

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 13TH OCTOBER, 2022**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*N. Butterworth
S. Cockburn-Price
D. Lord
K. Salter
A. Sutcliffe*

Co-optees

*R. Bucknell
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, K. McGladdery and P. McGladdery and M. Thomas (Colne Town Council) and B. Hodgson (Trawden Forest Parish Council).)



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

<i>Neil Jones</i>	<i>22/0473/FUL Full: Major: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 17 residential dwellings with associated access, car parking and landscaping at Croft Mill, Lowther Lane, Foulridge</i>	<i>Minute No.103</i>
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97. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

98. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

99. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

100.

PROGRESS REPORT

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

A verbal update was provided in relation to the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the Levelling Up Parks Fund in which, on the recommendation of this Committee, the area of land off Windy Bank, Colne was to be put forward as a proposed area for refurbishment. It had since been established that the area of land did not meet the guidance provided by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and therefore could not be pursued.

101.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The crime figures for September 2022 compared to the same period last year were submitted for information. 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	2	6
Burglary – Commercial	2	0
Vehicle Crime	19	7
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	34	28
Theft	30	27
Criminal Damage	16	10
All Recordable Crime	199	190
Anti-Social Behaviour	67	80

Members still had concerns at the way in which the crime figures were reported, particular in relation to incidents that took place in the town centre which were recorded under the policing areas of Waterside and Horsfield, depending on where in the town centre the incident occurred. There was concern amongst some Members that this misrepresented the areas/electoral wards as a whole and could deter people from setting up home in these areas. They therefore wanted town centre incidents to be recorded separately. It was also felt that cases of domestic violence should be reported as a separate category, rather than being included under assaults.

Consideration had previously been given to this request and it had been determined that under the current system this would be a very time-consuming process and would not be practical given the work and time constraints involved.

It was understood by the Committee that more detailed information was provided to the Pendle Community Safety Partnership and was also available online at www.crimerate.co.uk.

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held on 8th September, 2022 were also submitted.

The Chairman provided a brief update following his attendance at the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting. He advised that Sergeant James Cooper had been working in partnership with Sergeant John Sutcliffe of Nelson. The three key priority areas identified were anti-social behaviour, speeding and drugs.

RESOLVED

That a request be made for the Colne and District data supplied to the Pendle Community Safety Partnership to be submitted to this Committee for information.

REASON

To provide the Committee with more detailed information on crime in the Colne and District area.

102.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

The Committee was advised that a decision of the Council at its meeting on the 19th May meant that Area Committees no longer had the power to decide the outcome of planning applications and enforcement issues.

As yet, there was no agreed scheme of delegation and terms of reference for the Committee which would assume the powers to determine planning applications, therefore decisions would be taken by Council until the remit of the new Committee was constitutionally defined.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning applications for consideration and invited the Committee to forward its recommendations to Council -

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

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update which reported receipt of a reptile survey report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

22/0473/FUL Full: Major: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 17 residential dwellings with associated access, car parking and landscaping at Croft Mill, Lowther Lane, Foulridge for Skipton Properties Ltd

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update which reported receipt of amended plans.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

22/0485/FUL Full: Formation of new field access at Field 3226 at the junction with Reedy Moor Lane/Whitemoor Road, Foulridge for Mr T Philpot

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

22/0497/FUL Full: Demolition of former poultry sheds, removal of silo feed hoppers and erection of agricultural building (re-submission) at Hildene, Rock Lane, Keighley Road, Trawden for Mr Ian Barker

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to refuse this application.

103. 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 £38,883.

Further to the decision of Council at its meeting on 29th September to move committee capital programme budgets to revenue, the Director of Resources advised that awards could now be made for schemes that were either revenue or capital in nature. Members were also reminded of the cap on budget slippage.

The Committee was asked to reconsider a bid for improvements to Public Footpath 31 – Skipton Road to Holme Crescent, Trawden which had been deferred at the July meeting of the Committee. In response to the concerns raised at the July meeting Members were advised that the scheme was to make the footpath more accessible to all users and make it safer to use than its current layout and condition. The estimated cost was based on an average cost of recently tendered schemes.

