

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 9TH MAY 2023**

PRESENT –

Councillors

*R. E. Carroll
C. Church
S. Land
M. Strickland
D. M. Whipp*

Co-optees

A. Inman, Earby Town Council

(Apologies were received from Councillor T. Whipp.)

Officers Present

*D. Walker
N. Watson
J. Eccles*

*Assistant Director, Operational Services and Area Co-ordinator
Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory
Services
Committee Administrator*



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

<i>Jean Dart Gareth Almond</i>	<i>23/0067/FUL - Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of 30 no dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of Planning Permission 19/0815/OUT at Land to the north east of Meadow Way, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Item 8(a)</i>
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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor D. M. Whipp be appointed Chairman for the municipal year 2023/24.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor C. Church be appointed Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2023/24.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTTEES

RESOLVED

That all West Craven Parish and Town Councils be invited to nominate co-optees to the Committee for the municipal year 2023/24.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 28th March 2023, be approved as a correct record.

7. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Crime statistics for April 2023 compared to the previous year had been submitted for information. They were broken down as follows –

	2022	2023
Burglary – Residential	1	2
Burglary – Commercial	0	3
Vehicle Crime	3	3
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	19	9
Theft	9	5
Criminal Damage	3	5
Other Crime	54	47
All Crime	87	74
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	35	14

There was no Police representative available for the meeting. Sergeant J. Cooper had sent an update on recent work and developments, including arrests for 10 commercial burglaries in Barnoldswick and proactive work to combat ASB around West Close Road and Victory Park. An offender had been identified for setting blue bins on fire in Earby. The Police would be dealing with them. There was also the potential for the Fire and Rescue Team to do some engagement work with them. Overall crime was down. Anti-social behaviour was down by 14 offences, which was welcomed.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on the following planning applications for determination -

22/0577/FUL *Full: Major: Erection of 47 dwellings with associated access and landscaping, change of use of Brook Shed engine house to a community use (Use Class F2(b)), demolition of the chimney stack and north elevation of the former weaving shed, boiler house elevation, partial sections of the north elevation of the former weaving shed and water tank at site of Former Brook Shed, New Road, Earby for Gleeson*

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting additional information from the Environment Agency and receipt of amended plans showing revised proposed materials and window designs for the plots facing New Road.

RESOLVED

That determination of the planning application be **deferred** to allow the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services further discussions with the applicant on the outstanding highways issues and the proposed community use of the engine house.

23/0067/FUL *Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of 30 no dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of Planning Permission 19/0815/OUT at Land to the north east of Meadow Way, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick for Tabley Homes (Barnoldswick) Ltd*

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting receipt of further detail relating to the drainage strategy, and comments from the Lead Local Flood Authority, the Canal and River Trust and United Utilities. At the meeting it was reported that the applicant had requested that the application be deferred to provide additional information on the elevational details of the retaining structures.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to the next meeting at the request of the applicant and a site visit be arranged.

23/0211/FUL *Full (Major): Erection of a new concrete slurry store at Wedacre Farm, Skipton Road, Gisburn for Mr D. White*

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting that Ribble Valley had no objections.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be delegated authority to grant consent subject to the publicity expiry period and 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: TS392-3 (scale: 1:5000), Proposed Site Plan: TS396-3, Proposed Elevation Plan, Roof Plan & Floor Plan: TS396-1

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 development is acceptable in terms of scale and visual amenity, thereby complying with Local Plan policies. 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 Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that there was one outstanding appeal against refusal of planning permission - 22/0011/AP/REFUSE for the formation of first floor extension with pitched roof, additional four air conditioning units and alterations to window/door openings at Harrison Street Dental Centre, Harrison Street, Barnoldswick. He said this case had been outstanding for some time so would chase the Planning Inspectorate for a decision.

9. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions for information. The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services gave an update on the former Gospel Hall in Barnoldswick which was due back in court on Thursday. The owners had made a formal request to the Council to relax the covenant and wanted to develop the site for housing. He reported that the householder at 6 Cavendish Street, Barnoldswick had appealed against the Enforcement Notice. He also submitted separate reports on North Block and South Block of the Former Wardle Storey Building in Earby.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to –

- Check the North and South Block developments of the Former Wardle Storey Building for compliance and, if the required works have not been carried out, that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to prosecute.
- Email Members with an update on the diversion of the footpath at Land on the south east side of Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick.

10. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24

It was reported that the uncommitted balance from the Committee's budget for 2022/23 was £101, which was all in the Earby and Coates Councillors' allocation.

At the last meeting bids from Barnoldswick Band seeking £1,500 towards the cost of replacing instruments and Kelbrook Community Projects seeking £500 towards activities for Kelbrook Summer Fair were deferred for consideration at this meeting. It was noted that the latter bid was no longer required as the event had been cancelled.

There was a new bid from Rolls FC seeking £1,500 for football pitch maintenance. Funding was also requested for Premises Improvement Grants outlined in the report for Item 11 - £3,000 for Barnoldswick and £412.50 for Earby, as it already had £2,587.50 unspent.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Area Committee Budget for 2023/24 be split for projects in Earby, Kelbrook and Sough, Salterforth, and Barnoldswick, based on the electorate in each area.
- (2) That £1,500 be allocated to Barnoldswick Band for the purchase of musical instruments.
- (3) That £3,000 be allocated for Premises Improvement Grants in Barnoldswick and £412.50 for grants in Earby.
- (4) That the application from Rolls FC be deferred to the next meeting for further information.

REASON

To enable the area committee budget to be allocated effectively.

11. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on the Premises Improvement Grants scheme in 2022/23. The report invited appointments for two Grant Panel members for 2023/24. The report also requested funding for applications to the Premises Improvement Scheme which was discussed in the preceding item on the Area Committee Budget.

RESOLVED

That Councillors D. M. Whipp and R. Carroll be appointed to the Premises Improvement Grants Panel to consider Earby and Coates applications and Councillors M. Strickland and C. Church be appointed to consider Barnoldswick applications.

REASON

To allow Premises Improvement Grant applications to be determined by members of the Area Committee.

12. REQUEST TO USE KELBROOK AND SOUGH PITCHES AND SPORTS FACILITIES

It was reported that Kelbrook and Sough Football Club wished to either lease or have licensed use of the Sough Park pitches and surrounding amenity area. As part of the agreement the club proposed to maintain the sports pitches themselves at their own cost. They also wished to lease the changing rooms and have access to the toilets.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, in principle, the Kelbrook and Sough Football Club's initiative be welcomed.
- (2) That a meeting be arranged with the Council's Green Spaces Manager and representatives from Earby Town Council, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council and this Committee to discuss the wider needs of Sough Park and how to improve this facility.

REASON

To look at improving access, amenities, and use of Sough Park for the benefit of the local community.

13. PROVISION OF LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS & SUBSTATION SITES

The Assistant Director, Operational Services reported on the spend on litter/dog waste bins in Quarter 4 and gave some background on the extra resources which had been provided to make improvements to the collection of waste in Pendle.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Assistant Director, Operational Services be asked to look at the possibility of providing an additional bin or larger bin at the second water point within Earby Cemetery.
- (2) That the schedule for the emptying of litter/dog waste bins in Salterforth which was provided last year be emailed to the new Councillors for information.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

14. 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) Costings for Coates Lane/Skipton Road highway improvements
- (c) Costings for footpath improvements for route to Barnoldswick Church Primary School

RESOLVED

That the possible transfer of Northolme Community Centre to Earby Town Council be taken off the outstanding list as Earby Town Council had looked into a possible transfer but decided not to pursue it.

15. 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.

16. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcements which was noted.

17. PROBLEM SITES

(a) Current List

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven which was noted.

(b) Proposed Sites

Members considered the condition of several sites in West Craven and whether they should be added to the problem site list.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services add four sites to the problem sites list; that meetings be arranged in respect of two of the four properties; and the possibility of adding a further site to the problem site list be reviewed in 6 months time.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 4

The Assistant Director, Operational Services submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1st January to 31st March 2023 which was noted.

Chairman