

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT SALTERFORTH VILLAGE HALL
ON 8TH OCTOBER 2024**

*PRESENT –
Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chair)*

Councillors

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

Co-optees

A. Inman, Earby Town Council

Officers Present

<i>D. Walker</i>	<i>Assistant Director Operational Services and Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>L. Barnes</i>	<i>Senior Planning Officer</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Co-optee L. Katiff.)



The following people attended and spoke on the item indicated -

<i>Tim Piggott Graham Harker</i>	<i>22/0540/CND Approval of Details Reserved by Condition: Discharge of Condition 4 (Site Levels), Condition 9 (Drainage Details), Condition 13 (Highway Improvements) of Planning Permission 21/0111/FUL (Appeal APP/E2340/W/21/3288078) at Land to the west of Brogden View, Brogden Lane, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Minute 87(a)</i>
<i>Mubeen Patel</i>	<i>24/0305/OUT Outline Application (Major): Demolition of existing 2 no. B2 industrial buildings and erection of 3 no. buildings (Access, Layout, Scale) for storage and distribution use (Use Class B8) at Sough Bridge Mill, Colne Road, Kelbrook</i>	<i>Minute 87(a)</i>
<i>Matthew Cunliffe</i>	<i>24/0518/FUL Full: Installation of solar panels on south facing roof and roof light on north facing roof, replacement of existing timber painted windows and doors, reinstate original window with frosted glass at 12 Skipton Road, Earby</i>	<i>Minute 87(a)</i>
<i>Matthew Cunliffe</i>	<i>24/0519/ADV Advertisement Consent: Display of 1 no. non- illuminated sign at front elevation at 12 Skipton Road, Earby</i>	<i>Minute 87(a)</i>

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

84. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Residents of Barnoldswick asked the Committee about a consultation exercise on proposals by Lancashire County Council to create a pedestrian access point on Clarence Street to promote walking to and from Barnoldswick C of E Primary School. They had concerns over various highway safety issues including the lack of footpath, poor visibility for residents reversing out of their drives, and the amount of traffic in the vicinity. Also, the potential for increased littering which was already an issue in the ginnel at the gable end of Clarence Street.

RESOLVED

That a meeting be arranged with all interested parties - LCC, PBC Engineers, the School, and affected residents including residents of Lower Park Street - to see if a safer route could be found to encourage more children to walk to school.

85. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2024, be approved as a correct record.

86. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for September 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were broken down as follows –

	2024
Burglary – Residential	3
Burglary – Other than dwelling	1
Vehicle Crime	7
Assaults	65
Theft	11
Arson/Criminal Damage	20
All Recordable Crime	131
All Recordable Crime (year to date)	535
Hate Crime	3
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	3

Members discussed a number of problems with traffic issues at the Gleeson housing development on New Road, Earby. Works vehicles had been parked on double yellow lines, there had been instances of inconsiderate parking on pavements so that people with prams/pushchairs and wheelchair users had to go out into the road, and there was dirt and dust on the road. Some of the highway safety issues had been reported to the Police. The Construction Method Statement approved at the Planning Permission stage included the use of mechanical sweeper to help keep the roads clean, but it appeared to only be in use on one side of the road. Councillors were raising these issues with the Council's Planning Department and/or the Police as necessary and residents had been encouraged to do the same.

RESOLVED

That the Police be requested to provide a commentary on the statistics and a monthly update on crime in the area if they cannot attend a meeting and to deal with the Police matters at the New Road development site in Earby.

87. 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 -

22/0540/CND *Approval of Details Reserved by Condition: Discharge of Condition 4 (Site Levels), Condition 9 (Drainage Details), Condition 13 (Highway Improvements) of Planning Permission 21/0111/FUL (Appeal APP/E2340/W/21/3288078) at Land to the west of Brogden View, Brogden Lane, Barnoldswick for Applethwaite Limited*

(A site visit was carried out prior to the meeting.)

RESOLVED

That consideration of the discharge of these conditions be deferred to allow for a full evaluation following receipt of the information requested.