The following bids were also submitted for consideration –

- Colne Cricket Club all weather nets - £2,000
- Colne Youth Action Group – branded signage for the Youth Hub - £3,180

RESOLVED

- (1) That consideration of the bid for improvements to Public Footpath 31 be deferred to a future meeting and, in the meantime, arrangements be made for a site meeting between Trawden Forest Parish Council and appropriate officers of Pendle Council.
- (2) That £2,000 be allocated from the Committee's capital programme, towards the installation of all-weather practice nets at Colne Cricket Club.
- (3) That £3,180 be allocated from the Committee's capital programme for branded signage at Colne Youth Action Group's Youth Hub.

REASON

(1) To allow for a reassessment of the works.

(2) To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

104.

TOWN BOUNDARY SIGNS

The Committee discussed ideas for the wording and design for use on town boundary signage.

It was suggested that a different slogan be placed under each of the five 'Welcome to Colne' town boundary signs and that suggestions be invited via Colne social media pages. The following suggestions were put forward by the Committee –

- Bonnie Colne
- Bonnie Colne on the Hill
- Market Town since 1120
- Capital of Pennine Cycling
- Proudly Lancastrian
- Where the band plays on
- Home of the Great British Rhythm and Blues
- Theatreland East Lancashire
- Never far from a hill
- Last Town before Yorkshire

RESOLVED

- (1) That, through Colne social media pages, the public be invited to put forward suggestions for Colne town boundary sign slogans of up to five words.
- (2) That, based on a preliminary design of five words, the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to provide estimated costings for the supply and erection of information signs under each 'Welcome to Colne' town boundary sign as new additions or to replace any which currently said Winners of Britain in Bloom.

REASON

To provide informative, intriguing and enhanced signage on the key gateways into the Town.

105.

TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

Minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 24th August, 2022 were submitted for information.

The Committee reported ongoing problems with vehicles repeatedly passing through red traffic lights at the junction of Langroyd Road and North Valley Road, Colne. Members thought that the limited time in which the lights were at green was a contributing factor. It was felt that the lights needed reprogramming and that, if not already, cameras be in operation at this junction to record this dangerous activity and help identify the culprits.

RESOLVED

That Lancashire County Council be advised of this Committee's concerns regarding the traffic signals at the junction of Langroyd Road and North Valley Road, Colne.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

106. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

At a previous meeting of this Committee it had been agreed to extend the Premises Improvement Grants boundary. A map of the proposed changes was submitted for approval.

RESOLVED

That the extension to the Premises Improvement Grants boundary as shown on the map submitted to the meeting be approved.

REASON

To allow more businesses to benefit from the grant and improve the gateway into the town.

107. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG).

This included information on the Group's Open Day which was taking place on Sunday 16th October at the CYAG Youth Hub on Byron Road, Colne. The Group was currently balancing the opening of the newly acquired building against the amount of work that was needed. This involved works to the roof; kitchen; internal office/wall configurations; general repairs; and decoration etc. Unfortunately work was also required to repair damage caused by vandalism.

The branded minibus was due to arrive on Friday.

108. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) The removal of A-Boards from Colne high street

The Committee made reference to the hazard created by the number of A-Boards on Colne high street. It was noted that many were positioned in the middle of the pavement which made it difficult to navigate, especially for those with wheelchairs/mobility scooters etc., some were left out at all times and not all were outside the premises they were advertising.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to arrange for the area to be visited and the problem assessed and report back to a future meeting.

REASON

To assess the extent of the problem.

109. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

Colne and District Committee (13.10.2022)

- (a) Wheel Park, Vivary Way, Colne – update (07.07.2022)
- (b) Conservation Areas (08.09.2022)
- (c) Levelling Up Fund – Progress on works (08.09.2022)
- (d) List and location of litter bins in Colne Town Centre (08.09.2022)

The Committee noted that Growth Lancashire had supplied a scope and quote to commence the review of a new Conservation Area and were keen to progress this item.

CHAIRMAN _____