

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE
BARNOLDSWICK
ON 1ST MARCH 2022**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

P. Maskell, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council

Officers Present

D. Walker

Environmental Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)

N. Watson

Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager

J. Eccles

Committee Administrator

(Apologies were received from M. Whittingham, C. Carter and Councillor M. Adams.)



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

Nick Smith

21/0972/FUL Full: Formation of first floor extension with pitched roof, additional four air conditioning units and alterations to window/door and existing parking layout including a 6 cycle shelter and creation of 10 parking spaces on adjacent land at My Dentist, Harrison Street Dental Centre, Harrison Street, Barnoldswick Minute 169(a)

164.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

165.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident from Salterforth asked about the triangular piece of land off Kelbrook Road currently used for dog training and the decision taken by the Council in November 2020 to transfer it to Salterforth Parish Council for allotments. She was speaking on behalf of the licensee who currently rented the field and who had been given a month's notice to vacate the site. She asked if it was possible to delay the transfer to allow further discussions with the Parish Council about the future use of this land. The Chairman said that she had been informed that it would be possible to slow the transfer process down and would ask that this be done.

166.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 1st February 2022, be approved as a correct record.

167.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

There was no Police representative available to attend the meeting. The crime figures for February 2022 compared to the same period in 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were broken down as follows –

	2021	2022
Burglary - Residential	3	1
Burglary - Commercial	1	0
Vehicle Crime	5	4
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	16	9
Theft	24	6
Criminal Damage	0	7
Other Crime	29	28
ALL CRIME	78	55
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	46	20

168.

AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES

At the request of the North West Ambulance Service this item was deferred to the next meeting.

169.

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 -

21/0803/VAR Full: Full: Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 4 (Hours of operation) of Planning Permission 21/0115/FUL at Gisburn Road Nursery, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick for Tracey Platt

RESOLVED

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

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from 08th September 2021.

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: Location Plan, SkA01, JG01.

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

3. All external storage of materials, machinery and other paraphernalia shall be in strict accordance with the plan No. SkA03 or an alternative plan that has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. There shall no external storage unless in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To preserve the significance of the Conservation Area, visual amenity of the area and residential amenity of surrounding residents.

4. There shall be no loading, unloading, deliveries taken or other operations within the site outside of the hours of 7:30am to 5:30pm on any day.

Reason: To protect the residential amenity of surrounding residents.

5. A scheme for the highway works to the site access on Gisburn Road shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within three months of this approval. These works shall be constructed and completed in accordance with the scheme within three months of the approval of the scheme.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

6. The internal manoeuvring areas shown on the approved plan JG01 shall be kept clear and free from any obstructions at all times for the lifetime of the development to allow vehicles to enter and leave the site in forward gear.

Reason: In order that the traffic generated by the development is not detrimental to highway safety

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 is acceptable in terms of principle, amenity and highway safety and would preserve the significance of the Conservation Area. The development is therefore compliant 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.

21/0848/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 19 no. bungalows (for people over 55) with associated landscaping, car parking and access from Brogden Lane (Re-Submission) Land to the west of Brogden View, Barnoldswick for Applethwaite Limited

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that this application had been withdrawn at the applicant's request.

21/0972/FUL Full: Formation of first floor extension with pitched roof, additional four air conditioning units and alterations to window/door and existing parking layout including a 6 cycle shelter and creation of 10 parking spaces on adjacent land at MyDentist, Harrison Street Dental Centre, Harrison Street, Barnoldswick for MyDentist

RESOLVED

- (1) That the application be **deferred** for a site visit.
- (2) That the site visit be followed by a meeting with representatives of Barnoldswick Town Council, West Craven Committee, the applicants and Planning Officer to discuss parking provision in the area of the application site.

(b) Appeals

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

170. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report for information, giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions for information. An update on Gospel Hall would be brought to the next meeting.

171. 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 £25,901. The Barnoldswick allocation to Councillors totalled £12,145 and the Earby and Coates allocations to Councillors totalled £13,756.

