

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2024**

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

Councillors

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

Officers Present

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Strickland and Co-optees L. Katiff and A. Inman.)



The following people attended and spoke on the item indicated -

<i>Kay Munton Alan Wheatley</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 100(a)</i>
<i>Mr Steel</i>	<i>24/0472/FUL - Full: Erection of 3 no. dwellings with associated garages and parking and erection of 1 no. detached garage to existing dwelling at 43 Park Avenue, Barnoldswick</i>	<i>Minute 100(a)</i>
<i>Chris Pearson</i>	<i>24/0585/REM - Reserved Matters: Erection of a replacement farmhouse (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of Planning Permission 22/0025/OUT at Moor Gate Farm, Cob Lane, Kelbrook</i>	<i>Minute 100(a)</i>

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

97. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

98. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024, be approved as a correct record.

99. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for October 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	9
Assaults	58
Theft	11
Arson/Criminal Damage	16
All Recordable Crime	54
All Recordable Crime (year to date)	582
Hate Crime	0
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	1

Sergeant C. Emmett had emailed prior to the meeting to say that there would be no Police representative at the meeting in view of it being Bonfire Night, but he had no particular concerns about crime in the area. He welcomed the Committee's suggestions for community policing priorities in the coming month for PCSO N. Wallin to focus on. He also reported there would be some additional assistance from PCSO R. Riley who was now covering Colne Town Centre and Barnoldswick.

Members mentioned there had been low level nuisance and some violent behaviour in the Town Centres mainly from teenagers. There had been an issue with blue bins being stolen and set alight. It was also reported that cars had been racing up Victoria Road in Earby in the early hours of the morning. Members were concerned that there was not a sufficient police presence in the area.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Sergeant C. Emmett be asked for information on the 40 assaults in the Coates Ward in October which had risen from 12 in 2023.
- (2) That suggested priorities for PCSO N. Wallin include addressing youth and antisocial behaviour in Barnoldswick and Earby and antisocial vehicle use.
- (3) That the additional assistance from PCSO R. Riley be welcomed but that the Committee's previous request for further resources and a more visible, regular police presence in the towns and villages be reiterated.

100.

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 -

24/0215/CND *Approval of Details Reserved by Condition: Discharge Condition 4 (Method Statement detailing particulars of any excavation, earthworks and retaining structures), Condition 5 (Scheme of Foul Sewers and Surface Water Drains), Condition 8 (Method Statement detailing parking, loading/unloading, storage etc) and Condition 9 (Method Statement detailing investigation and remediation of contamination) of Planning Permission 16/0476/FUL at Bankfield Shed, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick for Rolls Royce*

RESOLVED

That Conditions 4, 8 and 9 be discharged subject to accordance with the submitted details and Condition 5 be refused as follows -

Condition 4 (Method Statement detailing particulars of any excavation, earthworks and retaining structures) – The submitted details (Drawing Nos. CLXX-(11)01003, CLXX-(11)01004, CLXX-(11)01005) are acceptable. The condition is discharged subject to accordance with the submitted details.

Condition 5 (Scheme of Foul Sewers and Surface Water Drains) The submitted details of drainage would involve substantial works beyond the boundary of the application site, the proposed works go beyond the scope of the planning permission and what would be appropriate to grant under a discharge of condition. The discharge of the condition is refused.

Condition 8 (Method Statement detailing parking, loading/unloading, storage etc) – The submitted details are acceptable. The condition is discharged subject to subject to accordance with the submitted details.

Condition 9 (Method statement detailing investigation and remediation of contamination) – The submitted details and supplementary addendum received 10/09/2024 are acceptable. The condition is discharged subject to subject to accordance with the submitted details.

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*

At the last meeting it was 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 conditions outlined in the report.

Since then, the agent had confirmed that the trees along the boundary with 1 Sough Lane were not within the applicant's ownership. This meant that the retention of the trees could not be

controlled under the current planning application. As such, the application was back before committee for determination.

A petition was handed in at the meeting with over 100 signatures urging refusal of the application in view of public safety issues, limited access and the impracticalities of use regarding Sough Lane, Arthur Street and Colne Road and the other concerns expressed in the Planning Officer's report.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **deferred** to see if the application could be revised to look at whether the gates could be set back to improve access from Sough Lane; and parking for the gym causing road safety issues near the junction of Sough Lane and Colne Road and problems for buses.

