage assets drawing; and, the submission of an final 'operation and maintenance manual' for the sustainable drainage scheme as constructed.

Details of appropriate operational, maintenance and access requirements for each sustainable drainage component are to be provided, with reference to published guidance, through an appropriate Operation and Maintenance Plan for the lifetime of the development as constructed. This shall include arrangements for adoption by an appropriate public body or statutory undertaker, and/or management and maintenance by a Management Company and any means of access for maintenance and easements, where applicable. Thereafter the drainage system shall be retained, managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that flood risks from development to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those risks to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development as constructed is compliant with and subsequently maintained.

16. The development shall not commence unless and until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include the following:

- a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained;
- b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities, this shall include replacement of all trees not retained.
- c. an outline specification for ground preparation;
- d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
- e. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;
- f. the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings and to preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

17. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority no ground clearance, demolition, changes of level or development or development-related work shall commence until protective fencing, in full accordance with BS 5837 : 2012 has been erected around each tree/tree group or hedge to be preserved on the site or on immediately adjoining land, and no work shall be carried out on the site until the written approval of the Local Planning Authority has been issued confirming that the protective fencing is erected in accordance with this condition. Within the areas so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered. Roots with a diameter of more than 25 millimetres shall be left unsevered.

There shall be no construction work, development or development-related activity of any description, including the deposit of spoil or the storage of materials within the fenced areas. The protective fencing shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

All works involving excavation of soil, including foundations and the laying of services, within the recommended distance calculated under the BS 5837 (2012) of the trees to be retained on the site, shall be dug by hand and in accordance with a scheme of works which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of works.

Reason: To prevent trees or hedgerows on site from being damaged during building works.

Notes: The grant of planning permission will require the applicant to enter into a S278 Agreement, with the County Council as Highway Authority. The Highway Authority hereby reserves the right to provide the highway works within the highway associated with this proposal. Provision of the highway works includes design, procurement of the work by contract and supervision of the works. The applicant should be advised to contact Lancashire County Council for further information by emailing the Highway Development Control Section at developeras@lancashire.gov.uk.

To prevent pollution, run-off waters containing contaminants (including silt) generated during the construction stage should be prevented from entering the adjacent watercourses. We recommend that the applicant refers to the following pollution prevention guidance which is available on the GOV.UK website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pollutionprevention-for-businesses>

Burning on site: The Borough of Pendle Council has announced a climate emergency, therefore to help improve air quality there should be no burning of any materials on site. Pendle Borough Council receives many complaints about smoke from bonfires, which are inappropriate in any area of the borough. The practice of burning wastes on site is an old-fashioned practice, which normally constitutes an offence under the Duty of Care provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The applicant is cautioned against permitting any bonfire to take place during demolition, site clearance or construction. For further information contact Environmental Health at Pendle Borough Council by telephoning (01282) 661199.

Cadent Gas Ltd own and operate the gas infrastructure within the area of your development. There may be a legal interest (easements and other rights) in the land that restrict activity in proximity to Cadent assets in private land. The applicant must ensure that the proposed works do not infringe on legal rights of access and or restrictive covenants that exist.

If buildings or structures are proposed directly above the apparatus the development may only take place following diversion of the apparatus. The applicant should apply online to have apparatus diverted in advance of any works, by visiting cadentgas.com/diversions Prior to carrying out works, including the construction of access points, please register on www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk to submit details of the planned works for review, ensuring requirements are adhered to.

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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 all relevant regards in accordance with the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy. 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) Appeals

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

134. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

135. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's Capital Programme for 2021/22 was £26,501. The Barnoldswick allocation to Councillors totalled £12,745 and the Earby and Coates allocations to Councillors totalled £13,756.

As requested at the last meeting, Policy and Resources (P&R) Committee on 16th December had been asked to contribute towards the full resurfacing of West Close Lorry Park. This request was refused but had been subsequently called in. It was hoped that this would be reconsidered at the next P&R meeting on 20th January.

136. GISBURN ROAD FOOTPATH

The Committee had made a provisional allocation of £1,400 for the footpath between 133-135 Gisburn Road to Back Gisburn Road to be improved using bit-mac, subject to discussions with the owner of the retaining wall running adjacent to the footpath which was in a poor state of repair. It was understood that the owner of the wall was unlikely to carry out the repairs in the near future due to the significant costs. It was therefore proposed that the footpath be surfaced with concrete, rather than bit-mac (which would require vibrating machinery and could cause the wall to collapse). The cost of a concrete laid surface was estimated to cost £2,000. This item had been deferred from the last meeting to allow for a site visit which took place on 14th December.

RESOLVED

That a further £600 be allocated from the Barnoldswick Councillors' allocations of the 2021/22 Capital Programme to allow the Gisburn Road footpath to be resurfaced using concrete at a total cost of £2,000.

REASON

To improve the public highway.

137. RE-OPENING OF BARNOLDSWICK AND EARBY TOWN CENTRES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the Welcome Back Fund (WBF) grant spending for the re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres. It was noted that the cost of the hanging baskets for Barnoldswick, previously requested by the Committee but not included in the budget, would be met either from an underspend elsewhere within the WBF's existing budget or from the Departmental budget. The report also included further information on the website contract.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Welcome Back Fund spending plan for Barnoldswick and Earby and progress be noted.
- (2) That the Economic Development Officer be asked to arrange for the additional hanging baskets for Barnoldswick to be ordered in time for planting up in the next couple of months.
- (3) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to discuss with colleagues the best way to promote and increase use of the website for Barnoldswick Town Centre businesses.