24/0305/OUT *Outline Application (Major): Demolition of existing 2 no. B2 industrial buildings and erection of 3 no. buildings (Access, Layout, Scale) for storage and distribution use (Use Class B8) at Sough Bridge Mill, Colne Road, Kelbrook for AB Investments NW Ltd*

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services Manager be delegated authority to grant planning permission subject to securing an arrangement for the retention of the line of trees between 1 Sough Lane and the northern side of the application boundary, and the following conditions -

1. An application for approval of the reserved matters (namely the appearance and landscaping of the site) shall be submitted in writing to the Local Planning authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission and the development hereby permitted must be begun two years from the date of approval of the land of the reserved matters to be approved.

Reason: This condition is required to be imposed by the provisions of Article 3(1) of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 and Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Details of the appearance and landscaping (hereinafter called the 'reserved matters') shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning authority before any development begins and the development shall be carried out as approved.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 95 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

3. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan LU266-P01A, Proposed site Plan LU266-P03G, Proposed Unit 1 Plans LU266-P05A, Proposed Unit 2 plans LU266-P06A, Proposed Unit 3 plans LU266-P07A.

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

4. No development approved by this planning permission shall commence until a remediation strategy to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site in respect of the development hereby permitted, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. This strategy will include the following components:

1. A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:
 - all previous uses
 - potential contaminants associated with those uses
 - a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors
 - potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site
 2. A site investigation scheme, based on (1) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those offsite.
 3. The results of the site investigation and the detailed risk assessment referred to in (2) and, based on these, an options appraisal and remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken.
 4. A verification plan providing details of the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in the remediation strategy in (3) are complete and identifying any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.
- Any changes to these components require the written consent of the local planning authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not contribute to, and is not put at unacceptable risk from or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution in line with paragraph 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework. To prevent deterioration of a water quality element to a lower status class in the underlying principle aquifer and the adjacent water course.

5. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details shown on the submitted Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy prepared by Reford Consulting Engineers, dated March 2024, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of satisfactory and sustainable drainage.

6. No operation shall take place outside the following hours:

07:00 – 22:00 Monday – Saturdays

07:00 – 22:00 Sundays

Reason: To control the hours that customers remain on the premises in the interests of residential amenity.

7. Prior to occupation of the development hereby approved details of the noise barrier recommended in the noise assessment by Clement Acoustics, along the northern boundary of the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The noise barrier shall be installed in accordance with the approved details and shall remain in place thereafter unless agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity.

8. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Preliminary Ecological Survey, prepared by Pennine Ecology dated 20/03/2024. Prior to commencement of development the Bat Emergence Assessments recommended within the preliminary assessment shall be carried out during the appropriate surveying season and details of these shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and there shall be no variation without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard a protected species.

9. No part of the development commence unless and until a Planning Obligation pursuant to section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (or any subsequent provision equivalent to that section) has been made with the Local Planning Authority. The said obligation shall provide for monitoring of Biodiversity Net Gain over a minimum 30 year period.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development makes provision to enhance biodiversity on the site and that this can be monitored for a period no less than 30 years following completion of the development.

10. 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 site-specific flood risk assessment and indicative surface water sustainable drainage strategy 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;

iii. 1% (1 in 100-year) annual exceedance probability event + 45% climate change allowance. 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 deliver suitably clean water to sustainable drainage components;
- c) 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 Paragraphs 173 and 175 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance and Defra Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems.

11. 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 method statements, scaled and dimensioned plans and drawings detailing surface water management proposals to 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 greenfield runoff rate from the site.
- b) Measures taken to prevent siltation and pollutants from the site entering 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.

Reason: 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 173 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

12. 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 the maintenance, operational and access requirement for all SuDS components and connecting drainage structures, including all watercourses and their ownership;
- 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 175 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

13. 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 173 and 175 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

14. 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 delivery vehicles to/from site

Reason: To mitigate the impact of the construction traffic on the highway network

15. The area shown on the swept path analysis for a 9m long goods/service vehicle shall be kept clear at all times for the purposes of turning large vehicles.

Reason: For highway safety

16. No goods or service vehicles exceeding 9m long shall be accepted to site.

Reason: For highway safety.

17. The car and cycle parking shown on the approved plan shall be provided and maintained thereafter for that purpose.

Reason: For highway safety to prevent overspill parking.

18. The development may not be begun unless—

- (i) a biodiversity gain plan has been submitted to the planning authority and
- (ii) the planning authority has approved the plan

Phase plan

(b) the first and each subsequent phase of development may not be begun unless—

- (i) a biodiversity gain plan for that phase has been submitted to the planning authority and
- (ii) the planning authority has approved that plan

Reason: In order to fulfil the obligations for Biodiversity Net Gain, in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Schedule 14

Informative notes

1. 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.

