

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHAPEL, EARBY
ON 29TH 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
A. Inman, Earby Town Council*

Officers Present

*D. Walker
J. Eccles*

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



The following people attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated –

<i>Debbie Richardson</i>	<i>22/0633/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 10 dwellings</i>	<i>Item 117</i>
<i>Garry Wilson</i>	<i>with associated landscaping and infrastructure works at Land off Cob Lane and Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook for YLBD Ltd</i>	

113.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

114.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident from Earby expressed concern about rumours that Transdev were intending to cut bus services in the evening due to anti-social behaviour from youths and asked if there was anything the Council could do to try and prevent a vital service being cut. This was especially concerning for people who did not drive. It was explained that this issue was due to be discussed at the next meeting (it had been too late to add it to the agenda for this meeting). However, it was agreed to discuss the problems with anti-social behaviour under the Police and Community Safety Issues item.

A resident from Barnoldswick asked if the Council could do anything to ensure that the outstanding roadworks on the housing development at Raikeswood Close and Raikes Hill were completed. Residents were getting tired of waiting for the developer to carry out the unfinished works and asked if the Council was in a position to take over the works.

It was explained that this issue had been raised a number of times at previous meetings. Lancashire County Council held a bond for uncompleted works, and so it was thought it should be possible for them to call in the bond and arrange for the necessary works to be done.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to look at outstanding works on the Raikeswood Close/Raikes Hill housing development in Barnoldswick to discuss with LCC how best to resolve this issue, and for a report to come back to the next meeting.

115. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 1st November 2022, be approved as a correct record.

116. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for October compared to the same period in 2021 were submitted for information. The crime figures for November 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were broken down as follows –

	2021	2022
Burglary - Residential	2	2
Burglary - Commercial	3	2
Vehicle Crime	2	4
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	9	24
Theft	13	8
Criminal Damage	11	13
Other Crime	33	12
ALL CRIME	73	65
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	50	49

The Police were unable to attend this meeting but had said they would try to get to the first meeting in the New Year.

Issues raised included anti-social behaviour in Barnoldswick Town Centre and Earby, as well as on evening bus services, M5 and the Wizz. The ASB was not necessarily being caused by youths from West Craven as buses were being used by youths to travel in from other areas e.g. Colne and Foulridge.

There was a lengthy discussion about how to tackle ASB and it was agreed that there was a general lack of provision of activities for young people in the evening. Some of this was down to a lack of paid staff or volunteers. There were buildings available that were not being used. LCC used to work with known, problematic teenagers to try and change behaviours, but this targeted intervention appeared to have stopped. The service they offered at the moment was spread thinly and it was felt that more could be done.

Councillors welcomed the recent arrival of Gareth Ingham, joining Neil Wallin as part of the local neighbourhood police team, although it was felt that the staffing resources were too low to cover the West Craven area.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to put young people's facilities and services in place in the West Craven area in order to provide positive activities for them to take part in and see if there was any additional support they could provide for young people or needed to enable youth activities to take place.

117.

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 applications for consideration and invited the Committee to forward its recommendation to Council -

22/0633/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 10 dwellings with associated landscaping and infrastructure works at Land off Cob Lane and Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook for YLBD Ltd

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to refuse this application as the development as proposed and the lack of information would not satisfy the reasons given for refusal in the previous application and that Council Members have a site visit to appreciate the various issues at play.

22/0551/FUL Full (Major): Change of use of land from storage and dismantling of vehicles to a mixed use of storage and dismantling of vehicles and a 5 plot Travelling Showpeople's Site comprising the siting of 5 static residential caravans, 5 touring residential caravans, equipment and associated vehicle storage, vehicle and equipment maintenance and gated access alterations on Moor Lane at Salterforth Quarry, Moor Lane, Salterforth for Mr Frank Lee

RECOMMENDATION

That Council defer consideration of this application for further information on how the applicant's type of operation would work, for instance operating times; on the Council's obligations for providing such sites; and for a site visit to look at the flooding issues mentioned in the planning officer's report.

118. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/23

It was noted that the current balance for the Committee's Budget for 2022/23 was £1,701, which was all in the Earby and Coates Councillors' allocation.

119. LAND ADJOINING 24 TYSLEY GROVE, EARBY

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report following a request for a relaxation of the restrictive covenant on the above land. The existing covenant meant that the land could only be used as a private garden and parking ancillary to the occupation of 24 Tysley Grove, and that no buildings or structures could be erected on the land. The owners of the land had requested for the covenant to be relaxed to allow them to build one house or a detached double garage ancillary to the occupation of 24 Tysley Grove, and subject to them obtaining planning permission.

RESOLVED

That prior to Policy and Resources Committee considering this request, the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to provide this Committee with further information on footpaths on or adjacent to the land and the amount of premium expected for releasing the restrictive covenant on the land.

REASON

To help inform the Committee's recommendation to Policy and Resources Committee.

120. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven which was noted. The Environmental Services Manager was reminded about some pallets of sand and grit which he was arranging to be removed from West Close Road Lorry Park.

121. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Members discussed the repeated damage to the pedestrian barrier at the junction of Rainhall Road/Essex Street in Barnoldswick. A number of suggestions were made as possible solutions –

- Provision of an additional access point to Silentnight
- Increase the radius at the junction to give articulated lorries more room to manoeuvre
- Set back the stop lines to give articulated lorries a bigger swing back
- Strengthen the protective barriers
- Redirect HGVs earlier in the journey so that they take a different route

It was also pointed out that the current temporary yellow plastic barriers were obstructing the pavement for pedestrians, particularly for wheelchair and pram users.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to invite the new LCC Cabinet Member for Highways to attend a site visit with Councillors to assess the damage to the pedestrian barrier at the Rainhall Road/Essex Street junction and he be asked to look at the best option for improving the future safety of pedestrians and other road users in this location.
- (2) That LCC be asked to reposition the plastic yellow barriers at this junction to allow pedestrian access on the pavement.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

122.

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
- (c) Back Myrtle Grove/Clifford Street Car Park
- (d) Open space at Cornmill Place
- (e) Traffic Flows & Pedestrian Areas in Barnoldswick Town Centre
- (f) Traffic Issues on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick & Coates Lane junction

Chairman.....