

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 3RD JANUARY 2023**

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 & Sough Parish Council
A. Inman, Earby Town Council
C. Pollard, Salterforth Parish Council*



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

<i>Mr I. Swain</i>	<i>22/0413/FUL - Full: Major: Change of use of land from agricultural and engineering operations to form 61 caravan pitches and erection of new amenity block at Caravan Site, Lower Greenhill Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth</i>	<i>Item 127(a)</i>
<i>Mr M. Carr Mrs K. Lee</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Item 127(a)</i>
<i>Mr M. Aylward</i>	<i>22/0651/FUL Full: Major: Demolition of existing structures and erection of infill extension (over 2 floors), new block for employment use and associated works including parking, landscaping and boundary works at Butts Mill, The Butts, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Item 127(a)</i>
<i>Mr G. Ellison</i>	<i>22/0697/PIP - Permission in Principle: Erection of one dwelling and detached garage and removal of existing garages and stables at Land in Field 7366, Manchester Road, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Item 127(a)</i>

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

124. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from Members of the public.

125. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 29th November 2022, be approved as a correct record.

126. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for December compared to the same period in 2021 were submitted for information. They were broken down as follows –

	2021	2022
Burglary - Residential	0	0
Burglary - Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	7	0
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	12	20
Theft	5	10
Criminal Damage	5	16
Other Crime	18	22
ALL CRIME	47	68
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	24	28

The Police were not able to send an officer to the meeting. Councillors repeated their concerns about the damage to the pedestrian barrier at the junction of Rainhall Road/Essex Street in Barnoldswick. Another issue raised was diversion signs being placed on pavements instead of the road reducing the width of the pavement for pram and wheelchair users.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to LCC requesting the damaged pedestrian barrier at the junction of Rainhall Road/Essex Street be repaired or replaced and that road signs placed on pavements be removed immediately.

127. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning applications for determination -

22/0413/FUL ***Full: Major: Change of use of land from agricultural and engineering operations to form 61 caravan pitches and erection of new amenity block at Caravan Site, Lower Greenhill Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth for Mr and Mrs N. Hudson***

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application be **deferred** for a site visit.

22/0510/FUL ***Full: External alterations involved in conversion from bank to clinic including insertion of a new door & window and replacement of doors and windows at 2 Newtown, Barnoldswick for NHS Property Services Ltd***

(The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager said that he would need to take advice from the Head of Legal Services if Councillors were minded to defer the application for the reason given.)

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application be **deferred** to enable further discussions with the applicant on the siting of the NHS Clinic, which had been requested at Full Council on 8th December.

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***

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting with comments from LCC Highways in response to additional details provided by the applicant.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application be **deferred** for a site visit, and information requested at the last meeting be provided on the Council's obligations for providing such sites.

22/0651/FUL ***Full: Major: Demolition of existing structures and erection of infill extension (over 2 floors), new block for employment use and associated works including parking, landscaping and boundary works at Butts Mill, The Butts, Barnoldswick for Filtrox Carlson Ltd***

(Councillor R. Carroll declared a personal but non-pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting.)

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting on drainage issues. The recommendation had now changed from delegate grant consent to approve with conditions.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: P5896 -1000 - Rev A - Site Location Plan, P5896 -1150 - Rev B - Existing Plans - GA – Demolition, P5896 -1200 - Rev B - Proposed Site Plan, P5896 -1250 - Rev C - Proposed Plans - GA - Floor 00, P5896 -1251 - Rev C - Proposed Plans - GA - Floor 01, P5896 -1252 - Rev B - Proposed Plans - GA – Roof, P5896 -1350 - Rev B - Proposed Elevations - GA – Works, P5896 -1351 - Rev B - Proposed Elevations - GA – Warehouse, P5896 -1360 - Rev A - Proposed Elevations - Works visualisation, P5896 -1361 - Rev A - Proposed Elevations - Warehouse visualisation, P5896 -1362 - Rev A - Proposed Elevations - Boundary Comparison, P5896 -1800 - Rev B - Proposed Boundary Treatments, P5896 -1801 - Rev B - Proposed Boundary Sections