2. The applicant will require an environmental permit from the Environment Agency to discharge to the main river. Information on environmental permits is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits>

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.

24/0518/FUL *Full: Installation of solar panels on south facing roof and roof light on north facing roof, replacement of existing timber painted windows and doors, reinstate original window with frosted glass at 12 Skipton Road, Earby for Mr Matthew Cunliffe*

A planning update had been circulated prior to the meeting reporting the proposed siting of the solar panels and the outcome of the bat surveys resulting in an additional condition. The overall recommendation remained to approve the application.

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 ref PP-12662372v1, Proposed Elevation Plans 12SR-YCD-ZZ-ZZ-D-T-0005 Rev E, Proposed Floors Plans 12SR-YCD-ZZ-ZZ-D-T-0006 Rev E,

Proposed Signage Plans 12SR-YCD-ZZ-ZZ-D-T-0009 Rev B, Proposed Roof Plan 12SR-YCD-ZZ-ZZ-D-T-0007 Rev A.

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

3. Notwithstanding the approved plans, permission is not given for UPVC or composite windows, roof lights or doors to be inserted into the building. Window frames, roof lights and doors shall be timber. All materials to be used for the solar panels shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and they shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: Those materials are appropriate for the development and site.

4. The solar panels hereby approved shall only be erected until such a time as they are no longer in use. One month after the date at which they have finished generating electricity they must be removed.

Reason: In order that they do not deteriorate to such a state that could result in a potential landscape impact.

5. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in strict accordance with the information in the Preliminary Roost Assessment & Dusk Emergence Surveys prepared by ADK Environmental Management Ltd dated 7th October 2024.

Reason: In the interests of a protected species.

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.

24/0519/ADV *Advertisement Consent: Display of 1 no. non-illuminated sign to front elevation at 12 Skipton Road, Earby for Yourworkplace Ltd*

RESOLVED

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

1. Notwithstanding the provision of Part 3 (Regulation 14) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 this consent shall expire five years from the date of the grant of consent.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan xxx, Proposed Elevation Plans 12SR-YCD-ZZ-ZZ-D-T-0005 Rev E, Proposed Signage Plans 12SR-YCD-ZZ-ZZ-D-T-0009 Rev B

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

3. No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the land entitled to grant permission.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations

4. No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to:
 - a) Endanger persons using the highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military);
 - b) Obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air; or
 - c) Hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations

5. Any advertisement displayed, and any site used for the display of advertisement, shall be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations

6. Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a condition that does not endanger the public

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations

7. Where an advertisement is required under these regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations

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.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that there was one outstanding planning appeal, which was noted.

(c) Policy on Affordable Homes

At the 6th August meeting the discharge of conditions was discussed for the planning development at Land Off Cob Lane and Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook. Members asked for a report to a

future meeting on the affordable housing policy in Pendle and to use the condition for this planning application as an example.

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that the policy on affordable housing was set through the Local Plan which had just gone through Council and was out for public consultation.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked if the sum for affordable housing for the planning development at Land Off Cob Lane and Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook would be for affordable housing in Kelbrook or affordable housing in Pendle.

88. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

89. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report on the Committee's area committee budget for 2024/25.

It included a bid from Operational Services seeking £573.95 from the Barnoldswick allocation of the Committee's budget for a CCTV camera to tackle environmental blight in West Craven.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £573.95 be allocated from the Barnoldswick allocation of the 2024/25 area committee budget to enable Operational Services to purchase a CCTV camera to tackle environmental blight in West Craven.
- (2) That the remaining funds in the Earby allocation of the area committee budget of £2,309.52 and the £101 brought forward from 2022/23 be allocated for the maintenance of Sough Park.

REASON

To enable the area committee budget to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

90. GROUNDWATER PROBLEMS AT WENTCLIFFE DRIVE, EARBY

At the Council's Policy and Resources Committee on 16th March 2023 Members discussed the likely issues that had caused the ongoing groundwater problems at Wentcliffe Drive. Following that meeting, attempts were made to encourage parties whose assets had been affected to pursue action against Together Housing. No further progress was made.

A scheme was implemented to alleviate some of the problems where groundwater was flowing over the footway and caused hazardous conditions in winter (outside 7-13, 17-21, 27-31 and 30 Wentcliffe Drive).

