

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 1ST NOVEMBER 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
J. Greaves, Barnoldswick Town Council*

Officers Present

*D. Walker Environmental Services Manager and Area Co-ordinator
J. Eccles Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from A. Inman.)



99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

100. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

101. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 11th October 2022, be approved as a correct record.

102. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for October were not yet available and would be reported to the next meeting. There was disappointment that once again there was no Police officer at the meeting. The last meeting the Police attended was on 7th June.

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked to attend the next West Craven Committee meeting to discuss police and community safety issues.

103.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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 on the following planning application for consideration and invited the Committee to forward its recommendation to Council -

21/0481/FUL Full: Erection of six detached dwellings and garages with new estate road and associated landscaping at Land to rear of 8, Birch Hall Lane, Earby for Pretty Perfect Properties Ltd

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application

22/0542/FUL Full: Erection of a single storey extension to the side at 19 Whitworth Way, Barnoldswick for Mr and Mrs Robertson

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application

22/0662/NMA Non-Material Amendment: Alteration of name of property referred to in Condition 6 of Planning Permission 13/12/0121P at The Haybarn, Gisburn Old Road for Mr and Mrs Lang

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application

22/0689/CPO Full: (County Consultation): Construction of a motor control centre kiosk at Sewage Treatment Centre, Barnoldswick for United Utilities Water Ltd

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to raise no comments or objections to the proposal.

104.

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/23

It was noted that the current balance for the Committee's 2022/23 Capital Programme was £13,701: Barnoldswick £11,790 and Earby and Coates £1,911.

Members were asked to consider the following new bids –

- Barnoldswick Pensioners Club - £1,000 to remove the old kitchen and make it a useable office space, inserting a window to replace the wooden door for security.
- Barnoldswick Town Council – £5,000 to provide water stations in Letcliffe and Victory Parks
- Barnoldswick Town Council - £6,000 to provide approximately 50 allotment plots for the Greenberfield Allotment Project

RESOLVED

- (1) That the remaining Barnoldswick Councillors' allocation of the Committee's Budget be allocated as follows –
- £1,000 to Barnoldswick Pensioners Club towards a usable office space
 - £5,000 to Barnoldswick Town Council to provide water stations in Letcliffe and Victory Parks
 - £5,790 to provide allotment plots for the Greenberfield Allotment Project
- (2) That £210 of the Earby and Coates Councillors' allocation of the Committee's Budget be allocated to the Greenberfield Allotment Project.

REASON

To enable the Committee's Budget to be spent efficiently and effectively.

105. TRAFFIC ISSUES ON SKIPTON ROAD, BARNOLDSWICK, NEAR JUNCTION OF COATES LANE

The Engineering Manager had recently attended a site visit with LCC to look at possible highway improvements at this location. Three options were being costed up as follows –

1. Move the central line on Coates Lane at the junction further towards the left hand side to move emerging vehicles to the left to improve visibility.
2. Build out the junction into Skipton Road which would allow vehicles to emerge further (this would require a traffic accident study).
3. Carry out Option 2 works and look at measures to slow down traffic on the whole length of Skipton Road, from Thornton down to the zebra crossing and the interactive signs, which would also require a safety audit report.

A further update would be brought back to the Committee in due course. It was also reported that the interactive signs which were not working properly were not on the LCC's Asset Register and so the Engineering Manager was contacting the manufacturers to get quotes for their repair or replacement.

Members hoped that it would be possible to proceed with Option 3, although they questioned the requirement for a traffic accident study, in view of the road being such an important and well-used route for pedestrians, not just vehicles.