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. All the external materials to be used in development hereby permitted shall be as stated on the application form and approved plans and there shall be no variation without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. Prior to the commencement of development, details of a sustainable surface water drainage scheme and a foul water drainage scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage schemes must include:
 - (i) An investigation of the hierarchy of drainage options in the National Planning Practice Guidance (or any subsequent amendment thereof). This investigation shall include evidence of an assessment of ground conditions and the potential for infiltration of surface water in accordance with BRE365;
 - (ii) A restricted rate of discharge of surface water agreed with the local planning authority (if it is agreed that infiltration is discounted by the investigations);
 - (iii) Levels of the proposed drainage systems including proposed ground and finished floor levels in AOD;
 - (iv) Incorporate mitigation measures to manage the risk of sewer surcharge where applicable; and
 - (v) Foul and surface water shall drain on separate systems.The approved schemes shall also be in accordance with the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (March 2015) or any subsequent replacement national standards.

Prior to occupation of the proposed development, the drainage schemes shall be completed in accordance with the approved details and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To promote sustainable development, secure proper drainage and to manage the risk of flooding and pollution.

5. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:
- i) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors
 - ii) The loading and unloading of plant and materials
 - iii) The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
 - iv) The erection and maintenance of security hoarding
 - v) Wheel washing facilities
 - vi) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction
 - vii) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works
 - viii) Details of working hours
 - ix) Routing of deliveries by HGVs to/from site
 - x) Timing of deliveries
 - xi) Measures to ensure that construction and delivery vehicles do not impede access to neighbouring properties.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

6. Prior to first use of the approved development the section of Public Footpath 25 (Barnoldswick) along the south-East boundary of the site damaged by tree roots (approx 3m in length) shall be repaired and re-surfaced to an appropriate standard.

Reason: In the interest of pedestrian safety.

7. Prior to first use of the approved development the permissible pedestrian walkway from The Butts to the car park entrance shall be provided, including the reduction in height to 1m along the full length of the stone boundary wall, appropriate signage in both directions and pedestrian crossing carriageway markings.

Reason: In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety.

8. Prior to first use of the development hereby permitted the car parking areas shown on the approved plans shall be constructed, laid out and surfaced in bound porous materials.

Reason: In order to ensure satisfactory levels of off-street parking are achieved within the site to prevent parking on the highway to the detriment of highway safety.

9. Prior to first use of the development hereby permitted secure, covered cycle storage facilities for 10 cycles shall be provided in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the Local Planning Authority and permanently maintained thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development provides the infrastructure to support sustainable forms of transport.

10. Prior to first use of the development hereby permitted secure, covered motorcycle storage facilities for 3 motorcycles shall be provided in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the Local Planning Authority and permanently maintained thereafter.

Reason: To allow for the effective use of the parking areas.

11. Prior to first use of the development hereby permitted at least two electric vehicle charging points shall be provided in line with the approved plans. Charge points must have a minimum power rating output of 7kW and be fitted with a universal socket that can charge all types of electric vehicle currently available.

Reason: To ensure that the development provides the infrastructure for sustainable forms of transport.

12. Within six months of the first use of the approved development a Travel Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This shall contain immediate, continuing and long-term measures to promote and encourage alternatives to single-occupancy car use. The approved Travel Plan shall be implemented, monitored and reviewed in accordance with the agreed Travel Plan Targets to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to deliver sustainable transport objectives including a reduction in single occupancy car journeys and the increased use of public transport, walking and cycling.

13. The swept path areas in service yards 1 and 3 as shown in the Highway Supporting Statement shall be kept clear at all times of all external storage and obstructions to allow for the turning of HGVs within the site to enable them to enter and leave in forward gear.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety as vehicles reversing to and from the highway pose a hazard to other users.

14. The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be submitted at a scale of 1:200 and shall include the following:
- a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained;
 - b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;
 - c. an outline specification for ground preparation;
 - d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
 - e. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;
 - f. the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety approved form within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. All works to be

carried out in accordance with the relevant British Standards. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings.

15. The grinder machine shall not be operational between the hours of 11pm and 7am, in accordance with the statement submitted by the applicant, dated 12/12/2022.

