

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 7TH MAY 2023**

PRESENT –

Councillors	Co-optees	Police
C. Church D. Hartley S. Land M. Strickland D. M. Whipp T. Whipp	S. Ashley, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council A. Inman, Earby Town Council	PC L. Dawe

Officers Present

D. Walker	Assistant Director Operational Services and Area Co-ordinator
N. Watson	Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services
J. Eccles	Committee Administrator



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

Karl Mather	<i>Full: Retention of vehicle display/sales area with associated boundary fencing at Land to the East of Struntley Bank, Colne Road, Kelbrook</i>	<i>Minute 9(a)</i>
Rebecca Dennis	<i>24/0213/VAR - Variation of Condition: Regularise Condition 1 (Implementation of timescales), Vary Condition 2 (Plans), Condition 3 (Materials), Condition 4 (Materials), Condition 5 (Materials), Condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme); Compliance of Conditions: Condition 8 (Management and Maintenance), Condition 9 (Construction Method Statement), Condition 10 (Ecological Mitigation Scheme), Condition 12 (Flood Risk Assessment), Condition 13 (Maintenance Scheme), Condition 14 (Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment), Condition 15 (Sustainable Drainage Strategy), Condition 16 (Construction Surface Water Management Plan), Condition 17 (Site-Specific Operation Manual), Condition 20 (Construction of Site Access and Off-site works), Condition 21 (Full Engineering, Drainage, Street Lighting and Constructional Details of roads and footways), Condition 22 (Management and Maintenance of estate roads and footways); Removal of Conditions: Condition 19 (Flood Resilience Measure), Condition 25 (Highway boundary wall), Condition 29 (Archaeological Recording) and Condition 30 (Historic Record) of Planning Permission 22/0577/FUL at Development Site at Former Brook Shed, New Road, Earby</i>	<i>Minute 9(a)</i>

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor D. M. Whipp be appointed Chair for the municipal year 2024/25.

Councillor D. M. Whipp – In the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Strickland be appointed Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2024/25.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTES

RESOLVED

That all West Craven Parish and Town Councils be invited to nominate co-optes to the Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

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 26th March 2024, be approved as a correct record.

7. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE (NWAS)

Matt Cooper, Area Director for Cumbria and Lancashire NWAS, gave a presentation, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, on progress with implementing their current strategy which was giving the right care at the right time at the right place to make the best use of resources and improving community resilience. Dave Dixon, Sector Manager for East Lancashire and Yvette Browne, Community Resuscitation Engagement Officer also attended and provided additional information.

Since the last time they attended (February 2023) there had been significant investment in the public health offer, investing in the health of the nation, including a high blood pressure initiative and a new radio system. The number of ambulances had increased. The number of clinicians in the control room had also increased which meant that more cases could be handled over the phone or signposted elsewhere. This provided a better service for patients and meant that

ambulances were used for face-to-face cases that were really needed. This was working particularly well in East Lancashire.

Last year Category 2 calls for life-threatening cases made up approximately 50% of the calls they received and were responded to in 40-45 mins. This year that figure had improved to 28 mins. In East Lancashire the response time was 22 mins but they were hoping to improve this further to 18 mins by the end of the year.

As mentioned at the last meeting, there were still delays with hospital transfers. They were working with the NHS Trusts to try and reduce the time ambulances were delayed. In a normal 24hour period around 110 patients were transferred to the Royal Blackburn Hospital and 6-8 patients to Airedale Hospital.

Yvette Browne explained the significance of teaching effective CPR and the importance of siting defibrillators in the community. The NWAS were keen to offer training in the community, to map where the defibrillators were and to grow the offer of Community First Responders who could respond to emergencies prior to the ambulance arriving. There were not many in the West Craven area and they were keen to recruit more.

The Team were thanked for attending the meeting, for the informative presentation and answering Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- (1) That NWAS be invited to provide performance figures to the Committee in a year's time.
- (2) That the NWAS be informed of any upcoming community or Council event which provided opportunities for CPR training or Community First Responder recruitment.

REASON

To improve the outcome for West Craven residents needing emergency health care.

8. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Crime statistics for April 2024 compared to the previous year had been submitted for information. They were broken down as follows –

	2023	2024
Burglary – Residential	1	1
Burglary – Commercial	7	0
Burglary – Non-dwelling	1	0
Vehicle Crime	4	2
Assaults	18	13
Theft	6	12
Arson/Criminal Damage	6	12
Other Crime	28	34
All Crime	71	74
Hate crime	0	2
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	21	43

PC L. Dawe attended the meeting. She reported that PCSO N. Wallin had been focussing on ASB and working with young people in the area, escorting some of them home, talking to parents and in some cases following these up with youth referrals.

An issue with youths entering Barnoldswick Civic Hall was flagged up as needing to be addressed. PC Dawe said that she would report this back to the Neighbourhood Team. She would also follow up a request for action to increase police visibility. The presence of police officers was the most effective deterrent for crime in an area. Whilst the monthly statistics were a useful indicator of crime in the area, it was suggested that sharing a plan of action for addressing a particular issue e.g. ASB would be most informative.