REASON

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

138. BACK MYRTLE GROVE CAR PARKING SCHEME

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a revised plan and costings for a car park at the above location providing 33 spaces in total. It was noted that a provisional sum of £15,000 has been included in the costings for street lighting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the car parking scheme providing 33 spaces at Back Myrtle Grove be approved.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request Lancashire County Council to contribute towards the scheme.

REASON

To improve the provision of parking in this area for local residents and users of the school and local services.

139. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 25th November, 2021 were submitted for information. It was noted that LCC had drawn up plans for extending lines at the junction of Greenberfield Road/Brogden Lane and were going out to consultation.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request that LCC include West Craven Committee on the consultation for extending lines at the junction of Greenberfield Road/Brogden Lane.

REASON

To feed in local knowledge about this area of highway in Barnoldswick.

140. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS – PARKS AND SPORTS GROUNDS

The Corporate Director submitted a report with an update on proposals and options for renewal of the current Borough wide Public Spaces Protection Orders in relation to parks and sports grounds.

Members were concerned about Earby Town Council's request to amend Schedule 1 of the Sports Grounds PSPO to include Birley Playing Fields in Earby. They were not sure that they understood the full implications of this request and all the activities that as a consequence would be prohibited. In the consultation with Town and Parish Councils Barnoldswick Town Council had requested larger areas in Valley Gardens and Letcliffe Park where dogs could be exercised off the lead, which was not mentioned in the report. They were also discussing amendments to the skate park and Victory Park at their meeting next week.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Earby Town Council be asked to confirm that their request to amend Schedule 1 of the Sports Grounds PSPO to include Birley Playing Fields, Earby is with the knowledge that all activities listed in Schedule 2, including barbecues, bathing etc, would be prohibited.
- (2) That the issues raised by Barnoldswick Town Council and any others raised at their meeting next week be reported to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- (3) That consideration be given as to whether the current procedure of reviewing the PSPOs every 3 years was too long a process.

REASON

To ensure that the Council's Public Space Protection Orders in relation to parks and sports grounds reflect the needs of local communities as well as the need to deal with behaviour that is detrimental to the quality of life in public spaces in Pendle.

141. NORTHOLME COMMUNITY CENTRE

Together Housing officers and Councillors met on 9th December to discuss the possible future use of the Community Centre. A note of the meeting was submitted for information.

There was some interest from residents on the possibility of running the centre but more information was needed on the annual running costs, to see if it was feasible.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Together Housing be asked to provide more detailed annual costs for the running of Northolme Community Centre.
- (2) That Earby Town Council be asked if they would be willing to contribute towards the running of the Community Centre to allow it to reopen and for a meeting to be arranged with interested parties, including this Committee, Earby Town Council and any resident groups, to discuss possible options.

REASON

To try to reopen this community facility for the benefit of local residents.

142. EURAVIA

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager gave an update from the Commercial Team about a number of complaints from local residents concerning odour allegedly from Euravia. Two of the complainants on request had not returned the diary sheets. The third complainant returned the diary sheets although the locations where they were witnessing the odour was not from a domestic property but on the local roads. The Environmental Protection Act 1990, was quite clear that a statutory nuisance needed to be linked to the complainant's residential property. They were awaiting the return of the diary sheets from the fourth complainant.

Officers had been actively monitoring odour in the locality based upon the times provided in the complainant's diary sheets and previous information provided by Euravia on testing. During the two week period of monitoring no odour has been detected by officers. They would continue monitoring into the second week in January, subject to whether they received further information from the fourth complainant. If the situation remained the same they would be seeking to close all complaints and investigation.

Once the investigation had drawn to a conclusion the Team would seek to engage Euravia for participation in the working group.

143. FORMATION OF CAR PARKING SPACES – LAND ON HARRISON STREET, BARNOLDSWICK

The Chief Executive submitted a report about proposals from a dental surgery owner for the formation of off-street car parking spaces on the frontage of Council owned amenity land on Harrison Street shown at Appendix A of the report either on a leased or licenced basis after construction. Members were asked to recommend that Policy and Resources Committee declare the land surplus and that the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate terms and conditions as required for a lease or a licence.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Policy and Resources Committee be recommended not to declare the land on Harrison Street, Barnoldswick, shown at Appendix A of the report, surplus to requirements.
- (2) That a meeting be arranged with interested parties to discuss possible alternative parking solutions in the area.

REASON

- 1. To allow land on Harrison Street to remain as open space.**
- 2. To pursue other possible parking solutions.**

144. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Ambulance Response Times

Members discussed reports of local residents having to wait a long time for ambulances, in one case the person was told that it would be 10 hours. They were aware that this was a difficult and unprecedented time for the ambulance service but it was a distressing situation for people facing an emergency. It was noted that the North West Ambulance Service Committee used to provide the Committee with details of their response times every quarter.

RESOLVED

That the North West Ambulance Service be asked to reintroduce the provision of ambulance response times to the Committee on a regular basis.

REASON

To try to improve the ambulance service for people living in this part of Pendle.

145. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- (a) Traffic issues on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick near junction of Coates Lane – awaiting update from LCC (02.11.2021)
- (b) Lancashire highways online reporting system – response requested to addition of existing gullies (02.11.2021)
- (c) Walmsgate Methodist Chapel –LEF funding decision expected 15th Dec (03.08.2021)

146. 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.

147. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven, which was noted.

148. PROBLEM SITES

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

Chairman.....