Reason: In the interests of neighbouring amenity.

16. No development shall commence in any phase until a detailed, final surface water sustainable drainage strategy for the site has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority.

The detailed surface water sustainable drainage strategy shall be based upon the indicative surface water sustainable drainage strategy (22nd September 2022 / 1/21453 - Revision: 0 / Clancy Consulting) submitted and sustainable drainage principles and requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance and Defra Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems. No surface water shall be allowed to discharge to the public foul sewer(s), directly or indirectly.

The details of the drainage strategy to be submitted for approval shall include, as a minimum;

a) Sustainable drainage calculations for peak flow control and volume control for the:

- i. 100% (1 in 1-year) annual exceedance probability event;
- ii. 3.3% (1 in 30-year) annual exceedance probability event + 40% climate change allowance, with an allowance for urban creep;
- iii. 1% (1 in 100-year) annual exceedance probability event + 50% climate change allowance, with an allowance for urban creep

Calculations must be provided for the whole site, including all existing and proposed surface water drainage systems.

b) Final sustainable drainage plans appropriately labelled to include, as a minimum:

- i. Site plan showing all permeable and impermeable areas that contribute to the drainage network either directly or indirectly, including surface water flows from outside the curtilage as necessary;
- ii. Sustainable drainage system layout showing all pipe and structure references, dimensions and design levels; to include all existing and proposed surface water drainage systems up to and including the final outfall;
- iii. Details of all sustainable drainage components, including landscape drawings showing topography and slope gradient as appropriate;
- iv. Drainage plan showing flood water exceedance routes in accordance with Defra Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems;
- v. Finished Floor Levels (FFL) in AOD with adjacent ground levels for all sides of each building and connecting cover levels to confirm minimum 150 mm+ difference for FFL;
- vi. Details of proposals to collect and mitigate surface water runoff from the development boundary;
- vii. Measures taken to manage the quality of the surface water runoff to prevent pollution, protect groundwater and surface waters, and delivers suitably clean water to sustainable

drainage components; c) Evidence of an assessment of the site conditions to include site investigation and test results to confirm infiltrations rates and groundwater levels in accordance with BRE 365.

d) Evidence of an assessment of the existing on-site surface water drainage systems, watercourses and culverted watercourse to be used, to confirm that these systems are in sufficient condition and have sufficient capacity to accept surface water runoff generated from the development.

e) Evidence that a free-flowing outfall can be achieved. If this is not possible, evidence of a surcharged outfall applied to the sustainable drainage calculations will be required.

The sustainable drainage strategy shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory sustainable drainage facilities are provided to serve the site in accordance with the Paragraphs 167 and 169 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance and Defra Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems.

- 17.** No development shall commence until a Construction Surface Water Management Plan, detailing how surface water and stormwater will be managed on the site during construction, including demolition and site clearance operations, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The details of the plan to be submitted for approval shall include for each phase, as a minimum:

a) Measures taken to ensure surface water flows are retained on-site during the construction phase(s), including temporary drainage systems, and, if surface water flows are to be discharged, they are done so at a restricted rate that must not exceed the equivalent runoff rate from the site prior to redevelopment.

b) Measures taken to prevent siltation and pollutants from the site into any receiving groundwater and/or surface waters, including watercourses, with reference to published guidance.

The plan shall be implemented and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan for the duration of construction.

Reasons: To ensure the development is served by satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of surface water during each construction phase(s) so it does not pose an undue surface water flood risk on-site or elsewhere during any construction phase in accordance with Paragraph 167 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 18.** The commencement of use of the development shall not be permitted until a site-specific Operation and Maintenance Manual for the lifetime of the development, pertaining to the surface water drainage system and prepared by a suitably competent person, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The details of the manual to be submitted for approval shall include, as a minimum:

a) A timetable for its implementation;

b) Details of SuDS components and connecting drainage structures, including watercourses and their ownership, and maintenance, operational and access requirement for each component;

- c) Pro-forma to allow the recording of each inspection and maintenance activity, as well as allowing any faults to be recorded and actions taken to rectify issues;
- d) The arrangements for adoption by any public body or statutory undertaker, or any other arrangements to secure the operation of the sustainable drainage scheme in perpetuity;
- e) Details of financial management including arrangements for the replacement of major components at the end of the manufacturer's recommended design life;
- f) Details of whom to contact if pollution is seen in the system or if it is not working correctly; and
- g) Means of access for maintenance and easements.