Members considered the following bids –

- Purchase of 4 tables for Salterforth Parish Council £915.47
- LED lighting for Kelbrook and Sough Village Hall £1,200

At the last meeting Members asked for an update on the completion of the Barnoldswick Town Square flagging scheme. It was understood that work would resume on site the week commencing 21st March to complete the outstanding works. They would resume the remainder of the flagging works on 28th March and work through until fully completing the scheme. A decision was still to be taken on how much footpath improvement work could be done on the other side of Newtown.

RESOLVED

That £915.47 be allocated from the Earby and Coates Councillors' allocation of the 2021/22 Capital Programme for the purchase of 4 tables by Salterforth Parish Council and a further £1,200 towards LED lighting for Kelbrook and Sough Village Hall.

REASON

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

172. HIGHWAYS ISSUES RAISED WITH LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(a) Request for concrete apron on the carriageway on Skipton Road/Fernlea Avenue junction Barnoldswick

Members were informed that repairs to the surface of the highway at this location were completed on 20th January. LCC had advised that concrete aprons were not used on tarmacked roads, only bitmac. However, at the meeting it was reported that the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways had visited the site on 31st January and agreed that a concrete apron was needed to take the weight of the buses.

(b) Request to repair the pavement in front of the old post office buildings on the corner of Station Road/Skipton Road, Barnoldswick

Members were informed that a repair to the pavement at this location had been carried out by LCC. A photograph showed that a small area of cracked flagstone had been replaced with concrete. However, the significant change in levels caused by subsidence of the bitmac area at the front of the properties had not been addressed. Also, the condition of pedestrian guard rails immediately adjacent needed to be repaired. The LCC Cabinet Member for Highways had also visited this location and agreed that the flagstones needed replacing in this prominent position.

RESOLVED

That both these issues be raised again with LCC referring to the visit of the Cabinet Member for Highways on 31st January and his agreement that the works highlighted by this Committee and reported to LCC should be undertaken.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

173. RE-OPENING OF BARNOLDSWICK AND EARBY TOWN CENTRES

Prior to the meeting an update had been circulated on the Welcome Back Fund grant spending for the re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres. It showed a balance of £237.

The update listed the items purchased. However, on delivery, the wrong items appeared to have either been ordered or despatched. There were no inserts for the planters and the 16 hanging baskets were the wrong design. Brackets had been provided for both the planters and hanging baskets which were not needed.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Welcome Back Fund spending plan for Barnoldswick and Earby and progress be noted.
- (2) That the Planning, Regulatory Services and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to make the necessary enquiries and to try and rectify the situation with the planters and hanging baskets as soon as possible.

REASON

1. ***To remain appraised of developments concerning the Welcome Back Fund spend.***
2. ***To ensure the planters and hanging baskets could be planted up as soon as possible, ready for Spring.***

174. NHS PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE BUTTS CLINIC WITH A NEW FACILITY

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted details of a proposal from the NHS to replace the Butts Clinic with a new facility in a former bank in the town centre. The Council had been invited, as a stakeholder, to comment on the proposal.

Members cited a number of reasons for this proposal being unacceptable including poor access; lack of parking provision; the cramped nature of the building; and the proposed building's limited ability to provide all the services and clinics that the Butts Clinic had provided over the years (although not all recently). It was felt that this was a missed opportunity to provide a much better and much needed facility at neighbourhood level, maybe on Council owned land.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to write a strongly worded letter to the NHS setting out the various reasons why the proposal was not acceptable to the Council and asking if a feasibility study had been carried out on enlarging and developing the Butts facility which was not being used to its full potential.

REASON

To try to get a better provision of healthcare for residents of West Craven.

175. WALMSGATE METHODIST CHAPEL

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager gave an update on the scheme to resolve damp issues at Walmsgate Methodist Chapel. Last year quotes to undertake this scheme had been sought with the lowest price of £8,318.55 + VAT. A bid made to the Lancashire Environmental Fund had been successful and £8,000 awarded to the project. The Chapel had provided £880 which left a funding gap of no more than £2,000. Members were asked if they were willing to "top up" funding for the scheme from the Capital Programme to enable the project to go ahead. The Engineering Team were looking to start the work in April 2022.

