

146. PROGRESS REPORT

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

147. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The crime figures for January, 2022 compared to the same period last year had been circulated prior to the meeting. The figures related to the policing areas of Waterside, Horsfield, Colne Rural, Vivary Bridge and Foulridge and the totals were broken down as follows –

	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	2	7
Burglary – Commercial	1	1
Vehicle Crime	8	18
Hate Crime	2	1
Assaults	27	33
Theft	31	30
Criminal Damage	12	17
All Crime	130	157
Anti-Social Behaviour	121	90

As referred to at the last meeting, Members remained concerned at the way in which the figures were recorded, particularly with regard to town centre and domestic violence incidents.

148. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning application to be determined -

21/0876/FUL Full: Change of use of existing dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a children’s home for a maximum of six young people (Use Class C2) at Lower Broach Farm, Skipton New Road, Foulridge for Helm Care Services

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update which reported receipt of three further comments objecting to the proposal; concerns raised by Lancashire County Council (LCC) Highways; a parking plan; and a plan showing the existing and proposed passing places. It was confirmed that the required land ownership certificates had been served by the applicant. The additional publicity had not yet expired, therefore the recommendation was to delegate grant consent subject to revised and additional conditions.

RESOLVED

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

1. The development is served by a single track access that has a lack of passing places. The track also serves as a public footpath. The increase in traffic that would result from the development, combined with the inadequate internal parking and manoeuvring spaces, would lead to a situation that would be inimical to highway safety for users of the track which would be contrary to paragraph 111 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

(b) Planning appeals

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

149. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement action

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

150. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2021/22 capital budget.

The report also reminded Members that all bids to the capital programme must be reviewed by Financial Services and approved as capital expenditure prior to consideration by the Committee.

A discussion was held regarding scheme No. 43, the Wycoller Beck Footpath Stabilisation Project. It was noted that Trawden Forest Parish Council had a number of questions relating to the proposed work.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That Trawden Parish Council be recommended to contact the Council's Countryside Access Officer to discuss the proposed work to Wycoller Beck Footpath.

REASON

To allow the Parish Council to get a greater understanding of the proposed works.

151. RE-OPENING OF COLNE TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF) grant spending for the re-opening of Colne Town Centre. The report also included information on the Welcome Back Fund (WBF).

A verbal update on the upcoming light festival was provided by co-optee Aneesa McGladdery of Colne BID. The festival was due to take place from 7th to 12th March, 2022.

She also reported that, in collaboration with Independent Street Events, markets had been booked for the 12th March and 12th June.

152. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG).

It was reported that the legal agreement for the Byron Road building had now been finalised. Final

checks were being made and it was hoped that the Group would take the keys in approximately three weeks' time.

A number of grant applications had been made and income generators were being explored. This included discussions with Pennine Education Trust regarding joint working to prepare youngsters for Reception Class; Pendle Youth Orchestra regarding the use of the building; and Forest School training.

In addition to one employee, there was also two university students working for the Group.

153. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had been requested by the Committee. Updates would be provided to a future meeting.

- (a) Land to the west of 2 to 26 Khyber Street, Colne – costings to reinstate the land (06.01.22)
- (b) Premises Improvement Grants – eligibility criteria (06.01.22)

154. 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 items of business 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.

155. 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.

156. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for Quarter 3 (1st October to 31st December, 2021) in the Colne and District area (including spend on litter/dog waste bins) along with annual totals for 2021/22.

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