



Theft	11	0
Criminal Damage	10	1
Other Crime	54	52
<b>All Crime</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>78</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	34	12

PCSO M. Lunney talked Members through the statistics which overall were good, with All Crime down by 25. Thefts were dramatically down due to a known offender being apprehended. Reference was made to the Bands on the Square event where there was no crime reported and no arrests. This was an excellent result. The Police were thanked for their policing of the event.

The Rural Taskforce was investigating stolen vehicles in Barnoldswick which were included in the residential burglaries. A commercial burglary was also being looked into. Anti-social behaviour was down, although fires were still being lit in Anne's Wood off School Lane in Earby. This would be investigated and added to the Police patrol plan.

Concern was expressed about calls from members of the public reporting crimes which had not been dealt with effectively. A couple of recent examples were given – in one case there was an unacceptably long response time, in the other case the operator had dismissed a complaint from an elderly resident reporting an unwanted visitor. PCSO M. Lunney said that this should not have happened. He would look into both cases so that lessons could be learnt.

Members discussed road safety concerns with speeding vehicles on the A56 going through Earby, and at the crossroads in Salterforth. They had previously requested that average speed cameras be installed on the A56 and positioned at the County boundary at the Punch Bowl in Earby and the Langroyd in Colne. It was requested that Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council also add their support to the Committee's request for average speed cameras on the A56. M. Lunney said that he would organise a community road watch in this location. He would also try and locate the SPID the Committee had paid for that the Road Safety Partnership had taken ownership of.

The lower end of Manchester Road, Barnoldswick was highlighted as another area of concern, with lots of people driving too fast for the road conditions when coming out of the 20pmh zone and entering the narrower section of the road. There was also an issue with wing mirrors being knocked off vehicles parked at the top end of Manchester Road.

Another issue for the Police was people double parking on the road and pavement at Town Head in Barnoldswick. The Fire and Rescue Service planned to do a social media campaign to flag up how restricting access for emergency vehicles, caused delays which could cost lives. Roads had to be kept clear.

## **23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Planning applications for determination**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on the following planning application 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***

Determination of the planning application was deferred at the last meeting to allow time for the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services to have further discussions with the applicant on the outstanding highways issues and the proposed community use of the engine house. An update was given on progress on these issues following discussions with the applicant. It was also noted that the Environment Agency (EA) had reaffirmed their objection to the scheme and further clarification had been sought on this.

**RESOLVED**

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to the next meeting to enable further discussions with the applicant on the scheme and the EA regarding their objections.

**(b) Planning application for consideration**

**22/0722/FUL** ***Full: Erection of 128 dwellings, creation of new vehicular access from Long Ing Lane and all associated works at site of former Barnsay Shed, Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick***

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on the above planning application for comment. As the application was for a housing development of more than 60 houses it would be determined by Development Management Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Development Management Committee be recommended to refuse the application based on the current scheme, objections from the LLFA and paragraph 32 of the Inspector's appeal decision APP/E2340/3264685 regarding the absence of conclusive evidence to demonstrate that the proposed drainage regime for the site would not cause elevated flood risk elsewhere, and that the position had not changed since that decision.

**(c) Planning Appeals**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that there was one outstanding appeal against refusal of planning permission as follows –

<b>21/0972/FUL</b>	<i>Appeal against refusal of planning permission for</i>
<b>22/0011/AP/REFUSE</b>	<i>formation of first floor extension with pitched roof,</i>
	<i>additional four air conditioning units and alterations to</i>
	<i>window/door openings at Harrison Street Dental Centre, Harrison</i>
	<i>Street, Barnoldswick</i>

**24.**

**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 Land on the south east side of Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick. Works were ongoing and were expected to be completed by the next day.

**25. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24**

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

The new allocation for the 2023/24 Budget was £31,490 which had been split by electorate as requested at the last meeting.

At the last meeting it was agreed to have a meeting to discuss improvements to Sough Park, working with the Parish Council and the Council's Green Spaces Manager. This would be organised soon, with the intention of allocating some funding from the Committee's Budget towards an agreed scheme of works.

**26. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Committee was asked to consider appointing 2 representatives on the Earby and Salterforth Drainage Board for one year.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillors D. M. Whipp and R. E. Carroll be appointed to the Earby and Salterforth Drainage Board for 2023/24.

**REASON**

*To represent the Council on this local organisation.*

**27. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 57 AT RAIKES HILL, BARNLDSWICK**

The Assistant Director, Operational Services submitted a report setting out two options for a decision on the proposed diversion of public footpath 57.

**RESOLVED**

That the Assistant Director, Operational Services be asked if it was possible for both options on the proposed diversion of public footpath 57 to be public rights of way and for the diversion to incorporate improved works at the Victoria Road end of the footpath.

**REASON**

*The creation of both public footpaths would be a practical resolution for all users of the footpath.*

**28. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Director of Place submitted an update on environmental blight areas in West Craven. It was recommended that both sites on the list be removed from the list as they were being monitored with regularly monitoring and clearance when necessary.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That West Close Lorry Park remain on the environmental blight list at present and LCC be asked if they would be willing to erect a fence at the edge of the surfaced area of the site to help with the flytipping issue.
- (2) That Members undertake an informal inspection of Dam Head Road Garage site with a view to removing it from the list if no problems were found.
- (3) That the land to the rear of Clayton Street, Barnoldswick, where residents parked, be looked at as a possible addition to the list, in view of the fence that needed repair or replacement.

