

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL
ON 2ND AUGUST 2022**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*A. Inman, Earby Town Council
P. Maskell, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council
J. Hoyle, Barnoldswick Town Council*

Officers Present

*D. Walker
J. Eccles*

*Environmental Services Manager and Area Co-ordinator
Committee Administrator*



59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

60. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

61. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 5th July 2022, be approved as a correct record.

62. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for July 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	4	0
Burglary - Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	5	2
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	19	11

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Theft	7	16
Criminal Damage	6	1
Other Crime	40	33
ALL CRIME	82	63
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	66	18

Members raised concerns about speeding cars in Barnoldswick Town Centre and on Gisburn Road at the Brogden Lane/Greenberfield Lane junction. There were also concerns that the local Neighbourhood Policing Team was still not fully staffed.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Police be informed of the Committee's concerns regarding speeding cars in the area.
- (2) That Lancashire County Council (LCC) be asked to replace the interactive speed sign on Brogden Lane and reintroduce the other road safety measures and associated markings that were removed when the resurfacing work was carried out, and to repair the other two interactive speed signs on Gisburn Road that were currently not working properly.
- (3) That a letter be sent to the Chief Inspector at Lancashire Police asking why West Craven did not have a full Local Neighbourhood Policing Team in place.

63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Appeals

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

64. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report for information, giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions. There was concern about the length of time it was taking to deal with the Gospel Hall site in Barnoldswick.

It was noted that in future, it was proposed that enforcement reports along with planning issues would no longer come to area committees, but would be dealt with by the new planning committee.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to provide an update on the timetable for the repair works required to the former Gospel Hall building on Hollins Road, Barnoldswick.

65. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2022/23 Capital Programme.

Members considered a bid from Barnoldswick Town Council seeking £6,000 towards a complete refurbishment of the playground at Avon Drive Play Area, Barnoldswick.

It was noted that the Improvements to Gisburn Road Footpath scheme had come in under budget and therefore £529 had been deallocated, added onto the uncommitted balance for 2021/22 and carried forward to 2022/23.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £6,000 be allocated from the Earby and Coates Councillors' allocation of the 2022/23 Capital Programme to Barnoldswick Town Council towards a complete refurbishment of the playground at Avon Drive Play Area, Barnoldswick.
- (2) That the deallocation of £529 from the Improvements to Gisburn Road Footpath Scheme be noted.

REASON

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

66.

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 in May, and confirmation from LCC that they were not willing to fund the scheme in June, Members considered funding the total cost of the scheme. Confirmed quotes for the works had come in at £3,428.76 and £3,880. However, Members still thought that LCC should contribute and the item was deferred to allow LCC time to respond to a further request for funding. At the meeting it was reported that the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, had confirmed that funding would not be available for this scheme.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council be asked to consider the Committee's request for a contribution towards the resurfacing work at Chapman Court.

REASON

To improve parking for local residents.

67.

PASSENGER BUS SHELTERS

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the condition of bus shelters in the West Craven area and their ownership. The report provided a response from LCC regarding the current situation regarding the Primesight shelters.

A number of issues were raised, the main one being that Parish and Town Councils were still responsible for bus shelters on the Quality Bus Route mainline service that LCC had taken on in other areas in Pendle and which stopped at Oak Street, Colne.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to –
 - Strongly request that LCC accept responsibility for the bus shelters on the whole of the Quality Bus Route (with the exception of Station Road and Fernlea Avenue in Barnoldswick and the Bus Station, Victoria Road in Earby).
 - Inform LCC that the two Primesight bus shelters on Colne Road (1 in Earby and 1 in Kelbrook) were in particularly poor condition.
 - Provide quotes for installing new benches, similar to the one provided by Barnoldswick Town Council in the bus shelter on Skipton Road, next to Ben Lane, with a view to offering Parish and Town Councils in West Craven the opportunity to submit a bid to the Committee's Capital Programme for a contribution towards the installation of benches in bus shelters for which they were responsible.
 - Circulate to Members of the Committee a copy of the full response from LCC to PBC on this issue that was referred to in the report.
- (2) That the Financial Services Manager be asked to provide a full breakdown of how much Pendle Council was charging Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council for the maintenance and cleaning of their bus shelters.