Members confirmed that the problems with groundwater had not gone away and concerns that the situation might be worsening. It was noted that Earby Town Council's assets were being affected in addition to the problems experienced by residents.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Engineering Manager request a meeting with Together Housing to discuss a way forward and Earby Town Council be invited.
- (2) That Earby Town Council be requested to consider taking legal action against the contractors used by Together Housing who failed to take the necessary precautions prior to their works in the area, on behalf of the residents.

REASON

In response to the ongoing problems being experienced by residents and Earby Town Council.

91. FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF SOUGH PARK

At the request of this Committee a meeting was held on 25th September to discuss the future maintenance of Sough Park. Representatives from Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council, Kelbrook Phoenix FC and Earby Bowling Club attended along with some Members of this Committee, the Assistant Director Operational Services and the Green Spaces Manager.

The purpose of the meeting was to set out the history of the transfer of facilities including financial arrangements for the maintenance of the park, playing fields and memorial gardens located within the boundaries of Earby and Kelbrook and Sough and to consider their future maintenance.

Earby Bowling Club had taken over maintenance of the greens in the park with support from Operational Services. They would continue to maintain the greens for the foreseeable future and had plans to open a tuck shop in 2025 to help raise funds.

Kelbrook Phoenix FC would continue to maintain pitches and the pavilion's changing areas for the remainder of the season.

The Parish Council and the football club had reported difficulties in obtaining funding due to the pitches remaining in the ownership of PBC and restrictions placed on the fields by Fields in Trust. To be eligible for funding from the National Lottery and other streams of funding they would need a long lease. However, it was understood that Earby Town Council had access to funding through other channels for local groups and would be able to provide some support to the bowling club.

Annual maintenance costs for a full, medium and bare minimum schedule of works had been prepared and were circulated for information.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Assistant Director Operational Services and his Team be thanked for providing the maintenance schedules and costings and their involvement with discussions with all parties on the future maintenance issues of the park, playing fields and memorial gardens.
- (2) That another meeting of the interested parties be arranged to discuss maintenance arrangements further and Earby Town Council be encouraged to attend.
- (3) That the Chair have discussions with the Assistant Director Operational Services about how best to use the area committee's budget allocation of £2,410.52 (See minute 89(2) above) to maximise impact in the park.

REASON

To ensure Sough Park does not go into decline.

91. UPDATE ON YOUTH WORK IN EARBY

It was reported that the Children and Family Wellbeing Service were unable at this time to commit to establishing a universal youth service in Earby. However, targeting the Detached Youth Work offer and reviewing their commitments was something they did regularly and engaging with partners to be clear about the community need, so they hoped that in time they would be able to revisit this.

RESOLVED

That Pendle Rural County Councillors be asked to meet Members of the Committee to discuss how youth work in the area could be improved.

REASON

To benefit young people in West Craven.

92. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Members discussed the withdrawal of the anti-coagulation clinic from Park Road Surgery in Barnoldswick and the need for a modern health centre to serve residents in the West Craven area. It was noted that this had also been raised at the Council meeting on 26th September where it was resolved that the issue be escalated with the Health Service, and that Pendle and Clitheroe MP Jonathan Hinder be asked to assist secure a new purpose-built facility for the area.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Policy and Commissioning be requested to submit a report back to this Committee on this issue in due course.

REASON

In the interests of public health.

93.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was noted that the following items had been requested and updates or reports would be provided to a future meeting -

- (a) A meeting with the NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board to discuss pharmacy provision in Barnoldswick.
- (b) Update from Canal & River Trust on repairs to the leaks found at the Coates and Long Ing canal bridges in Barnoldswick
- (c) Tree Preservation Order, Land off Salterforth Road, Earby – Order has been served. An update will be provided after the period for representations has elapsed.
- (d) Virgin Media works, Earby – update requested.

94.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following items 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.

95.

OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcements and gave a verbal update at the meeting. An additional report was circulated prior to the meeting with more detail on one of the cases.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Council's Corporate Management Team and, if necessary, the Executive be asked to consider alternative approaches to resolving the issue in case PLE/23/1329.
- (2) That, in view of a planning application being received, PLE/24/0659 be removed from the list.
- (3) That consideration of enforcement action in relation to PLE/24/1006 be deferred to the next meeting in anticipation of a planning application being received.

Chair.....