

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK  
ON 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

*PRESENT –*

*D. M. Whipp (Chair)*

**Councillors**

**Co-optees**

*C. Church  
S. Land  
M. Strickland  
T. Whipp*

*K. Singleton, Salterforth Parish Council*

**Officers Present**

<i>D. Walker</i>	<i>Assistant Director Operational Services and Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>A. Cameron</i>	<i>Principal Planning Officer</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

*(Apologies were received from Councillor R. E. Carroll.)*

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

<i>Mr J. Murphy</i>	<i>Police and Community Safety Issues</i>	<i>Minute No. 105</i>
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**102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**103. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**104. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023, be approved as a correct record.

**105. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

There was no Police representative at the meeting. The crime statistics for October would be circulated when they became available in due course.

A resident from Colne Road, Earby referred to the serious accident on the A56 involving a high-speed vehicle which was discussed at the last meeting. The car had crashed into his car which had been written off and his house damaged. He asked if it was possible for speed cameras to be installed on this stretch of road. He said he had also contacted his local MP.

The Chair explained that at the last meeting the Committee resolved to repeat their previous request for average speed cameras to be installed along the length of the A56 between Colne and the County boundary at the Punch Bowl in Earby. It was felt that installing average speed cameras along the whole stretch of road would have a much greater effect on slowing down traffic than fixed speeding cameras in a single position. The Committee had also asked for traffic calming measures to be introduced in any road designs or improvements going forward.

It was noted that since the last meeting there had been another serious crash in Foulridge due to vehicles racing at very high speeds. The matter was due to be raised at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting and the minutes of that meeting would be reported to Committee.

## **RESOLVED**

That a request be made to the Fire and Rescue Service Station Manager at Nelson to have a Partnership Education Enforcement Day with the Police on this stretch of the A56 in Earby to tackle speeding vehicles.

**106.**

## **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 -

**23/0604/VAR** ***Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Amendments to boundary treatments to Plots 1, 2 and 3) of Planning Permission 21/0012/FUL at land to the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick for Hattrell LLP***

## **RESOLVED**

(1) That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The proposed development would result in a 1.8m high hit and miss fence in the streetscene. This would be in an area which is a gateway into the town and is not characteristic of the surrounding boundary treatment materials. It would result in harm to the visual amenity of the area and is contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Local Plan, Part 1 Core Strategy.

(2) That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to provide an update to the next meeting on the following issues –

- Insertion of wooden posts adjacent to the highway in place of the wall;
- Removal of a drain; and
- Management of the triangular piece of land not included in the development.

## **(b) Planning Appeals**

It was noted that there was one outstanding planning appeal.

### **107. ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

The Legal Services Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions for information.

### **108. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24**

The Director of Place reported that the current balance for the Committee's budget for 2023/24 was £25,227. Members considered a bid from the Earby and District History Society seeking £649 for a new projector. The Committee had first considered this bid at the July meeting when it was deferred to see where else they had sought funding. The Society had since applied for National Lottery Awards For All funding but were informed that due to the high number of applications received their bid had been unsuccessful.

### **RESOLVED**

That £649 be allocated from the Area Committee Budget to enable the Earby and District History Society to purchase a new projector.

### **REASON**

*To enable the Capital Programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.*

### **109. PARKING ISSUES AT WC SPORTS CENTRE**

On 17<sup>th</sup> October Members met representatives of Pendle Leisure Trust (PLT) and Barnoldswick Church of England School with PBC's Engineering Manager to discuss the possible introduction of ANPR parking at West Craven Sports Centre. It was noted that the lease allowed the lower part of PLT's car park to be used for dropping off and picking up pupils from the School, and so managing ANPR parking would not be straightforward. The School was writing letters to parents to warn them about the proposals.

Following the previous meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March to discuss parking issues at the Sports Centre, both the Leisure Trust and the School had written to County Councillor Alan Vincent asking LCC to reconsider the Committee's request to release the land they owned off Clifford Street for use as a car park. They had been told that their letters would be referred to LCC's Estates Department. However, they had not received any further response.

All parties were still hopeful that LCC would agree to allowing PBC to create a car park on the land off Clifford Street but, in the meantime, that a new pedestrian access through the railings at the top of Clarence Street would help parents and pupils walking to and from school.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That a letter be sent from the Committee and on behalf of Pendle Leisure Trust and Barnoldswick Church of England School to the Leader of Lancashire County Council,

County Councillor Phillipa Williamson, requesting that the LCC land off Clifford Street be made available to Pendle Council in order to provide a public car park.

- (2) That subject to seeking any necessary planning consent and/or formal approval from LCC that the Engineering Manager be asked to create a new pedestrian access through the railings at the gable end of Clarence Street.

## **REASON**

***To try to improve parking and highway safety in this area of Barnoldswick.***

### **110. LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS & SUBSTATION SITES**

The Assistant Director Operational Services reported on the spend on litter/dog waste bins in Quarter 2 which was noted.

The Committee noted that due to wear, damage, or a reduced need for the facility 6 bins had been replaced/removed by Operational Services in Quarter 1 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **111. NEW CUT AND WENTCLIFFE BECK WATERCOURSES AT EARBY**

The Chair reported that the debris and vegetation at risk of blocking New Cut and Wentcliffe Beck watercourses had been mentioned at a recent meeting with the Environment Agency. The Engineering Manager was chasing this up with the relevant officers and the Committee would be informed of any progress.

### **112. 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) Meeting with Transdev to discuss bus services

Members were informed that Transdev had agreed to meet members of the Committee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and would be held either at Burnley bus station or on Teams. An invitation to the meeting would be emailed to Members confirming the arrangements in due course.

### **113. 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.

**114. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED**

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to provide an update on PLE/23/1329 to the next meeting.

**115. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 2**

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. At the meeting he gave the following information comparing environmental crimes in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 in 2023 and Quarter 2 in 2022 and 2023.

	Quarter 1 2023	Quarter 2 2023	Comparison between Q1 and Q2	Quarter 2 2022	Comparison between Q2s
Section 215 open	12	12	=	9	+3
Section 215 closed	8	11	+3	9	+2
Section 46 open	51	40	-11	55	-15
<b>Fixed Penalty Notices</b>					
Dogs not on lead	0	0	=	0	=
Littering	0	1	+1	11	-10
Flytipping	1	1	=	0	+1
Duty of Care	0	0	=	0	=
Abandoned Vehicle	1	0	-1	0	=

**116. PROBLEM SITES**

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven and gave a verbal update at the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That cases 2 and 5 be removed from the problem sites list.

**REASON**

***The sites were being brought back into use and no longer constituted a problem site.***

Chairman .....