24/0472/FUL ***Full: Erection of 3 no. dwellings with associated garages and parking and erection of 1 no. detached garage to existing dwelling at 43 Park Avenue, Barnoldswick for Mrs Joyce Varley***

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 dwg no: 20, Proposed Site Plan dwg no. 24, Proposed site plan dwg no. 22, Proposed detached garage plan dwg 29, Proposed Elevation Plans Plots 2 & 3 dwg no. 28, Proposed Floor Plans (Plots 2 & 3) dwg no. 27, Proposed elevation plans (plot 1) dwg no. 26, Proposed Floor Plans (plot 1) dwg no. 25,

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

3. Samples of materials including descriptions, source, name and specification for all external materials including the partial re-building of the stone boundary wall on Park Avenue shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for written approval prior to commencement of work on the site. 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 and parts 1 and 2 of the second Schedule of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no development as

specified in Schedule 2 Part 1, Classes A, B and C of that Order shall be carried out without express planning permission first being obtained from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

5. 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: In the interest of highway safety.

6. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition or clearance, until a construction method statement including site plan 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) Wheel washing facilities and means of mechanical road sweeping v) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction vi) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from site clearance and construction works vii) Details of working hours viii) Routing of delivery vehicles to/from site ix) Timing of deliveries x) Measures to ensure that construction and delivery vehicles do not impede access to neighbouring properties.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

7. No part of the development hereby approved shall be occupied until all the highway works have been constructed and completed in accordance with a scheme that shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the Highway Authority. Works shall include, but not be exclusive to: • the construction of the amended access to an appropriate standard, including a minimum width of 4.8m and radius kerbs to the West; • buff coloured tactile paved dropped pedestrian crossings on both sides of the footway outside the access on Park Avenue; • the removal of a section of footway and carriageway reconstruction to the county council's specification; • the construction of a new section of footway to the county council's specification approx 2m in length; • the amended access properly constructed to tie into the edge of the existing carriageway on Park Avenue; • appropriate carriageway markings outside the access on Park Avenue; • a street lighting assessment.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety so that traffic generated by the development does not exacerbate unsatisfactory highway conditions in advance of the completion of the highway scheme/works.

8. Prior to occupation of the first dwelling visibility splays measuring 2m back from the centre line of the access and extending 19.6m to the West and 19.4m to the East shall be provided at the amended access onto Park Avenue, as shown on the approved plan – Drawing No 159420-001 Rev A. Nothing shall be erected, retained, planted and/or allowed to grow at or above a height of 0.9m above the nearside carriageway level which would obstruct the visibility splay to the West. The visibility splays shall be maintained free from obstruction at all times thereafter for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to ensure adequate inter-visibility between highway users at the site access.

9. Prior to first occupation of the approved development that part of the access extending from the highway boundary for a minimum distance of 5m into the site shall be appropriately paved in a bound surface material.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to prevent loose surface material from being carried on to the public highway where it could pose a hazard to other highway users.

10. Surface water from the approved driveway shall be collected within the site and drained to a suitable internal outfall.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to prevent water from discharging onto the public highway.

11. The car parking facilities and manoeuvring areas shown on the plans hereby approved shall be made available in accordance with the approved plan prior to the occupation of any of the buildings; such parking facilities and manoeuvring areas shall thereafter be permanently retained for that purpose.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety and to ensure adequate parking and manoeuvring are available within the site.

12. Prior to first occupation of the approved development an electric vehicle charging point shall be provided for each dwelling in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the Local Planning Authority. Charge points must have a minimum power rating output of 7kW and be fitted with a universal socket that can charge all types of electric vehicle currently available.

Reason: To ensure that the development supports sustainable forms of transport.

13. No above ground works shall commence unless and until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be submitted at a scale of 1:200 and shall include the following:
- a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be

retained;

b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;

c. an outline specification for ground preparation;

d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;

e. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;

f. the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety approved form within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: In order to ensure the site is properly landscaped in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

14. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement prepared by Forest & Tree Consulting.

Reason: In order to protect the trees which are to be retained on site.

