

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 5TH JANUARY, 2023**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

*D. Albin
N. Butterworth
S. Cockburn-Price
A. Sutcliffe*

Co-optees

*M. Thomas
R. Bucknell
B. Hodgson*

Officers in attendance

*Neil Watson Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager
Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Lord, K. McGladdery, P. McGladdery and K. Salter.)



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

*Michael Smith 22/0750/FUL Full: Change of use and erection of Minute No.144(a)
single storey extensions to the front and rear to
convert former stables to two holiday cottages at
Higher Ball Grove Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne*

139. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

140. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

141. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

142. PROGRESS REPORT

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

143. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The crime figures for December, 2022 compared to the same period the previous 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	3	3
Burglary – Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	16	16
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	36	30
Theft	32	32
Criminal Damage	12	5
All Recordable Crime	129	117
Anti-Social Behaviour	86	82

The Committee made a further request for town centre incidents and domestic violence offences to be recorded separately. 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. A previously suggested alternative had been to receive the Colne and District data supplied to the Pendle Community Safety Partnership and a request had been made for this information.

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held on 1st December, 2022 were also submitted for information.

It was reported that the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting had been well attended, with the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire; new Police Constable Tom Schofield; and Trevor Jenkins of the Fire Service all present. One topic that had been discussed was the problem with abandoned vehicles and the interpretation of the legislation for dealing with the issue. On further discussion at this meeting, it was the Committee’s view that the legislation did not limit local authorities to only taking action with abandoned vehicles on the highway and that action could also be taken for abandoned vehicles on private land.

A Member provided an update on previously reported problems with drug use in areas of Colne. It was noted that the activity had ceased at Ivegat, across from the Duke of Lancaster pub; behind the library; and in the cemetery.

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) clarification be sought on the legislation for dealing with abandoned vehicles;
- (2) should it be permitted under the legislation, the Council’s Community Protection Coordinator be asked to serve notice for all cars currently abandoned in the Colne and District area;
- (3) a database of abandoned vehicles be created.

REASON

To address the problem of abandoned vehicles in the Colne and District area.

144. 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 -

22/0750/FUL Full: Change of use and erection of single storey extensions to the front and rear to convert former stables to two holiday cottages at Higher Ball Grove Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Mr M Smith

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to allow for a site visit.

22/0751/NMA Non-material amendment: Change of window and door materials from softwood to UPVC of Planning Permission 21/0596/FUL at Greenbank House, Hollin Hall, Trawden for Mr Roy Pickles

RESOLVED

That the non-material amendment be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The plans submitted on 7th November 2022 are not acceptable as a minor amendment to the above planning permission.

(b) Planning appeals

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

A verbal update was provided in relation to the enforcement notice regarding Former Corporation Farm, Corporation Street, Colne. It was noted that the appeal had been withdrawn and that a meeting was due to take place with the owner next week.

145. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions. A verbal update was also provided.

Reference was made to a previous decision of this Committee in which funding was allocated to clear and reinstate the land to the west of 2 to 26 Khyber Street, Colne. It was agreed that, on confirmation that the work had been carried out, this site could be removed from the list.

146. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's area committee budget for 2022/23 was £28,058.

It was reported that, in September 2020, the three Boulsworth ward councillors donated £205 each from their capital funds for tools and trees for Ball Grove Park and Nature Reserve. This funding was no longer required, therefore Members were recommended to de-allocate the funds and re-allocate to the three current Boulsworth and Foulridge ward councillors.

Members were also recommended to de-allocate an underspend of £56.38 for last year's Colne Light Festival and return the funds to the general pot.

A bid of £500 for Devine Curry had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the funding awarded in September 2020 of £205 each from the capital funds of the three Boulsworth ward councillors (Cllrs Sarah Cockburn-Price, Margaret Foxley and Paul Foxley) for tools and trees for Ball Grove Park and Nature Reserve be de-allocated and re-allocated to the three current Boulsworth and Foulridge ward councillors (Cllrs Sarah Cockburn-Price, David Cockburn-Price and Kevin Salter).
- (2) That the underspend of £56.38 for last year's Colne Light Festival be de-allocated and returned to the Committee's central pot.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

147. IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC FOOTPATH 31 – SKIPTON ROAD TO HOLME CRESCENT, TRAWDEN

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that, subject to confirmation, it was expected that the improvements to public footpath 31, Skipton Road to Holme Crescent, Trawden would be funded by Lancashire County Council. Therefore, at present, no funding was requested from this Committee.

148. COLLAPSE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 211 TRAWDEN AT WYCOLLER COUNTRY PARK

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on progress towards reopening public footpath 211, Trawden following its collapse. The footpath had been temporarily closed and temporarily diverted through the adjoining field.

The following three possible engineering solutions had been looked at –

- (1) stabilising the land and making permanent the diversion into the farmer's field
- (2) building a bridge over the collapsed section
- (3) restoring the land so that the footpath could run on its original alignment

All options included a drainage system to intercept surface water and water from the existing field drainage system to ensure the future stability of the structure.

Following site visits and consultations, option 3 was being pursued. Work was still required to ensure the necessary funding was in place and consents granted. However, it was hoped that a design would be prepared by the end of February to begin consultations with the necessary bodies. The aim was that work on site would start in July 2023.

The report also provided a response to a letter from Trawden Forest Parish Council in relation to this matter.

RESOLVED

That Pendle Council's Countryside Access Officer be asked to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allow for further clarification and discussion.

149. WHEEL PARK, VIVARY WAY, COLNE

Further to a request from this Committee, the Environmental Services Manager reported that Expressions of Interest had been invited from specialists in the field in quoting to design the proposed Wheel Park at Vivary Way, Colne. One response had been received to date.

150. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – HARTLEY HOMES TRUST

The Committee was asked to consider the appointment of a representative on the Hartley Homes Trust to fill a vacancy to 2025.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Kevin Salter be appointed as a representative on the Hartley Homes Trust to 2025.

REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

151. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

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

This included a summary of the continuing activities; an offer by Primet Academy to run a drama club; student volunteers from Nelson and Colne College; and a progress update on outstanding works to the Youth Hub. The Accounts and Annual report were being independently assessed prior to submission to the Charity Commission.

Following an incident at the Trawden Youth Club, a set of rules was being drawn up for the members to sign.

152. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

(a) Colne Town Centre Litter Bins (01.12.2022)

(b) Town Boundary Signs (01.12.2022)

153. EXCLUSION OF THE 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.

154. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted, for information, a report which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

A verbal update was given on a number of cases on the list.

RESOLVED

- (1) That file reference PLE/20/0094 and PLE/20/0179 be removed from the list of outstanding enforcements.
- (2) That proposed action in relation to file reference PLE/22/0647 be progressed.

REASON

- (1) *The work was ongoing/almost complete.*
- (2) *Due to the urgent nature.*

CHAIRMAN _____