

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 5TH JULY 2022**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

P. Maskell, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council

Officers Present

*D. Walker
J. Watson*

*Environmental Services Manager and Area Co-ordinator
Head of Democratic Services*

Also Present

Neil Hardiman, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

(Apologies were received from A. Inman.)



42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

43. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

44. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7th June 2022, be approved as a correct record.

45. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for June 2022 compared to the same period in 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were broken down as follows –

	2021	2022
Burglary - Residential	3	2
Burglary - Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	2	4
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	21	15
Theft	11	8
Criminal Damage	3	8
ALL CRIME	87	64
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	17	41

Neil Hardiman from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended the meeting and spoke to the Committee about concerns they had raised at a previous meeting about anti-social behaviour issues. He explained that two individuals had been identified as causing a 'spike' in the number of anti-social behaviour issues but since they had been spoken to and there had been engagement with the local school there had been no repeat incidents.

An area of concern for the Fire and Rescue Service was around water safety particularly around reservoirs and disused quarries. Engagements with local schools was planned and there would be a presence around the reservoirs in Foulridge to raise awareness of this issue.

Across the county there had been an increase in the number of fires set by younger children in unsecure and vacant properties. Owners were being advised of the need to ensure properties were locked and secure.

Committee were advised that business fire safety checks were now being rolled out to operation crews as well as the dedicated teams. This was a free service which businesses could request and information was available on the website: [Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service | Official Website \(lancsfirerescue.org.uk\)](https://www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk)

Reference was made to an activity the Fire and Rescue Service had engaged in with youths at the South Valley Youth Club in Colne and it was suggested that something similar be undertaken in Victory Park, Barnoldswick.

There were also discussions around recruitment and training and it was noted that the locally retained stations in Earby and Barnoldswick were fully staffed.

46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Appeals

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

47. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

48. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's capital programme was £33,340: Barnoldswick £22,954 and Earby and Coates £10,386. Members considered a bid from Environmental Services requesting £193 for a new litter bin to be erected on Gisburn Street, Barnoldswick.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £193 be allocated from the Barnoldswick Councillors' allocation of the 2022/23 Capital Programme for a new litter bin on Gisburn Street, Barnoldswick.
- (2) That a further £1,200 (£600 for each ward) be allocated for additional dog waste/litter bins.

REASON

To enable the Capital Programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

49. VICTORIA ROAD REFLAGGING SCHEME

At the meeting it was reported that the Policy and Resources Committee had met on 30th June and considered the Committee's request for funding towards this scheme.

Earby Town Council had agreed in principle to contributing to the scheme. It was noted that they felt strongly that the project should not be extended to include an event space or other enhancements. Also, that funding be pursued with LCC.

It was reported that officers had submitted a bid into the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for this reflagging scheme. There was a lengthy discussion about revising the scheme to add more cultural issues which would possibly attract funding from the County Council. It was acknowledged that it was up to Earby Town Council to decide what they wanted to do with this area and they had made it clear that they wanted the pavements repairing.

RESOLVED

That the results of the bid to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for reflagging of Victoria Road, Earby be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To keep the Committee informed.

50. CHAPMAN COURT VERGE

In March Members had provisionally agreed to allocate £1,500 from the Barnoldswick Councillors' allocation of the Capital Programme towards a £3,500 scheme to surface a strip of grass verge at Chapman Court, which was on an adopted highway, to help with parking, and to ask Lancashire County Council (LCC) to contribute the remaining £2,000 towards the work.

Following a site visit and confirmation from LCC that they were not willing to fund the scheme Members gave consideration to funding the total cost of the scheme. The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that confirmed quotes for the works were £3,428.76 and £3,880.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred until the next meeting.

REASON

A response from LCC was still awaited.

51. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – DOG CONTROL

The Chief Executive submitted a report on proposals and options for renewal of the Council's Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order.

A public consultation exercise had been carried out during May and June and the comments received were attached to the report at Appendix 1.

RESOLVED

That the renewal of the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order be approved and sites in West Craven be included in it, as set out in the Order.

REASON

To enable the Council and its partners to respond to concerns regarding behaviour that is detrimental to the quality of life in public spaces in Pendle, including enforcement action.

(Councillor J. Purcell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item and withdrew from speaking and voting on it).

52. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME – ANNUAL SUMMARY

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report with a summary on Premises Improvement Grant scheme in West Craven and asked for representatives to sit on the Premises Improvement Grant Panel.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the summary of the premises improvement grant scheme be noted.
- (2) That the remaining funding allocation of £3,000 for Barnoldswick be carried forward to 2022/23, the slippage of £1,525 for Earby be carried forward to 2022/23 with an additional £1,475 from the Committee's Capital Programme to make a total allocation for Earby of £3,000 for 2022/23.

- (3) That Councillors J. Purcell and D. Whipp be appointed as the Committee's Grant Panel members for the municipal year 2022/23.