15. Prior to the commencement of development, details of a sustainable surface water drainage scheme and a foul water drainage scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage schemes must include:
- (i) An investigation of the hierarchy of drainage options in the National Planning Practice Guidance (or any subsequent amendment thereof). This investigation shall include evidence of an assessment of ground conditions and the potential for infiltration of surface water in accordance with BRE365;
 - (ii) A restricted rate of discharge of surface water agreed with the local planning authority (if it is agreed that infiltration is discounted by the investigations);
 - (iii) Levels of the proposed drainage systems including proposed ground and finished floor levels in AOD;
 - (iv) Incorporate mitigation measures to manage the risk of sewer surcharge where applicable;
- and
- (v) Foul and surface water shall drain on separate systems.

The approved schemes shall also be in accordance with the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (March 2015) or any subsequent replacement national standards.

Prior to occupation of the proposed development, the drainage schemes shall be completed in accordance with the approved details and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To promote sustainable development, secure proper drainage and to manage the risk of flooding and pollution.

16. Prior to occupation of the development a sustainable drainage management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development shall be submitted to the local planning authority and agreed in writing. The sustainable drainage management and maintenance plan shall include as a minimum:
- a. Arrangements for adoption by an appropriate public body or statutory undertaker, or, management and maintenance by a resident's management company; and
 - b. Arrangements for inspection and ongoing maintenance of all elements of the sustainable drainage system to secure the operation of the surface water drainage scheme throughout its lifetime.

The development shall subsequently be completed, maintained and managed in accordance with the approved plan.

Reason: To ensure that management arrangements are in place for the sustainable drainage system in order to manage the risk of flooding and pollution during the lifetime of the development.

17. Unless approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority no ground clearance, demolition, or construction work shall commence until protective fencing, to BS 5837 : 2005 at least 1.25 metres high securely mounted on timber posts firmly driven into the ground has been erected around each tree/tree group or hedge to be preserved on the site or on immediately adjoining land, and no work shall be carried out on the site until the written approval of the Local Planning Authority has been issued confirming that the protective fencing is erected in accordance with this condition. The fencing shall be located at least 1.00 metre beyond the protected area detailed in BS 5837. Within the areas so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered. Roots with a diameter of more than 25 millimetres shall be left unsevered. There shall be no construction work, development or development-related activity of any description, including the deposit of spoil or the storage of materials within the fenced areas. The protective fencing shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

Reason: To prevent trees from being damaged during building works.

18. 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 (s). The said obligation shall provide for monitoring of Biodiversity Net Gain over a 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.

19. Notwithstanding any indication on the plans hereby approved, the window frames and doors of the development shall be timber and painted in accordance with details that have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to their installation.

Reason: To preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

20. The windows on the ground and upper floor east side elevation of Plot 3 shall at all times be obscure glazed to a minimum of Pilkington Level 4 (or equivalent) obscurity. The windows shall at all times be hung in such a way that prevents the effect of the obscure glazing being negated by opening.

Reason: To preserve the privacy of the adjacent dwelling.

21. 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

Contaminated Land

If during any stage of the development any miscellaneous substances, made ground or potentially contaminated ground that has not been previously identified and planned for in a report is uncovered, work in the area must stop immediately and the Environmental Health Department at the Borough of Pendle should be made aware. No work should continue until a contingency plan has been developed, and agreed with the local planning authority.

Highways

The grant of planning permission will require the applicant to enter into an appropriate legal agreement (Section 278), with Lancashire County Council as the Highway Authority prior to the start of any development. For the avoidance of doubt works shall include, but not be exclusive to:

- the construction of the amended access to an appropriate standard, including a minimum width of 4.8m and radius kerbs to the West;
- buff coloured tactile paved dropped pedestrian crossings on both sides of the footway outside the access on Park Avenue;
- the removal of a section of footway and carriageway reconstruction to the county council's specification; • the construction of a new section of footway to the county council's specification approx 2m in length;
- the amended access properly constructed to tie into the edge of the existing carriageway on Park Avenue;
- appropriate carriageway markings outside the access on Park Avenue;
- a street lighting assessment. The applicant should contact the county council for further information by telephoning the Development Control Section (Area East) on 0300 123 6780 or by email on developer@lancashire.gov.uk , in the first instance to ascertain the details of such an agreement and the information to be provided, quoting the relevant planning application reference number.

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.