RESOLVED

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

- Allocate up to £2,000 from the Barnoldswick Councillors' allocation of the 2021/22 Capital Programme towards the scheme to resolve the ongoing damp issues at Walmsgate Methodist Chapel; and
- Request that the Engineering Team commence the work as soon as possible.

REASON

To protect this Grade II listed building.

176. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

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

177. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Verge at Chapman Court, Barnoldswick

Members discussed a request from residents for a strip of grass verge to be surfaced to help with parking, which was at a premium in the area. It did not provide any residential amenity and was causing a nuisance, often in a muddy condition in wet weather.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to look at options for surfacing the strip of grass verge at Chapman Court and for costings to be reported back to a future meeting.

REASON

To improve parking provision in this location.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Albert Road, Barnoldswick

Members discussed a TRO affecting various roads in Lancashire and Albert Road in Barnoldswick, which included proposals to –

- Prohibit vehicular access along Albert Road between the hours of 10am and 4pm on a week day and allow limited access for loading and unloading outside that time
- Introduce one way traffic along Frank Street from its junction with Albert Square to its junction with Albert Road in a north westerly direction
- Introduce one way traffic along Albert Road between Ellis Street and Frank Street. (However, it was understood that this stretch of road had been stopped up when the Town Square had been created and ceased to be a highway, so the TRO would not apply there. This was being checked.)

The consultation period ended on 11th March 2022

There were concerns for the local businesses operating on Albert Road who would not be able to schedule deliveries or pick-ups to come before 10am and after 4pm. Members acknowledged that there were problems with vehicles accessing onto Albert Road, but felt that finishing the Town Square scheme would address these issues. Heavy bollards on Albert Road at Ellis Street and Frank Street ends of the sett paved section were being removed and replaced with light weight ones. With proper management these would restrict vehicular traffic onto Albert Road but allow deliveries and access to businesses.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to oppose the making of the TRO affecting Albert Road, Barnoldswick for the following reasons –

- Limiting the loading and unloading for premises on Albert Road to outside 10am to 4pm was not practicable for the businesses that operated there and unreasonable.
- The TRO would require signage and new poles. This area of Barnoldswick had just seen street furniture removed and a lot of money had been spent on rationalising street signage to improve the appearance of the Town Centre. New poles would adversely affect the appearance of the area and could impact kerbside parking.
- There was no record of any accidents/injuries in this area.
- Traffic would be better managed once the new light weight bollards were installed on Albert Road at Ellis Street and Frank Street ends of the sett paved section which would allow deliveries and access to businesses, whilst restricting other vehicular use.

REASON

- 1. To ensure that businesses were not affected by unnecessary regulations.**
- 2. To preserve the newly improved Town Centre street scene.**

178.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had been requested by the Committee. It was noted that updates or reports would be provided to a future meeting.

- (a) Victoria Road, Earby – Request to LCC to fund the works (2/11/2021)
- (b) Traffic issues on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick near junction of Coates Lane – awaiting update from LCC (2/11/2021)
- (c) Lancashire highways online reporting system – response requested to addition of gullies (2/11/2021)
- (d) West Close Avenue Lorry Park – awaiting response from P&R Committee on funding (30/11/2021)
- (e) Water Supply pressure in Kelbrook – Request for meeting with YW (1/2/2022)
- (f) Euravia – request for a meeting (1/2/2022)
- (g) Back Myrtle Grove Car Parking Scheme – Awaiting response from LCC on funding (4/1/2022).
- (h) Request for car parking on land at Harrison Street – Meeting being arranged (4/1/2022)
- (i) Northolme Community Centre – Meeting being arranged (1/2/2022)
- (j) Land at Greenberfield Locks – Meeting requested with Canal and River Trust (2/11/2021)

179.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following items 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.

180.

OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases in West Craven. He said that the new Enforcement Officer would shortly be meeting the new legal team to review all the outstanding cases. There should then be further progress.

181.

PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven and gave a verbal update at the meeting.

Chairman.....