

The concerns had recently been raised with the Chairman of the Taxi Licensing Committee, Councillor K. McGladdery, who confirmed that they had been submitted as a response to the public consultation on taxis that was currently taking place. This would be discussed at a future meeting of the Taxi Licensing Committee.

43. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. PROGRESS REPORT

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

It was noted that, in addition to the request made to Lancashire County Council (LCC) by this Committee for clarification on the schedule of works to be undertaken at Noyna Ford, the Chairman of the Parish Council had written to the appropriate Cabinet Member. He had been provided with the timescales of what had happened in recent years and had been invited to visit the area.

45. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The crime figures for June, 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 detailed below.

The Committee was advised to view the figures with caution as the statistics were not being presented on a like for like basis at the moment, with some double counting taking place.

	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	1	3
Burglary – Commercial	0	3
Vehicle Crime	13	5
Hate Crime	3	0
Assaults	38	47
Theft	18	28
Criminal Damage	19	15
All Crime	150	203
Anti-Social Behaviour	107	72

A member of the Committee provided a brief update following their attendance at the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting.

46. 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 -

22/0135/FUL Full: Change of use of part of ground floor from retail (A1) to hot food takeaway (A5), insert doorway and shop front with roller shutter, including extraction duct and new wall and roof to enclose rear yard to rear elevation at 104 Green Road, Colne for Mr Arif

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to **grant consent** subject to the following conditions –

1. Within 3 months of the date of this decision, the development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

- Location Plan, received on 25th February 2022
- Proposed Elevation & Floor Plans: CAL 2017 006 001 Rev C
- Extraction System Details: 1st Aurora 000/001

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

2. The materials shall be as set out on the application form and approved plans and shall not be varied without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority. The security shutter to the shop front shall be as installed, with pinhole perforation and shall not be varied unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

3. No customers shall remain on the premises outside the hours of 11:00 and 22:00 Monday to Saturday inclusive and between the hours of 11:00 and 21:00 on Sundays or Bank and Public Holidays inclusive. The premises shall fully close 30 minutes after the last customer is allowed on the premises.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

4. Within one month of the date of this permission, an outside bin to collect customer's rubbish shall be installed to the front elevation and shall remain in place for the lifetime of the development, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that facilities are available for customers to dispose of waste packaging and prevent litter from accumulating on the street in the surrounding area.

5. Within one month of the date of this permission, a detailed plan of the stall riser shall be provided and shall be fully installed within two months of the date upon which it is approved.

Reason: This is a retrospective application and the design of the shop front is unacceptable without the stall riser.

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 access and principle of the proposed development accord with the

policies of the 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.

22/0222/FUL Full: Major: Proposed development of B2/B8 commercial units with associated parking, infrastructure and altered access following from the previously approved phase at former Spring Gardens Mill, Spring Gardens Road, Colne for Mr Mark Taylforth

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to allow for further information on proposals for the public footpath that runs through the site; offsite highway works; parking; drainage strategy; and consideration of the colour of the roofs of units 6 and 7.

22/0242/VAR Full: Variation of Condition: Major: Remove condition 18 (Affordable housing) of Planning Permission 20/0865/FUL at land to the west of Brookside Garage, Dean Street, Trawden for Trawden Water Limited

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to a future meeting of this Committee. In the meantime the applicant be asked to submit further details in relation to the viability appraisal.

REASON

To ensure all necessary information is considered when determining the application.

22/0308/HHO Full: Demolition of conservatory and construction of two storey rear extension at 34 Ruskin Avenue, Colne for Mr Paul Coffey

RESOLVED

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

1. By virtue of the proposed development's proximity to the party boundary of No. 36 Ruskin Avenue and its scale and massing, the proposed extension would result in an unacceptable overbearing effect upon No.36 Ruskin Avenue, contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy, the National Planning Policy Framework and the Design Principles SPD.

(b) Planning appeals

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

47. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report which gave 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 for 2022/23 was £40,021.

A bid for improvements to Public Footpath 31 – Skipton Road to Holme Crescent, Trawden was submitted for consideration.

It was noted that the proposed works to Public Footpath 31 had been discussed at a recent meeting of Trawden Parish Council. It was reported that the Parish Council had generally felt that the estimated cost of the works was excessive and that the works could be completed for less.

It was also suggested that works may only be required to the lower section of the path.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the bid for improvements to Public Footpath 31 be deferred to a future meeting.

REASON

To allow for a reassessment of the works and more accurate costings.

49. TOURIST SIGNS

At the May meeting of this Committee, Members had been advised that a request to secure a brown tourist sign on the M65 directing people to 'Colne, Historic Market Town' had not been endorsed by Lancashire County Council (LCC). However, it had advised that an alternative option would be to update the current town boundary signs.

At the request of the Committee, the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted information which showed the location and condition of the town boundary signs in the Colne and District area. It was noted that Town Centre Sign 09 (Keighley Road) had been removed. LCC had since installed a roundabout sign at the same location.

Members were advised that LCC approval would be needed for any changes to the signs as they had to conform to the relevant regulations. Funding would also need to be identified.

RESOLVED

- (1) That an update to the current town boundary signs be considered at the next meeting of the Committee and in the meantime, relevant guidance be circulated to Members.
- (2) That costings be sought for the replacement of Town Centre Sign 09 and reported back to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To agree ways in which the town boundary signs can be enhanced.

50. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – DOG CONTROL

The Chief Executive submitted a report which updated the Committee on proposals and options for renewal of the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

RESOLVED

- (1) That, having invited comments from the public, the Committee approves the renewal of the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order generally and includes sites in Colne and District subject to an amendment to Article 2 of the Order in which the maximum number of dogs which a person may take onto land at Colne Cemetery be increased to two, with the exception of those undertaking professional dog walking duties who should not use the land for this purpose.
- (2) That amendments for King George V Playing Fields and Waterside Junior Play Area be approved.

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.

51. WHEEL PARK, VIVARY WAY, COLNE

It was reported that, further to the decision of this Committee at its December meeting, the proposal to create a wheel park or similar facility on available land between Pendle Leisure Centre and Bowker BMW was being pursued. Discussions were due to take place with Colne Town Council. An update would be provided to a future meeting.

52. RICHMOND COURT, COLNE

At the 31st March meeting Members asked that options and costings for the provision of three benches in Richmond Court be explored and the results reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager advised that the benches would be provided by PEARL as part of the public realm works linked to the adjacent development, therefore there was no action required from this Committee.

53. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which updated the Committee on the progress made on the Colne Premises Improvement Grants Scheme in 2021/22 and requested an additional funding allocation to allow the programme to continue. The Committee was asked to nominate two Members to the Premises Improvement Grants Panel to consider future applications.

The report also provided information on the Committee's request to consider a review to the Grant criteria.

During discussion, clarification was sought on whether the fund could be used to pay the planning application fee. Members also felt that enhancement repairs should be permitted under the Scheme.

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) the summary of the Premises Improvement Grants Scheme be noted;
- (2) it be agreed that the slippage be carried forward to 2022/23, but that no further funding be allocated at this time;
- (3) Councillors David Albin and Sarah Cockburn-Price be re-appointed to the Premises Improvement Grants Panel;
- (4) it be agreed that the requirement for businesses to contribute 50% towards the cost of the works remains unchanged;
- (5) the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to provide clarification on what is considered a permissible project and whether the fund could be used to pay the planning application fee.

REASON

- (1) ***To allow the Premises Improvement Grant Programme to fund future projects and allow for all existing approved grants to be given to a business within a reasonable timeframe.***
- (2) ***To allow Members to make decisions that support the ongoing regeneration of Colne town centre.***
- (3) ***To encourage uptake of the Scheme.***

54. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – HARTLEY HOMES TRUST

At the last meeting of this Committee it was noted that Councillors D. Albin, N. Butterworth and K. McGladdery were current representatives on the Hartley Homes Trust to 2025. A request for a further nomination to fill one vacancy was declined.

Members were advised that the Hartley Homes Scheme of Governance as approved by the Charity Commission required the Council to appoint four nominated trustees. They were therefore asked to reconsider the request.

It was noted that Barrowford and Pendleside Ward Councillor Carlo Lioni had expressed an interest in the position.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Carlo Lioni be appointed as a representative on the Hartley Homes Trust to 2025.

REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

55. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). This included a summary of the continuing activities, along with information on new activities that were due to commence. Information was also provided on grant progress and donations received.

Following the Group's success, a similar model was being looked at for Padiham.

Funding was now in place to purchase the minibus as referred to at the last meeting.

Unfortunately they had still not acquired the Byron Road building.

56. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following two items for discussion were taken together as they both related to areas on the approach to Colne that were in need of improvement.

- (a) Landscaping and other enhancements to Vivary Way, Colne from the end of the M65 to the traffic signals at the Crown Way/ Barrowford Road junction**
- (b) Upkeep and maintenance of the roundabouts at Vivary Way/North Valley Road and Windsor Street/Skipton Road, Colne**

A discussion was held regarding the poor condition of some of the roundabouts and main routes into Colne. Issues included large gouge marks to the Windsor Street/Skipton Road roundabout; broken kerb edgings; missing fencing; encroaching shrubbery; and litter.

It was unclear as to who was responsible for maintaining these different areas of land.

Members also highlighted areas for improvement on Burnley Road, Colne, which included the signage to Holker and Primet Business Centres. At present there was varying styles of advertising signage. It was suggested that one standardised sign advertising all the businesses on the Park would be more suitable. It was noted that the businesses within this business park did not fall within the Colne BID boundary.

A further issue was the number of 'A Boards' situated on pavements. A proposed alternative was the use of bollard sleeves for advertising, particularly in the vicinity of the Arcade.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the maintenance responsibility for Vivary Way, Colne and the roundabouts at Vivary Way/North Valley Road and Windsor Street/Skipton Road, Colne be established.
- (2) That Colne BID be asked to contact the businesses at Holker and Primet Business Centres to discuss the possibility of erecting one standardised sign; and also be asked to discuss with relevant businesses in the town the option of replacing 'A Boards' with bollard sleeves as a way in which to advertise their business.

REASON

To improve the Colne gateway.

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

Draft minutes of the above Working Group held on 9th June, 2022 were submitted for information.

58. 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.

59. 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.

60. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Colne and District area. A verbal update was also given.

It was agreed to look at a further three sites to see if any action was required.

CHAIRMAN _____