9. 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 -

23/0060/FUL *Full: Retention of vehicle display/sales area with associated boundary fencing at Land to the East of Struntley Bank, Colne Road, Kelbrook for Kelbrook Car Sales*

This item had been deferred from the previous meeting to allow further discussions on the design.

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 3923/ Drawing 1, Proposed Site Plan with fencing detail 3923/ Drawing 2B (including box hedging).

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

3. Within one month of the date of this decision, samples of the boundary fencing including colour and finishing shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out using only the agreed materials.

Reason: In order that the Local Planning Authority can assess the materials in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

4. No operation shall take place outside the hours of 0900 and 1800 on weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

Reason: In the interests of neighbouring amenity.

5. All vehicles for sale shall be within the car sales area only. No vehicles shall be placed for sale within the surrounding public highway network.

Reason: To ensure that the use does not unacceptably impact upon the availability of on-road parking in the interest of highway safety.

6. Details of any external source of lighting will be required to be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to its installation. Any lighting shall thereafter only be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To avoid glare, dazzle or distraction to passing motorists.

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.

24/0087/FUL Full: Change of use of land to provide 18 no. static caravan pitches and 15 no. touring caravan/campervan pitches at Caravan Site Lower Greenhill Farm, Kelbrook Road, Salterforth for Mr and Mrs N. Hudson

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting receipt of comments from the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board and LCC Highways. LCC's Highways objections had been withdrawn subject to a condition to ensure that a junction assessment was undertaken and off-site highway works for right hand turn lane if necessary. Committee acknowledged that there were outstanding issues with drainage and highways.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The proposed development would result in unacceptable harm to the landscape and visual amenity of the area contrary to policies ENV1, ENV2 and WRK5 of the adopted Pendle Local Plan Part 1.

24/0213/VAR Variation of Condition: Regularise Condition 1 (Implementation of timescales), Vary Condition 2 (Plans), Condition 3 (Materials), Condition 4 (Materials), Condition 5 (Materials), Condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme); Compliance of Conditions: Condition 8 (Management and Maintenance), Condition 9 (Construction Method Statement), Condition 10 (Ecological Mitigation Scheme), Condition 12 (Flood Risk Assessment), Condition 13 (Maintenance Scheme), Condition 14 (Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment), Condition 15 (Sustainable Drainage Strategy), Condition 16 (Construction

Surface Water Management Plan), Condition 17 (Site-Specific Operation Manual), Condition 20 (Construction of Site Access and Off-site works), Condition 21 (Full Engineering, Drainage, Street Lighting and Constructional Details of roads and footways), Condition 22 (Management and Maintenance of estate roads and footways); Removal of Conditions: Condition 19 (Flood Resilience Measure), Condition 25 (Highway boundary wall), Condition 29 (Archaeological Recording) and Condition 30 (Historic Record) of Planning Permission 22/0577/FUL at Development Site at Former Brook Shed, New Road, Earby for Gleeson

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting the comments from conservation consultants. The recommendation remained to delegate authority to the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services to grant consent subject to the withdrawal of Yorkshire Water's objection and the expiry of the publicity period.

RESOLVED

That this item be **deferred** to the next meeting to allow Members to see samples and images for the change of materials requested; the response from Yorkshire Water on the drainage plans; and for the applicant to give further consideration to the request for a footpath link to the south east side of the site to Mostyn Avenue.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

10. 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 reported that the Environment Agency had not received an application for the licence required to put the bridge access across the beck from the developer of the Wardle Storey Buildings in Earby.

11. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report on the Committee's Area Committee Budget. The new allocation for 2024/25 was the same as the previous year - £31, 490, split by electorate areas. The amount of committed but unspent funds to carry forward from 2023/24 was £23,040. In addition, £101 remained from the unallocated 2022/23 budget.

At the 5th March meeting the bid from the Salterforth Fun Day Committee seeking £850 for the hire of tea tent, tables and chairs for their event on 9th June was deferred for consideration at this meeting when this year's Budget had been allocated. Members agreed that they would prefer funds from the Area Committee Budget to be allocated for more permanent works or improvements.

RESOLVED

- (1) That only the schemes with agreed funding listed in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report be noted.
- (2) That the Area Committee Budget for 2024/25 be split for projects in Earby, Kelbrook and Sough, Salterforth, and Barnoldswick, based on the electorate in each area as set out in the report.
- (3) That the bid from the Salterforth Fun Day Committee applying for £850 for the hire of tea tent, tables and chairs not be approved.

REASON

To enable the area committee budget to be allocated effectively.

12. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report on the Premises Improvement Grants scheme in 2023/24. The report invited appointments for two Grant Panel members for 2024/25. The report also requested funding from the Area Committee Budget for applications to the Premises Improvement Scheme - £3,000 for Barnoldswick and £3,000 for Earby.