**REASON**

*In the interests of visual amenity.*

**29. GOSPEL HALL, HOLLINS ROAD, BARNOLDSWICK**

The Director of Place submitted a report advising Members of a request to release the Council's Restrictive Covenant on use of the above land in order that the land could be used for residential development.

**RESOLVED**

That the request from the owner to release the Council's Restrictive Covenant on use of the above land be considered at the next meeting and the views of residents of Hollins Road be sought, as they were the ones that were most affected at present.

**REASON**

*To make an informed decision on the future of this site.*

**30. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Members had requested that the following items be discussed -

**(a) Transdev Bus Services**

Members expressed concern about the continuing problems with bus services in the area, and in particular the impact of the cancellation of the Wizz in April.

## **RESOLVED**

That a meeting be sought with Transdev to seek possible improvements to the bus service in the area.

## **REASON**

***To improve bus services for the benefit of local residents.***

### **(b) Cash Machines in West Craven**

Members discussed difficulties experienced from there being few cash machines in West Craven, so there was a problem when these were either broken down or empty. With banks and building societies also withdrawing from the high street, the ability to withdraw cash was becoming more difficult. There was one cash machine in Earby in the Co-op. One in the Barnoldswick Co-op and the Post Office.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That LINK, the UK's cash machine (ATM) network, be asked to undertake a Community Access to Cash Review to see if they could help with getting more cash machines installed in Barnoldswick and Earby.
- (2) That Aldi in Barnoldswick be approached to see if they would be willing to consider installing a cash machine, preferably one that was accessible 24 hours.
- (3) That the Co-ops in Earby and Barnoldswick be asked if they would be willing to install their cash machines on their outside walls, rather than inside the store.
- (4) That the Principal Economic Development Officer be asked to consider whether there were any other suitable buildings or providers in the town centres where cash machines could be installed, and if there was any good practice or lessons that could be learnt from other communities that had been in a similar position.

## **REASON**

***To make it easier for local residents to withdraw cash.***

### **(c) UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) Projects**

An update was read out from the Principal Economic Development Officer and Lead on the UKSPF Programme – on the funding and the scheme. There were two public realm schemes in West Craven allocated UKSPF funding.

It was understood that LCC had contributed £50k towards the Earby scheme, so full funding was now in place. The scheme was for Victoria Road improvements mainly consisting of replacing existing stone flags with new ones and it was hoped to undertake the scheme in the autumn. Members felt that there was an opportunity to do more to improve the public realm and encourage people to visit and stay in the town centre, e.g. taking out a couple of parking spaces to plant trees, installation of benches, vehicle crossovers on the side streets, and having some events space.

There was a plea for Earby Town Council to get involved with the scheme and discuss ideas they had for further improvements.

Members wanted work to commence as soon as possible as the pavements were in a poor state but were concerned about the deliverability of the scheme and keeping the costs down in view of the inhouse civil engineering capability being depleted.

Members requested an update on the change of one-way system on Newtown, Barnoldswick and on the progress with the public consultation.

The Barnoldswick scheme included footway improvements on Newtown (already agreed) and traffic management improvements on Newtown/Rainhall Road (to be consulted on). This was being planned with the Communications Team and would be fed back to the Committee in due course. Once a preferred design was known, detailed drawings would be submitted to LCC for approval.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That progress be noted and the status of the reported LCC contribution of £50k be ascertained.
- (2) That Earby Town Council be invited to attend a site visit with Councillors and the Principal Economic Development Officer be arranged to look at widening the scope of the Victoria Road Scheme to improve the public realm, including vehicle crossovers along some side streets, planting of trees, street furniture and the creation of space for events.
- (3) That consideration be given to holding the consultations on the traffic management improvements on Newtown/Rainhall Road on the same day as the Masterplan consultations that were due to take place shortly.

## **REASON**

***To get the best scheme and maximise use of the funding available for both Town Centres.***

### **(d) Motorcycle parking on Barnoldswick Town Square**

Members noted there had been an increase in bikers coming to Barnoldswick Town Square on a regular basis. There was a discussion on how best to accommodate them and what people would use.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Engineering Team be asked to give consideration to installing bike bars in the Council's car parks and ask if LCC would allow the borough to convert a parking bay into motorcycle bays.
- (3) That biker groups/businesses be asked what they would want to see in the town centre to help with parking and they be included in the consultations on the one-way system at Newtown, Barnoldswick.

- (4) That the provision of cycle racks be included as part of the street scene furniture in town centre improvement schemes.

**REASON**

***To improve parking for motorcycles in Barnoldswick.***

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

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That £500 from the 2023/24 Area Committee Budget be allocated towards footpath improvements to Barnoldswick Church Primary School.
- (2) That LCC be asked again to agree and contribute towards a footpath scheme to improve the route to Barnoldswick Church Primary School.

**REASON**

- 1. ***To kick-off funding for the footpath scheme.***
- 2. ***To encourage more parents and children to walk to school and help resolve the parking problems at the school at pick up/drop off times.***

**32. 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.

**33. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcements which was discussed. Progress in some cases was noted. In other cases it was felt that enforcement action should be taken.

**RESOLVED**

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be requested to pursue the various actions agreed at the meeting.



**REASON**

***To try to resolve unauthorised activity and seek progress on other works that should have been carried out in accordance with planning permissions.***

Chairman .....