

RESOLVED

- (1) That a letter be sent to the Member of Parliament for Pendle expressing the concerns of this Committee relating to the permitted development rights with regard to the installation of telecommunications equipment; seeking clarification on the rights of the public, the obligations of the companies concerned and whether there could be any influence on the location/colour; and requesting that measures be taken to allow Local Authorities to comment on proposed sitings.
- (2) That the owner of the telecommunications equipment be asked to consider painting the equipment in a colour more sympathetic to the local environment.
- (3) That the Committee's disapproval of the location and appearance of the internet equipment installed at the roundabout on Burnley Road, Colne be relayed to the public through a press release.

80. MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

81. PROGRESS REPORT

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

A verbal update was provided by the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager regarding number 7 on the list. The Committee asked that the owner of the land referred to be asked to take action to remedy the problem.

82. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The crime figures for August 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.

	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	3	6
Burglary – Commercial	4	2
Vehicle Crime	25	12
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	33	52
Theft	22	33
Criminal Damage	15	10
All Recordable Incidents	205	211
Anti-Social Behaviour	91	85

The Chairman provided a brief update following his attendance at the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting. The main areas of discussion had included young people's behaviour, drugs and speeding vehicles. There had been no police presence at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That, in partnership with the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership, Sergeant James Cooper be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the ongoing issue of drugs in the Colne and District area and the Police and Crime Commissioner be copied into the initial request.

83. 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 -

22/0242/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 planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

The viability assessment does not accurately reflect the viability position and therefore it has not been adequately demonstrated that financial viability of the development would be unacceptably impacted by the affordable housing obligation, therefore the variation of condition would be contrary to Policy LIV4 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy.

22/0333/FUL Full: Erection of two detached dwellings at land to the west of Garfield, Keighley Road, Colne for DVL Properties Ltd

RESOLVED

- (1) That consideration of this application be **deferred**.
- (2) That the applicant be asked to reconsider the design and positioning of the gates; the orientation of the houses; and the glazing on the south facing side.

REASON

- (1) *To allow for further discussions with the applicant.*
- (2) *To improve the entrance and appearance of the development and reduce glare across the valley.*

(b) Planning appeals

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

84. 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 advised that the building erected on the land to the north east of Cowfield Farm, Burnley Road, Trawden had now been demolished, but could not confirm whether the detritus had been cleared.

RESOLVED

That the site continue to be monitored.

REASON

To ensure any further problems could be identified quickly.

85. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

(Councillors D Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price declared a non-pecuniary interest in a bid from Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG) which was not a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.)

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance of the Committee's capital programme for 2022/23 was £40,021.

An update on funds committed but not yet spent was submitted for information. This included schemes no.30 and 43 relating to Wycoller footpaths. It was reported that these schemes were being actively progressed. With regards to scheme 43, there had been difficulties in carrying out the original proposals to divert the footpath and build a retaining structure where the path had collapsed. The new proposal was to install a bridge over where the path had collapsed, however this was also facing difficulties. The current arrangement whereby the path had been diverted onto private land was unsustainable.

The Committee was updated on the views of Trawden Forest Parish Council. It was thought that previous discussions may have taken place with the leaseholder of the adjoining land rather than the landowner. It was recommended that this be looked into further.

Three new bids were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the bid of £2,000 for installation of a handrail on a section of the public footpath running from Waterside Road to Colne Lane be refused.
- (2) That funding of £1,138.23 be awarded to Colne Youth Action Group for the purchase of CYAG branded clothing for volunteers subject to at least one further quote being obtained.
- (3) That consideration of the bid for a replacement litter bin outside 33 Market Street, Colne be deferred to a future meeting of this Committee. In the meantime, the Environmental Services Manager be asked to provide a list and location of all litter bins within Colne Town Centre.

REASON

- (1) ***The site is an identified development site in the Colne Neighbourhood Plan.***

(2) To ensure value for money is being achieved.

(3) To allow for an audit to be undertaken.

86. TOWN BOUNDARY SIGNS

Further to a request at the last meeting, the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the cost for replacing the Town Centre Signs with ones that provide additional information was approximately £3,800. The estimate assumed two signs, as per the Colne boundary signs, and replacement of the existing posts.

For a precise figure, a preliminary design would be required.

RESOLVED

(1) That the estimate be noted.

(2) That members of the Committee give consideration to the wording and design for use on town boundary signage and for ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

REASON

To provide prominent, informative and enhanced signage on the approach to the Town Centre.

87. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on environmental blight sites in the Colne and District area.

88. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

At a previous meeting of this Committee clarification had been sought on whether the Premises Improvement Grants Fund could be used to pay the planning application fee.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that the Council's Chief Finance Officer had indicated that planning fees could be paid for with the Premises Improvement Grant if Members wished to allocate funds for this purpose.

A discussion was held regarding a previous decision of this Committee to extend the Premises Improvement Grants boundary to include some businesses outside of the town centre. Clarification was sought on where exactly the current boundaries were.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to submit a map of the current Premises Improvement Grants boundary to the next meeting of the Committee.

REASON

For clarification and to assist in any further discussion on boundary changes.

89.

COLNE MARKET FORUM

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Colne Market Forum held on 20th July, 2022 were submitted for information.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager also provided a brief verbal update on progress with the Levelling Up Fund investment in The Muni Theatre, Pendle Hippodrome and The Little Theatre.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to provide a further update to the next meeting of this Committee on progress with the Levelling Up Fund investment in The Muni Theatre, Pendle Hippodrome and The Little Theatre.

REASON

For information.

90.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Conservation Areas

The Committee discussed a proposal for Growth Lancashire to scope the creation of new Conservation Areas in Colne and District. Initial appraisals had already been carried out.

RESOLVED

That details of the initial appraisals be provided to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager and he be asked to submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To consider the options.

91.

LEVELLING UP PARKS FUND

It was reported that, following a decision of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25th August, Pendle Council was due to receive a grant of £85,000 to fund the creation or significant refurbishment of parks. Members of this Committee were invited to consider a site or sites in the Colne area which should be put forward for the project proposal and which met the guidance provided by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

A copy of the report considered by the Policy and Resources Committee was submitted for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to site the project at the area of land off Windy Bank, Colne.

REASON

The site is subjected to litter/fly tipping and anti-social behaviour and has been identified as a problem site by the police.

92. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). As reported last month, the Byron Road building was now in use. In addition to a central space, break-out rooms had been created for pool and table tennis. There were plans to brand the building and the installation of a solar array was being discussed.

The Group had recently been visited by Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner and was accompanied by the MP for Burnley, who was looking into a similar model for Padiham.

There was a need for further volunteers, so an Open Day to help recruit more was being considered.

93. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF THE COLNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The minutes of the meeting of the above Working Group held on 3rd August, 2022 were submitted for information.

94. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

- (a) Improvements to Public Footpath 31 – Capital Programme Bid (07.07.2022)
- (b) Wheel Park, Vivary Way, Colne – update (07.07.2022)

95. 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 item 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.

96. 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.

A discussion was held regarding a number of sites on the list. It was agreed to re-inspect one site; explore options for further action on another; and to look at an additional two sites to see if any action was required.

CHAIRMAN _____