24/0585/ADV *Reserved Matters: Erection of a replacement farmhouse (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of Planning Permission 22/0025/OUT at Moor Gate Farm, Cob Lane, Kelbrook for Mr C. Pearson*

RESOLVED

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

1. This notice constitutes an approval of matters reserved under Condition 1 and 2 of Planning Permission 22/0025/OUT and does not by itself constitute a planning permission.

Reason: The application relates to matters reserved by Planning Permission 22/0025/OUT

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

- TS283-2 Location Plan (received on 02.09.24)
- A1.3 Proposed Site Plan (received on 02.09.24)
- A1.4 proposed Plans – Materials (received on 02.09.24)
- A1.5 Technical and layout Plans (received on 02.09.24)
- A1.6 REV1 Proposed Layout Plan (received on 17.10.24)
- A1.7 Proposed Floor Plan (received on 02.09.24)
- A1.9 Proposed Roof Plan (received on 02.09.24)
- A2.1 Proposed Elevations (1) (received on 02.09.24)
- A2.2 Proposed Elevations (2) (received on 02.09.24)
- A3.1 Proposed Site Section Plans (received on 02.09.24)
- L1.1 Landscape Plan (received on 02.09.24)

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

3. Notwithstanding any indication on the approved plans and application form, prior to the commencement of above ground works involved in the erection of the external walls of the development, samples of the external materials to be used in the construction of the walls, roof verges, fascias and soffits, rain water goods, pipes and flues, windows and door materials and finishes, window reveals and drainage shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter times be carried out in strict accordance with the approved materials.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

4. Prior to first occupation of the proposed development the parking and manoeuvring areas shown on the approved plans shall be provided and thereafter always remain available for the parking of vehicles associated with the dwelling and the manoeuvring areas shall be kept free from obstructions in perpetuity.

Reason: To ensure that satisfactory levels of parking and manoeuvring are provided within the site.

5. Prior to first occupation of the approved development secure, covered cycle storage for at least two cycles shall be provided in accordance with the approved plans and shall be permanently maintained thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development supports sustainable forms of transport.

6. The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be submitted at a scale of 1:200 and shall include the following:
 - a) the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained;
 - b) all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;
 - c) an outline specification for ground preparation;
 - d) all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
 - e) all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;
 - f) the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.
7. The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety approved form within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings.

Informative

1. If during any stage of the development any miscellaneous substances, made ground or potentially contaminated ground that has not been previously identified and planned for in a report is uncovered, work in the area must stop immediately and the Environmental Health Department at the Borough of Pendle should be made aware. No work should continue until a contingency plan has been developed and agreed with the local planning authority.

2. The Borough of Pendle Council has announced a climate emergency, therefore, to help improve air quality there should be no burning of any materials on site. Pendle Borough Council receives

many complaints about smoke from bonfires, which are inappropriate in any area of the borough. The practice of burning wastes on site is an old-fashioned practice, which normally constitutes an offence under the Duty of Care provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The applicant is cautioned against permitting any bonfire to take place during demolition, site clearance or construction. For further information contact Environmental Health at Pendle Borough Council by telephoning (01282) 661199.

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 housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. 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 last meeting Members asked for clarification on whether 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.

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that the affordable housing was for anywhere in Pendle.

101. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Legal Services Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions. It was noted that a case file was being prepared for prosecution for non-compliance in respect of the breach of condition notice to alter the perimeter fence in accordance with the approved plan at Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Legal Services Manager be authorised and instructed to take enforcement action against the developer of North Block and South Block, Wardle Storey Offices, School Lane, Earby for the breach of condition notices requiring completion of work; and
- (2) That the appropriate person be prosecuted in respect of the breach of condition notice to construct the pedestrian crossing point on Gisburn Road, pedestrian footways and associated work as detailed and approved, and ensure each occupied dwelling has secure cycle storage at Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick.

102. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET

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

RESOLVED

That Members consider at the next meeting how the remaining area committee budget should be distributed, including whether they wanted to allocate any funds to support the introduction of the Pendle Parking Strategy.