REASON

1. ***To note the outcomes of the Premises Improvement Grant scheme in 2021/22.***
2. ***To allow the Premises Improvement Grant programme to continue for Earby and Barnoldswick,***
3. ***To allow Grant Panel members to be decided by Members of the Committee.***

53. BACK MYRTLE GROVE CAR PARKING SCHEME

It was reported that Property Services had had discussions with the County Council on the possibility of the Council acquiring the land at this site to develop a public car park. The County Council were considering this option. They were also considering the disposal of a bigger area of land in this location which could include space for a car park. For example, a sale could be conditional that for any planning permission granted, the purchaser would create a car park to the Council's standards for use by the public. However, they were also keen that any potential to create a car park did not affect future potential development or value. A further update would be brought to the Committee where there was any progress with discussions.

Members expressed some confusion as they understood that as the land was owned by the County Council they thought that they would be providing the car park. An adjoining parcel of land was also referred to which was not owned by the County Council.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to provide clarification on the County Council's proposals and to establish ownership of the larger area of land referred to in the proposed disposal of land.

REASON

To understand the extent of the proposed disposal of land and clarification on ownership.

54. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Request for residents only parking on Waterloo Road, Kelbrook

It was reported that some residents on Waterloo Road, Kelbrook had approached Members with a request that residents only parking be introduced on this road.

RESOLVED

That the request for residents only parking on Waterloo Road, Kelbrook be submitted to the County Council for consideration.

REASON

In response to a request from local residents.

(b) To consider traffic flows and pedestrian areas in Barnoldswick Town Centre

Members referred to the need to have a wider review of the town centre in relation to traffic flow and pedestrian areas. It was suggested that the one-way system be reversed and a pedestrian area be introduced on Church Street, therefore, preventing through traffic through the town centre.

RESOLVED

That a meeting be arranged with members of this Committee and officers within the Council's Engineering service via Teams to discuss proposals for amendments to the traffic flow and pedestrian areas within Barnoldswick Town Centre.

REASON

To discuss options before a scheme is drawn up.

(c) To consider the maintenance of street nameplates

Concerns were expressed that a number of street nameplates within the West Craven area were in a poor state of repair. It was suggested that some funding be allocated from the Committee's Capital Programme to address this issue.

RESOLVED

That, subject to confirmation from the Chief Finance Officer, £800 be allocated from the Committee's Capital Programme for 2022/23 for the replacement/maintenance of street nameplates in the West Craven area.

REASON

To enable the maintenance of street nameplates.

(d) To give further consideration to the provision of EV charging points on Wellhouse Road car park.

On 29th March the Committee gave agreement in principle for the installation of two 120kw chargers on Wellhouse Road car park by Instavolt and, provided that the Property Services Manager was satisfied following the necessary checks on the lease, that this request be dealt with as soon as possible.

The Committee were advised that a procurement exercise for the installation of electric vehicle charging points on Council owned car parks had been completed and report would be going to the Climate Emergency Working Group on 14th July. Officers had liaised with Instavolt and this Committee's proposal would be included in this report.

Concerns were expressed that these charging points had not yet been installed.

RESOLVED

- (1) That this Committee's resolution from its meeting on 29th March, 2022 "that agreement in principle be given to the installation of two 120kw chargers on Wellhouse Road car park by Instavolt and provided that the Property Services Manager was satisfied following the necessary checks on the lease, that this request be dealt with as soon as possible" be reaffirmed.
- (2) That the Policy and Resources Committee be **recommended** to consider the installation of two 120kw chargers on Wellhouse Road car park by Instavolt as a matter of urgency.

REASON

To provide a first class EV charging service for local residents and to generate income.

55. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was noted that the following items had been requested and an update or report would be provided to a future meeting -

- (a) Traffic issues on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick near junction of Coates Lane – awaiting update from LCC (2/11/2021)
- (b) Request for LCC to upgrade the carriageway on Station Road (02/11/2021)
- (c) Request to repair the pavement in front of the old post office buildings on the corner of Station Road/Skipton Road, Barnoldswick (2/11/21)
- (d) Request to use HRA to strengthen the carriageway on Skipton Road/Fernlea Avenue junction Barnoldswick (29/03/2022)
- (e) Open space at Cornmill Place (7/6/2022)
- (f) Condition of Bus Shelters (7/6/2022)
- (g) Northolme Community Centre (7/6/2022)
- (h) North West Ambulance Service Response Times – Quarterly Statistics.

RESOLVED

That in relation to (b) (c) and (d) above the Leader of Lancashire County Council be invited to visit the sites.

REASON

To enable them to see the extent of the repairs/upgrades needed.

56. 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.

57. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven and answered related questions.

58. PROBLEM SITES

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

It was recommended that item 2 in the report be removed from the list as all work had been carried out satisfactorily. Members did not agree with this and felt the item should remain on the list.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted and item 2 remain on the problem sites list.

REASON

Until the condition of the site has been improved.

Chairman.....