

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 31ST MARCH, 2022**

PRESENT—

*His Worship the Mayor Councillor N. Butterworth
Councillor D. Cockburn-Price – Chairman (in the Chair)*

Councillors

Co-optees

S. Cockburn-Price

D. Lord

K. McGladdery

A. Holmes

A. McGladdery

Officers in attendance

Neil Watson

Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager (Area Coordinator)

Lynne Rowland

Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Albin, D. Harrison and A. Sutcliffe and M. Thomas (Colne Town Council) and B. Knowles (Foulridge Parish Council).)



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

Stuart Swales

*21/0986/FUL Full: Erection of agricultural building
(167 sq.m.) at Piked Edge Farm, Skipton Old Road,
Colne*

Minute No. 180(a)

175.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

176.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

177.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

178.

PROGRESS REPORT

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

179. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

A member of the Committee provided a brief update on community safety issues and police matters following their attendance at the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting.

It was noted that there had been significant staff changes within Lancashire Constabulary recently which had impacted on their availability to attend meetings.

180. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

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

21/0986/FUL Full: Erection of agricultural building (167 sq.m.) at Piked Edge Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Mr A Swales

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update which reported receipt of one public response objecting to the development. It was also reported that additional justification details and plans had been provided which acceptably demonstrated that the proposed agricultural storage building was necessary and the amended building was proportionate to the needs of the agricultural land. Therefore the application was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allow for a site visit.

22/0086/HHO Full: Demolition of conservatory, erection of two storey rear extension and loft conversion (Re-submission) at Hollin Hall Barn, Hollin Hall, Trawden for Mr S Whalley

RESOLVED

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

1. The development is poorly designed and poorly related to the design of the existing property being disproportionately large and out of scale and design with the dwelling. It is situated in a conservation area and the poor design would harm the character and appearance of the conservation area. Whilst the harm would be less than substantial there would be no public benefits that would outweigh that harm. The development would thus be contrary to paragraphs 134 and 202 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy ENV2 of the adopted Part 1 Local Plan – Core Strategy.

22/0106/ADV Advertisement Consent: Installation of 2 No. externally illuminated fascia signs to replace existing externally illuminated fascia signs at 14-16 Market Street, Colne for Althams Travel Services Limited

Members made a design comparison with this and that of the signage at the Company's Rawtenstall branch.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to grant consent subject to receipt of revised plans providing a design similar to that of the Company's Rawtenstall branch, and appropriate conditions.

REASON

Externally illuminated signage is acceptable and would not adversely impact on amenity or highway safety.

(b) Planning appeals

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

In a verbal update he reported that the appeal against refusal of Planning Permission for the erection of 2 No. 3 bed dwellings and associated garages, parking and gardens at land to the north of Oakfield, Skipton Old Road, Colne had been dismissed, with no costs.

181. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement action

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

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager provided a verbal update on two of the cases. He advised that the owner of land to the north east of Cowfield Farm, Burnley was to be re-prosecuted. The case relating to land at Broken Banks, Carry Lane, Colne was also to proceed to prosecution.

182. 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 £6,631.

Members were reminded that each Councillor had been allocated a sum from the capital programme for spend in their ward. To date, each Councillor had unspent funds remaining in their allocation. This included Councillor Donna Lockwood who had recently resigned from the Council.

RESOLVED

That any unspent funds previously allocated to Councillor Donna Lockwood be redistributed

amongst the two remaining Vivary Bridge Ward Councillors (D. Albin and K. McGladdery) for appropriate spend.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

183.

TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison meeting held on 23rd February, 2022 were submitted for information.

Reference was made to minute 8.2 relating to Richmond Court, Colne. A Member reported that it had since been established how vehicles had managed to access the pedestrianised area adjacent to Richmond Court and was an issue that could be resolved without the need for additional bollards being introduced.

During discussion it was suggested that the area would benefit from a number of benches in the courtyard.

RESOLVED

That options and costings for the provision of three benches in Richmond Court be explored and the results reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To enhance the area.

184.

**FOOTPATH RUNNING ADJACENT TO THE A56, COLNE –
ISSUES WITH INCONSIDERATE CYCLING**

Following receipt of a request for signage to prohibit cycling on the footpath running adjacent to the A56, Colne, the Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which explained the background and provided a range of options for consideration.