They also pointed out that the installation of 2 interactive signs on Skipton Road was arranged by the LCC Safety Audit Team after the installation of the zebra crossing many years ago, so should be on the LCC's Asset Register. It was LCC's not PBC's responsibility to ensure that they were working properly.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Engineering Manager be informed that the third option was the Committee's favoured choice to improve highway safety at this location.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to seek a commitment from LCC that, in the longer term, when Skipton Road was due to be resurfaced, there would be a proper redesign prior to any works being carried out.
- (3) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to remind LCC that they had installed the interactive signs soon after the installation of the zebra crossing, some years ago; that the signs should therefore be on LCC's Asset Register; and, that in view of them being LCC's responsibility, they be requested to ensure that they were working properly.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

106. PROVISION OF DOG/LITTER BINS & CONDITION OF SUBSTATION SITES

The Environmental Services Manager reported that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, 6 bins had been replaced or removed in Quarter 2, for the period 1st July to 30th September 2022. Members were also asked to report on any substation sites that needed tidying.

It was noted that the 6th bin listed at Francis Avenue was located in Barrowford not Barnoldswick.

RESOLVED

That the Environmental Services Manager be asked –

- (1) To replace the 2 litter bins near the Wheel Park in Victory Park which were in a poor and dangerous condition using the £600 allocated for additional/replacement bins in the Area Committee Budget.
- (2) To note that the bin which had fallen off its post at the roundabout on the left hand side going into Kelbrook from Barnoldswick and resited, attached to a fence at the nearby substation, was being well used and the Parish Council was happy for it to stay there.
- (3) At the request of Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council, to move the bin that was located in the middle of the grassed area on the left hand side when exiting Quernmore Drive, Kelbrook to the edge of the grassed area near the hedge; move the bin that was moved from outside No. 6 Cob Lane to the patch of land to the right hand side of Quernmore Drive; and move the dog bin away from the seating area at the beck opposite the church on

Church Lane, Kelbrook and attach it to the metal footpath signpost nearby, close to the entrance to the Village Hall car park.

REASON

1. *In the interests of public health and safety.*
2. *In the interests of visual and environmental amenity.*

107. OPEN SPACE AT CORNMILL PLACE

The Head of Legal Services reported that the Duchy's Solicitors were now in a position to proceed with a valuation of the land. They had requested payment of the valuation fee, which was being paid. The valuation process was expected to take 4-6 weeks and any progress would be reported back to this Committee.

Members were concerned that the land, which was intended to be given to the Council by the developers of the housing development at no cost through a Section 106 Agreement, before they went into liquidation, along with a sum of money for maintaining it (which was transferred) and had subsequently been acquired by the Duchy, was not being offered to the Council free of charge.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Legal Services be asked to request the Duchy's Solicitors to transfer the open space at Cornmill Place to Pendle Council at nil cost, in accordance with the original intention of the Section 106 Agreement.

REASON

In the interests of fairness and the public interest.

108. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE (NWAS) – QUARTER 2

The ambulance response times for Quarter 2 were submitted for information.

It was noted that a new Cumbria and Lancashire Area Director had been appointed who would be looking to work with the Council on their concerns and hopefully attend a future meeting.

Members were very concerned that the average ambulance C1 response times for BB18 were 16 minutes and 11 seconds, compared to response times of 10 minutes or below for almost all of the rest of Pendle and twice the response times of some areas in the northwest.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the North West Ambulance Service be asked to explain why the level of service in BB18 was so much worse, with residents having to wait significantly longer for an ambulance in an emergency and in some cases, almost twice the length of time of other areas.
- (2) That the recent appointment of the new Cumbria and Lancashire Area Director be welcomed and that he be asked to look at improving performance for this area of the northwest as a priority.

REASON

To improve the outcomes for residents needing to use the ambulance service in an emergency.

109. 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) Possible Transfer of Northolme Community Centre to Earby Town Council
- (b) Victoria Road Reflagging Scheme – outcome of bid to UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- (c) Back Myrtle Grove/Clifford Street Car Park – discussion ongoing with LCC Asset Management

110. 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 or any action to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime.

111. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 2

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

112. DOTCLIFFE ROAD, KELBROOK

Members noted information requested in relation to a parking issue.

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