REASON

- 1. In the interest of equity between West Craven and the rest of Pendle.**
- 2. To improve the experience for local residents and visitors using public transport.**

68. PROVISION OF DOG/LITTER BINS AND SUBSTATION SITES

The Environmental Services Manager reported that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, 5 bins had been replaced/removed in the period January to March 2022 and Members were asked if there were any substations within their area that needed tidying up.

It was mentioned that there still seemed to be a problem with bins being missed in Salterforth on collection day. The Environmental Services Manager explained that, as he reported at the last meeting, there had been some staffing issues, which they were trying to resolve.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to circulate the schedule for the emptying of bins in Salterforth.
- (2) That, if possible, the litter bin at No 6 Cob Lane be relocated rather than removed and the previous request for the litter bin next to the Welcome to Earby stone marker to be relocated, be chased.

REASON

1. ***To ensure that the waste collection service was operating as it should.***
2. ***In the interests of visual amenity.***

69. DOTCLIFFE ROAD – GRASS VERGE AND PARKING ISSUES

Following a site visit, Together Housing had reported that the slope on this grass verge was too steep to cut safely and would be putting team members at risk of injury or accident. There could also be significant damage to any cars parked there. If the cars were not there they would be able to strim along the edge of the verge. Together Housing's new bio diversity aspect of the estates services policy, was to leave a lot of verges to grow wild deliberately.

Some works on the site visit were identified as requiring attention - strimming around shrub bases and removing the epicormic growth around the odd trees base. Winter works would be carried out on site including edging off the grassed areas where they met the paved pathway. They reported that no tree works were required as the trees were healthy and met the Together Housing tree policy.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that the new Environment Officer had started in Planning this week and would be inspecting the trees in this location the following day. A report would come back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager report back to the next meeting following the Environment Officer's site visit to look at the trees, and also on whether the planning approval conditions for the developments on Dotcliffe Road had been implemented as required.

REASON

To respond to residents' concerns about parking issues on Dotcliffe Road.

70. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES

The North West Ambulance Service had provided quarterly response times to emergency incidents at County and postcode level for the period 1st April to 30th June 2022. They were split into 5 categories, ranging from category one for calls about people with life-threatening injuries and illnesses, where the aim was to respond in an average time of 7 minutes and at least 9 out of 10 times within 15 minutes, to category 5 calls which were very low level calls where there was no target.

Members were very concerned about the response time for category 1 calls in BB18 which was 2 seconds short of being 16 minutes, compared to 9.44 minutes in BB8 and 8.09 minutes in BB9. It was noted that the category response times in Blackpool was 6.03 minutes and 7.01 minutes in Blackburn with Darwen.

RESOLVED

That the NWAS be asked to provide more detail about the performance in West Craven for future reports if possible.

REASON

In the interests of public health.

71. 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 – with LCC (2/11/2021)
- (b) Request for LCC to upgrade the carriageway on Station Road – requested site visit (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- requested site visit – requested site visit (2/11/21)
- (d) Request to use HRA to strengthen the carriageway on Skipton Road/Fernlea Avenue junction Barnoldswick – requested site visit (29/03/2022)
- (e) Open space at Cornmill Place (7/6/2022)
- (f) Northholme Community Centre (7/6/2022)

RESOLVED

That Together Housing be chased for a response to the Committee's request for Northholme Community Centre to be transferred to Earby Town Council.

REASON

So that the facility can be used as soon as possible for the benefit of local residents.

72. 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.

73. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

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

RESOLVED

That in respect of PLE/18/0925, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to report back on progress with the various outstanding highways issues that were not mentioned in the report, such as missing bollards and street lamps, and the road lay-out.

74. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1st April to 30th June 2022.

RESOLVED

That a company regularly littering in the Sough area be asked to take measures to prevent further littering offences from recurring, and, if necessary, the Environment Agency, which regulated the company's operation, be requested to take appropriate action.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

Chairman.....