It was noted that the footpath was well used by those on route to/from St Michael and All Angels Primary School.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the pupils of St Michael and All Angels Primary School be invited to create a design for signage to encourage cyclists to use the path in a considerate manner, particularly when passing pedestrians.
- (2) That a budget of £600 be set aside for the supply and installation of signs at the middle and either end of the path, to be funded equally from the capital funds of Councillors N. Butterworth, D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price.

REASON

In an attempt to change people's behaviour and enable the path to be used safely by both pedestrians and cyclists.

185. 43A MARKET STREET, COLNE

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider a proposal to recommend that 43A Market Street, Colne be declared surplus to requirements. The ground floor property at number 43 Market Street was owned by the Council and currently tenanted. 43A Market Street was to the first and second floor with a separate access from Market Street.

There had been recent interest in purchasing the property, from a development company that was currently renovating the adjoining building.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to declare the upper floors of the property shown edged black on the plan attached to the report, identified as 43A Market Street, Colne, surplus to requirements; the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate a private treaty sale with an interested party; and if terms are not agreed that it be marketed for sale.

REASON

A sale would result in a capital receipt, removal of a maintenance liability and a Town Centre property being improved.

186. PIGEONS IN THE TOWN CENTRE

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which provided information on the location and extent of pigeons affecting Colne Town Centre. A list of recommended works for reducing the population and nuisance caused by the pigeons was provided for consideration.

It was the view of the Committee that the works proposed would only ease the problem in the short-term and that a long-term solution needed to be found.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to work with Colne Town Council and Colne BID in developing a joint programme for dealing with the nuisance caused by pigeons in the town centre.

REASON

To effectively deal with the nuisance and health hazard caused by pigeons in the town centre.

187. RE-OPENING OF COLNE TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that the final grant claim had been submitted to Government in line with the rules of the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF)/Welcome Back Fund (WBF). He gave thanks to Colne BID for its work in identifying and developing projects and activities for the safe re-opening of the town centre.

It was reported that the Light Festival had been a success and it was planned to hold it again next year. The BID Board had also agreed in principle a Food and Drink Festival on the 8th October.

Extra markets had also been arranged for the second Saturdays in November and December.

Discussions were taking place with Lancashire County Council regarding health and safety measures relating to the Soap Box Derby. The Derby was being half funded by Colne BID, with sponsorship being sought for the remainder.

188. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG), which had now reached a membership of almost 200.

It was reported that activities were going well. The Group now had a coach for netball and rounders, but were struggling to find a reliable football coach. Applications for grants were continuing.

The Group was also participating in the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme during the Easter school holidays. Unfortunately the lease arrangements for the Byron Road building had still not been finalised, therefore the activities would be run from Marsden Old Hall in Nelson.

189. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Introduction of a 'Pamper' car parking pass

The Committee was asked whether a proposal to introduce a 'Pamper' car parking pass in Colne, to allow those attending a lengthy appointment (such as a hairdressing appointment) extra time in which to explore the town, should be considered. It was noted that any suggested changes would need to be assessed and reported to a future meeting of the Committee, prior to any changes being agreed.

Information on the car parks in Colne was submitted for information.

RESOLVED

That the proposal to introduce a 'Pamper' car parking pass in Colne not be pursued.

REASON

There are sufficient long and short stay car parks within walking distance of the town centre.

**190. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF
THE COLNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Draft minutes of the above Working Group held on 3rd March, 2022 were submitted for information.

191. 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.

192. 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. A verbal update was also provided.

It was noted that case reference PLE/22/0347 had been closed as it had been established that no offence had taken place.

Members raised a number of issues regarding specific premises/locations within the area and it was agreed that these would be investigated.

193. PROPERTY REFERENCE PLE/19/0181

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider the most appropriate action to seek to bring property reference PLE/19/0181 back into a reasonable condition.

Specialist advice on a proposal to begin the listing process for the building was currently awaited.

RESOLVED

That it be agreed in principle that, once specialist advice has been received with regard to the listing process for the building, if appropriate, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to serve a notice pursuant to Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requiring the site to be brought back to an acceptable condition with specific provisions regarding repairs of windows and choices of materials.

REASON

To preserve a heritage asset and remedy the significant harm the site is having on the amenity of the area.

CHAIRMAN _____