REASON

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

103. STREET WORKS IN BARNOLDSWICK TOWN CENTRE

Members considered a letter from County Councillor R. Swarbrick dated 21st October in response to concerns raised by the Chair of the Committee about works Nexfibre were carrying out on behalf of Virgin Media on the newly laid pavements in Barnoldswick Town Centre. He had requested that LCC protect the pavements through a S58 notice and an alternative route be found for the ducting Virgin Media wanted to lay. The 3" thick stone flags had been laid on a high-specification bed to prevent them becoming uneven. Members were concerned that, based on previous experience, the pavements would be dug up and not reinstated to the same standard.

The response explained why it was not possible to take out a S58 notice on the works. However, it assured Members that the LCC were working with Nexfibre to ensure they reinstated the highway to the same standard. If Nexfibre fell short of their expectations, they would address these failures through the required legislative processes.

However, Members felt that LCC could take measures to prevent the digging up of the pavements.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to write to the Leader of LCC requesting that the ducting being installed on behalf of Virgin Media in Barnoldswick Town Centre be installed on the back street rather than the main street, so as not to disrupt the newly laid pavements and drawing to their attention the disruption recently caused by digging up the pavements in Earby.

REASON

To protect and preserve the newly laid pavements in Barnoldswick Town Centre.

104. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 3rd September were submitted for information.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to –

- (1) Find out where the new bus stop markings were to be placed on Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick (Minute 4).
- (2) Find out the exact location of the proposed introduction of double yellow lines on both sides of Earby Road, Salterforth between the blind bend before Klondike Hill and Sykes Close and request that this Committee be included in the informal consultation (Minute 5.1).
- (3) Request that the Traffic Liaison Meeting (TLM) reiterate the Committee's previous request for the introduction of double yellow lines down one side of the road in the vicinity of Kelbrook School on Waterloo Road.
- (4) Reiterate the Committee's request for average speed cameras along the A56 and for the TLM to expedite this request (Minute 8.1(1)).
- (5) Acknowledge the lack of support to introduce a blanket 20mph speed limit along the A56 but to narrow the request down to sections of the road where it would have most impact (Minute 8.1(2)) e.g. in Sough.
- (6) Request that Skipton Road, not Coates Lane, be reclassified (where there had been a fatality) to allow the width of the carriageway to be reduced and improve road safety (Minute 8.1(4) & (5)).

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

105. PROVISION OF LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS – QUARTER 2

Members noted there had been no spend on litter/dog waste bins during the period July to September 2024. Due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, 3 bins had been replaced by Operational Services.

106. PARKING POLICY AND STRATEGIES UPDATE

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report for information on a parking strategy for Pendle for information. This was to include five area-specific parking policies for Nelson, Brierfield, Barnoldswick, Earby and Colne.

Councillors C. Church, D. Whipp and T. Whipp were the Committee's representatives on a working group to assist in establishing West Craven's parking requirements. The working group had carried out site visits and considered the following issues: short stay v long stay and enforcement; business and resident permits; EV charge point locations; maintenance budget; maintenance including shrubbery/signage/surfacing/lining/lighting/CCTV; signage; antisocial behaviour; general issues; and surplus car parks. The feedback was set out in the report and the next steps.

Members raised concerns about the budget for the various improvements and what different areas wanted to do. There was little appetite for charging there was little scope for raising income.

RESOLVED

- (1) That more work be undertaken on the installation of EV charge points with a view to generating income which could then be used for maintenance/improvement works.
- (2) That the Committee consider at their next meeting how the Committee's Area Committee Budget could be used to provide some of its remaining funding for signage works.

REASON

To develop the best area-specific parking policy for Barnoldswick and Earby.

107.PROPOSAL TO ERECT A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND ASSOCIATED BASE STATION EQUIPMENT, RAINHALL ROAD CAR PARK, BARNOLDSWICK

The Head of Property Services submitted a report seeking comments on the proposal to erect a telecommunications tower and associated base station equipment in Rainhall Road Car Park. This was to be determined at the Executive on 28th November.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Executive be informed that West Craven Committee would prefer the telecommunications tower and associated base station equipment to be sited within the grounds of the former police/ambulance station opposite the Rainhall Centre.
- (2) That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services report back on the planning regulations and process for telecommunications equipment.

REASON

The former police/ambulance station opposite the Rainhall Centre was a better site for the telecommunication tower and associated equipment and would keep Rainhall Road Car Park free for potential development.