Thereafter the drainage system shall be retained, managed, and maintained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that surface water flood risks from development to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those risks to controlled waters, property, and ecological systems, and to ensure that the sustainable drainage system is subsequently maintained pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph 169 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 19.** The commencement of use of the development shall not be permitted until a site-specific verification report, pertaining to the surface water sustainable drainage system, and prepared by a suitably competent person, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The verification report must, as a minimum, demonstrate that the surface water sustainable drainage system has been constructed in accordance with the approved drawing(s) (or detail any minor variations) and is fit for purpose. The report shall contain information and evidence, including photographs, of details and locations (including national grid references) of critical drainage infrastructure (including inlets, outlets, and control structures) and full as-built drawings. The scheme shall thereafter be maintained in perpetuity.

Reason: To ensure that surface water flood risks from development to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those risks to controlled waters, property, and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development as constructed is compliant with the requirements of Paragraphs 167 and 169 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Informative notes

The setting of Public Footpath 25 Barnoldswick (ref 13-1-FP 25) may be affected by the proposed development. The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct a right of way. Any proposals for the temporary closure of the above footpath should be made to Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way team before any development works begin. They can be contacted by email at PROW@lancashire.gov.uk

– the location, district and planning application number should be included in any correspondence.

Cadent Gas Ltd own and operate the gas infrastructure within the area of your development. There may be a legal interest (easements and other rights) in the land that restrict activity in proximity to Cadent assets in private land. The applicant must ensure that the proposed works do not infringe on legal rights of access and or restrictive covenants that exist.

If buildings or structures are proposed directly above the apparatus the development may only take place following diversion of the apparatus. The applicant should apply online to have apparatus diverted in advance of any works, by visiting cadentgas.com/diversions Prior to carrying out works, including the construction of access points, please register on www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk to submit details of the planned works for review, ensuring requirements are adhered to.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

22/0697/PIP *Permission in Principle: Erection of one dwelling and detached garage and removal of existing garages and stables at Land in Field 7366, Manchester Road, Barnoldswick for Mr. G. Ellison*

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions -

INFORMATIVE

As part of a technical details application the following information should be provided:

- Plans, including location plan, site plan, access visibility splay plan, elevation and floor plans.
- Planning Statement
- Foul and Surface Water Drainage Scheme
- Ecology Survey
- Heritage Statement
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment
- Landscaping Scheme

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Taking into account all material considerations the proposed development is acceptable in principle. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

22/0723/HHO *Full: Erection of a single storey side/rear extension to form home office at 27 Coates Lane, Barnoldswick for Mrs Battle*

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three

years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan; Proposed Elevations Drawing No. 2A; and Proposed Ground Floor and Roof Plans Drawing No. 1A.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. All materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

128. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions for information. The Planning, Economic Development gave a verbal update on the North and South Block Wardle Storey offices in Earby and said he would update Councillors on the progress with a further prosecution for non-compliance with the Notice served in respect of the Former Gospel Hall in Barnoldswick.

129. 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. Consideration would be given to allocating some of these funds when Item 131(c) was discussed.

130. BACK MYRTLE GROVE/CLIFFORD STREET CAR PARK

Members were informed that LCC had decided to currently retain all of the land they owned at Myrtle Grove in Barnoldswick for potential future education provision, and so it would not be possible for the Council to progress the plans for a public car park at this location.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to arrange a meeting with LCC, and officers from PBC's Engineering Team and Liberata Property Services Team to discuss what could be done to improve the problems that were being experienced in the area at drop off and pick up time at the High School and about the condition of the land.

REASON

To try to resolve parking problems in this area of Barnoldswick.

131. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) To consider problems with anti-social behaviour on evening bus services (M5 and Pendle Wizz) and the rumoured cessation of journeys by Transdev as a consequence.**

Members discussed problems raised at the last meeting. An update had been circulated prior to the meeting informing members that the issue had been brought to the attention of LCC who said that Transdev had not mentioned anything to LCC about this particular bus service or any ASB issues on the route, nor were they aware of any suggestions on the suspension/withdrawal of the service. This would be brought up at their next Operator update meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to arrange a meeting with Members of the Committee, LCC's Principal Transport Officer – Bus Services and Development, and PBC's Community Protection Coordinator to discuss the ASB issues on local bus services.

REASON

To try to tackle the ASB on local buses for the benefit of passengers and drivers.

- (b) To consider the Government's Frequently Flooded Allowance programme and the potential benefit of flood alleviation in Earby.**

It was noted that following completion on works to New Cut, the most significant risk of flooding now in Earby was from Wentcliffe Beck along Water Street. An Environment Agency study previously identified upstream storage above Earby Waterfalls to be the most effective way of reducing the risk of flooding in the built-up area of town. Such a scheme would be a multi-million pound project.

Earby was eligible to bid for the Frequently Flooded Allowance programme, due to the repeated flooding affecting multiple properties in the town. Up to £2.5 million could be available from a successful application, with further funding possible from Grant in Aid.

It was reported that the Environment Agency had submitted a bid in for funding for a Flood Storage Scheme above Earby. A decision was expected later in the month.

RESOLVED

That £300 be allocated from the Earby and Coates allocation of the Area Committee Budget; funding be released from the Section 106 funding for flooding work in Earby; and the Policy and Resources Committee's Special Budget meeting consider including funding for the scheme in the Council's Capital Programme in the event that this funding be needed to allow the work to proceed.

REASON

To protect local residents and businesses from the risk of flooding in Earby.

(c) To consider land at Greenberfield Locks and ecological report from Canal and River Trust (C&RT)

Earlier in the year Members of the Committee had met representatives from the C&RT with neighbouring residents and representatives from Barnoldswick in Bloom (BIB) to discuss the condition and use of land adjacent to Leeds and Liverpool Canal below bridge 157 at Greenberfield Locks. BIB had expressed an interest in this area becoming a nature reserve and had the support of Barnoldswick Town Council.

The C&RT agreed to carry out a habitat survey during May/June and prepare a 10 year management plan for the site. The survey was carried out in June. The report had been emailed to Members prior to the meeting. It was noted that the report said that any practical assistance or funding to enhance this site would be greatly appreciated.

RESOLVED

That the Committee welcome the report; that there be further dialogue with the C&RT about how the management plan is to be implemented; and that consideration be given to allocating some funding for this project from the Area Committee's budget in the new financial year.

REASON

To help manage this site.

(d) To consider road safety on Salterforth Road, Earby

Following a serious crash that half demolished a house recently, residents had asked if further measures could be put in place to improve road safety on the route through Northolme.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to raise this issue with LCC as the highways authority to see if there was anything that could be done to minimise the risk of this happening again, and that the matter also be raised at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

132. 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) Open space at Cornmill Place
- (c) Traffic Issues on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick & Coates Lane junction
- (d) Land adjoining 24 Tysley Grove, Earby
- (e) Victoria Road, Earby Reflagging scheme & Traffic Flows & Pedestrian Areas in Barnoldswick Town Centre – UK Shared Prosperity Fund projects

Members noted that costings and options were being prepared for Item (c) and would come to the meeting on 31st January for consideration. It was suggested that it might be useful to have a separate meeting before then, to look at the options in more detail.

This Committee had previously discussed drainage issues at Wentcliffe Drive, Earby which had been referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to –

- (a) Arrange a Teams meeting with Members of the Committee, PBC Engineering Officers and LCC to discuss the costings and options being prepared for Skipton Road, Barnoldswick & Coates Lane junction prior to the 31st January meeting.
- (b) Provide an update on drainage issues at Wentcliffe Drive, Earby.

133. EXCLUSION OF THE 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.

134. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcements.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to add an enforcement case to the list and try to move progress with this and the third enforcement case on the list.

REASON

To ensure that works were completed in accordance with planning consent and the relevant conditions.

Chairman.....