

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT SALTERFORTH VILLAGE HALL
ON 11TH OCTOBER 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

Officers Present

<i>N. Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager</i>
<i>D. Walker</i>	<i>Environmental Services Manager and Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from P. Maskell and J. Greaves.)



88. COUNCILLOR CARLO LIONTI

The Committee expressed sincere condolences at the recent death of Councillor Carlo Lioni. The meeting stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

90. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

91. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6th September 2022, be approved as a correct record.

92. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for September 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	1	3
Burglary - Commercial	0	1
Vehicle Crime	6	4
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	13	13
Theft	8	5
Criminal Damage	5	8
Other Crime	50	54
ALL CRIME	83	88
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	44	40

Members expressed concern about anti-social behaviour in West Craven, especially now that the nights were drawing in. There were reports of youths racing vehicles at high speeds between Colne, Earby and Barnoldswick, driving dangerously and young people playing chicken with traffic and throwing eggs at passing vehicles. There was also concern about Police staffing levels in the area, with members of the public having to wait a long time to report incidents using the 101 number and then having to wait again for a follow up visit.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Police be asked for an update on how they were dealing with anti-social behaviour in the area, especially with regard to speeding vehicles.
- (2) That the Police be asked to take reports of anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving seriously, even if the person reporting the crime did not have the vehicle number plate or video of the incident, and that the incidents be recorded.

93. 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 -

22/0461/FUL Full: Erection of detached three storey dwelling with detached double garage at Gordale, Manchester Road, Barnoldswick for Mr S. Mitchell

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

94. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

At the Council meeting on 29th September Councillors resolved to move the Area Committee Capital Programme Budgets to revenue. It was explained that awards could be made for schemes which were either revenue or capital in nature so capital schemes could still be funded.

It was noted that the current balance for the Committee's 2022/23 Capital Programme was £22,701: Barnoldswick £20,790 and Earby and Coates £1,911.

Members considered a bid from Barnoldswick Town Council requesting £15,488 from the Capital Programme for a Barnoldswick Interchange Public Realm Scheme. At the meeting it was reported that, since submitting the bid, Barnoldswick Town Council had agreed to commit £3,000 to the scheme and further discussions with the PBC Engineering Team on the proposed works had reduced the total cost of the scheme to £13,500. So the amount now requested from this Committee was £10,500.

Consideration was also given to funding the whole cost of the Chapman Court Verge Scheme. On further enquiries LCC had confirmed that the verge was not adopted highway and they would not be funding the scheme. £1,500 from the Barnoldswick Councillors' allocation had already been committed. A further £1,949 was required to enable it to go ahead. Members thought that the proposed benefits from hardening the verge did not outweigh having to pay the full cost of the scheme.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £10,500 from the Barnoldswick Councillors' allocation of the Committee's Budget be allocated to Barnoldswick Town Council for a Barnoldswick Bus Interchange Public Realm Scheme.
- (2) That the Chapman Court Verge Scheme not proceed and the £1,500 already committed from the Committee's Budget be deallocated.

REASON

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

95. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 24th August were submitted for information.

The minutes stated that the works had been ordered for the Albert Road/Albert Square/Ellis Street/Frank Street TRO. The Committee had withdrawn its objections to this TRO following a site visit with LCC and subject to the agreement of certain conditions regarding signage being put on

existing poles and a review of Driving Orders in due course. However, there was no reference to a revision of the one way Driving Orders in the minutes.

Recent work erecting the No Entry sign on the Frank Street part of the Town Square, had resulted in the flagstone around it had been dug up and broken. Whilst it had been repaired it looked a mess.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request LCC for an assurance that the revision of one way Driving Orders promised at a site meeting following the Committee's objections to the Albert Road/Albert Square/Ellis Street/Frank Street TRO would be undertaken.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request LCC to replace the broken flagstone around the No Entry sign on Frank Street.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety and visual amenity.

96. RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME REQUEST – WATERLOO ROAD, KELBROOK

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report following a response from LCC on the Committee's request for residents only parking on Waterloo Road, Kelbrook. It set out the criteria to which all applications had to adhere to in order for them to provide a consistent and considered approach to requests for new schemes. The report explained that after an initial assessment it was apparent that this scheme did not meet the minimum essential criteria to qualify for further investigation.

It was reported at the meeting that Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council had accepted LCC's response and supported no further action.

RESOLVED

That the Committee's request for a Residents Parking Scheme in Waterloo Road, Kelbrook not be pursued.

REASON

The request for residents only parking does not meet LCC's eligibility criteria.

97. NORTHOLME COMMUNITY CENTRE

A Teams meeting was held on 7th October to discuss the possible transfer of Northolme Community Centre to Earby Town Council. Officers from Together Housing and Members of this Committee were present. Earby Town Council had been invited to the meeting but declined as they said that the terms of the lease being offered were not acceptable to them. It was noted that Earby Town Council was still in dialogue with Together Housing about the terms of the lease and any developments would be reported back to a future meeting.

Members were hopeful that the discussions between Together Housing and Earby Town Council would progress and agreement reached on the terms of a lease or transfer, to enable the Community Centre to be used by the local community.

RESOLVED

That the possible transfer of Northholme Community Centre from Together Housing to Earby Town Council be kept on the Outstanding Items list for the time being.

REASON

To try to secure access to this facility for the benefit of the local community.

98. 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.
- (b) Request for LCC to upgrade the carriageway on Station Road.
- (c) Request to repair the pavement in front of the old post office buildings on the corner of Station Road/Skipton Road, Barnoldswick.
- (d) Request to use HRA to strengthen the carriageway on Skipton Road/Fernlea Avenue junction Barnoldswick.
- (e) Victoria Road Reflagging Scheme – outcome of bid to UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- (f) Land at Cornmill Place –ownership issues.
- (g) Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook – grass verge and parking issues.

An update was given on progress.

With regard to Item (a) the Engineering Manager was meeting a LCC Engineer on site later in the week to discuss possible improvements/works to the highway and progress would be reported back to a future meeting.

The Leader of LCC had declined the request for a site visit in relation to Items (b) (c) and (d), due to diary pressures.

The bid to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund had been submitted for the Victoria Road Reflagging Scheme (Item (e)). Any progress would be reported to a future meeting.

The Duchy's Solicitors had written to the former directors and shareholders of Pendle Property about the ownership issues at the land at Cornmill Place, and given them 21 days to respond.

The Planning Enforcement Officer had reported back on compliance with recent planning permissions on Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook, as requested. However, Members suggested that the Planning Enforcement Officer look further back at the Dotcliffe Mill development, in particular conditions regarding the highways and the banking which might not have been implemented.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the updates on the outstanding items be noted.
- (2) That clarification be sought from Legal Services on the direction of enquiries concerning the ownership of the land at Cornmill Place.
- (3) That the Planning Enforcement Officer be asked to look at whether all the conditions were discharged when Dotcliffe Mill was developed some years ago.

REASON

To move progress.

Chairman.....