108. PHARMACY PROVISION IN BARNOLDSWICK

For the last 18 months, on several occasions, Members had raised issues with access to pharmacy provision and delays issuing prescriptions in Barnoldswick and had requested a meeting with the NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board. The Pharmacy Delivery Assurance Manager at the ICB reported that Everest Pharmacy took over the Whitworths Pharmacy on 1st August 2024. They were now not aware of any ongoing issues. They would continue to work with the pharmacies in the area to ensure continued provision of pharmacy services.

RESOLVED

That the current situation with the provision of pharmacy services in Barnoldswick be noted but the Pharmacy Delivery Assurance Manager at the ICB be asked to comment on the chronic shortages of some medicines and how this was a particular problem in more rural communities.

REASON

In the interests of public health.

109. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Bus stop markings on Station Road, Barnoldswick

Members discussed a recent incident whereby the operators of the Barnoldswick Town Bus Service had been given a penalty charge notice for one of their drivers parking their bus on the bus stop markings on Station Road in order to use the toilet facilities at the Civic Hall. The ticket had been contested but no concession given.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to contact LCC to request that they cancel the ticket and to reconsider their restrictions for such circumstances which seemed unreasonable.

REASON

To challenge LCC's unreasonable parking charges.

(b) Problems with postal service

Members discussed problems again with deliveries of mail, thought to be caused by a lack of posties. There were reports of people missing hospital appointments and some people only getting deliveries once a week.

RESOLVED

That a senior manager from Royal Mail be invited to a future meeting of this Committee to discuss problems with the postal service in West Craven.

REASON

To improve the delivery of mail for local residents.

(c) To consider the condition of Salterforth Lane, Salterforth and Ben Lane, Barnoldswick

Members discussed the terrible state of Salterforth Lane, in particular the stretch of road past the cemetery on the way to Barnoldswick. There were big craters in the road and the Lane was full of water. This was a road that was supposed to be maintained at public expense. Ben Lane also needed some repairs but was not as bad. The PBC Engineering Department had drawn up a scheme some time ago to improve the condition of Salterforth Lane and had requested funding from LCC, but this was not forthcoming and so was not implemented.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to pick up the Committee's concerns about the condition of Salterforth Lane and Ben Lane and request that LCC repair the craters and improve the drainage to make them fit for purpose.

REASON

To improve highway access and safety.

- (d) To consider replacing the school yard fencing at the Rainhall Centre with a more appropriate one.**

It was noted that improvements were being carried out at the top of Ellis Street to enable wheelchair access and the wall between Ellis Street and the Rainhall Centre was being shortened. Whilst this work was being done Members considered taking the opportunity to replace the school yard wire fencing along the wall to something more suitable.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to price up some options for more appropriate replacement fencing on the boundary between Ellis Street and the Rainhall Centre.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

110. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

- (a) Update from Canal & River Trust on repairs to the leaks found at the Coates and Long Ing canal bridges in Barnoldswick
- (b) Tree Preservation Order, Land off Salterforth Road, Earby – Order has been served. An update will be provided after the period for representations has elapsed.

111. 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.

112. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – 2ND QUARTER

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period July to September 2024 which was noted. Prior to the meeting the following comparison figures for environmental crime activity between quarters was circulated for information and discussed prior to the exclusion of public and press. There was discussion around the increased number of s46 cases. It was noted that officers had spent time trying to clear waste containers from the public highway.

	Quarter 1 2023/24	Quarter 2 2024/25	Comparison Q1 and Q2	Quarter 2 2023	Comparison Q2 2023/24
Section 215 open	27	6	-21	12	-6
Section 215 closed	25	6	-19	11	-5
Section 46 notices	41	92	+51	40	+52
Fixed penalty notices					
Littering	1	0	- 1	1	-1
Flytipping	0	0	0	1	-1
Littering from vehicle	1	0	-1	0	0
Duty of care - Business	1	0	-1	0	0

113. 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.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to provide an update on cases PLE/23/1718 and PLE/24/1471 and another case which had been on the list for some time, where works had still not been completed but had slipped off the list.
- (2) That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to arrange a meeting with the company in respect of PLE/24/1491.

114. PROBLEM SITES

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites in the West Craven area for information. Members discussed some empty properties in Barnoldswick and Earby that were in poor condition causing problems for neighbours.

RESOLVED

That a number of empty properties in Barnoldswick and Earby be added to the problem site list so they could be monitored.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

Chair.....