RESOLVED

That the report be brought back to the next meeting with more information on possible bids in the pipeline and the grants awarded to businesses in previous years.

REASON

To gauge the current interest in Premises Improvement Grant applications and the need for funding.

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

That the Head of Economic Growth be asked to allocate £500 for litter/dog waste bins for Barnoldswick and the same amount for waste bins in Earby from the Area Committee Budget for 2024/25.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

14. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Committee was asked to appoint 2 representatives on the Earby and Salterforth Internal Drainage Board.

RESOLVED

That Councillors D. M. Whipp and S. Land be appointed to the Earby and Salterforth Drainage Board for 2024/25.

REASON

To represent the Council on this local organisation.

15. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Committee was asked to consider whether it would like a report to come to a future meeting or where applicable, the matter be referred elsewhere.

(a) To consider road safety in relation to horses on Salterforth Lane, Salterforth

There were reports of drivers of vehicles using Salterforth Lane not being observant enough of horse riders.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked if there were warning signs that could be installed or any other measures taken to improve safety for horse riders on Salterforth Lane.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(b) To consider problems with water flooding off the adopted highway on St James Square, Barnoldswick

Members discussed the recent problems with excess water flowing from the adopted highway on St James Square, Barnoldswick onto lower roads. This issue had been drawn to the attention of LCC but so far, no action had been taken.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to make adequate provision to prevent run-off from the adopted highway on St James Square, Barnoldswick running onto unadopted roads and a report come back to this Committee in due course.

REASON

To improve drainage and prevent flooding.

(c) To consider problems with water coming through the surface of Church Lane, Kelbrook

Members discussed the recent problems with excess surface water on Church Lane, Kelbrook. It was understood that Yorkshire Water had taken samples of the water but found no chlorine present, so concluded it was not their responsibility. It was suggested that further investigations were needed to identify the source of the problem.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to investigate the excess surface water on Church Lane, Kelbrook to see if there was defective drainage causing the problem.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(d) To consider encroachment and building rubble/spoil affecting Ousel Dale (Clough Park)

Members discussed building rubble and spoil from a development onto the embankment in Council owned woodland in Clough Park. It was noted that officers had been in touch with the company requesting a number of actions to remedy the situation. The company had agreed to undertake the necessary works and was to be formalised in a Community Protection Warning.

RESOLVED

That a progress report come back to the next meeting.

REASON

To ensure the removal of unapproved and unwanted material from Council owned land.

(e) To consider subsidence on Clifford Street and the gable end of Ethel Street and Havre Park, Barnoldswick

Members discussed the subsidence in these 2 areas. At Clifford Street the road was subsiding into the adjacent land which was the responsibility of LCC. On the gable end of Ethel Street and Havre Park where there was considerable subsidence the road flooded.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to investigate the subsidence on Clifford Street and the gable end of Ethel Street and Havre Park, Barnoldswick which was concerning residents.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(f) To consider the condition of Stream and Steam interpretation boards

The local litter picking group had noticed that the backing boards of the Stream and Steam interpretation boards, which were the Council's responsibility were rotting.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Economic Growth be asked to report back on how much it would cost to repair the Stream and Steam interpretation boards.

REASON

To prolong the use of the interpretation boards for the benefit of local people and visitors to the area.

(g) To consider home to school transport from Northolme, Earby to Salterforth Primary School.

It was noted that LCC had changed the criteria for home to school transport so that the Northolme, Earby to Salterforth Primary School route no longer qualified. Walking to school could take nearly an hour along the road and was not considered an acceptable route. There was speeding traffic, no official road crossing on the approach to the school, and no pavements in certain places along the route.

RESOLVED

- (1) That LCC be asked why the Northolme, Earby to Salterforth Primary School route no longer qualified for the home to school transport scheme and they be asked for it to be reinstated.
- (2) That LCC also be asked to make the necessary improvements along this route to make it a safe one for walking.

REASON

To help families in Northolme, Earby transport their young children to school safely.

16. 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) Meeting with Pilkington Bus Company and LCC about the possibility of extending the Barnoldswick Town bus service.
- (b) Meeting to discuss future provision of post office service in Barnoldswick
- (c) Meeting with Euravia
- (d) Meeting requested with NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board to discuss pharmacy provision
- (e) Update on youth provision
- (f) Update on 2 Northern Powergrid issues in Barnoldswick

17. 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.

18. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcements which was noted. He said he would see if anything could be done to progress works on the seventh site listed in the report.

19. PROBLEM SITES

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

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked if anything could be done to require improvements to the first site listed in the report.

REASON

To secure the property and in the interests of visual amenity.

20. EMPTY PROPERTY IN BARNOLDSWICK

Members discussed the condition of a property in Barnoldswick which had been vacant for some time.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services report back to the next meeting on the possible action that could be taken to bring this long term empty property back into use.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

21. 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 2024 which was noted.

Chairman