

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT NEW ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, EARBY
ON 3RD JUNE 2025
PRESENT –**

Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

C. Elley, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council

Officers

<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 were received from Councillor M. Strickland, J. Spencer, Barnoldswick Town Council and C. Pollard, Salterforth Parish Council.)

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The following person attended and spoke on the item indicated -

<i>C. Midgley</i>	<i>25/0076/HHO Full: (Major): Replacement of existing timber windows and French doors to UPVC at 7 Woodlands Close, Earby</i>	<i>Minute 25(a)</i>
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21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

22. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2025, be approved as a correct record.

24. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for May 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were broken down as follows –

Burglary – Residential

0

Burglary - Commercial	0
Burglary – Non-dwelling	1
Vehicle Crime	3
Assaults	8
Theft	1
Arson/Criminal Damage	5
All Recordable Crime	18
All Recordable Crime (year to date)	??? (I'm querying the total given)

There was no Police representative available for the meeting. It was agreed to note the crime figures and pick up any police and community safety issues at the next meeting.

25. 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 –

25/0032/NMA ***Non-Material Amendment: Inclusion of a 2m footpath link from adoptable highway to development boundary, replacement of 403 house types with 404 house types and the replacement of a 0.6 high post and wire plot divisional fence with a 1.8m high feather edged board timber fence of Planning Permission 24/0213/VAR at Development Site at former Brook Shed, New Road, Earby for Gleeson***

Consideration of this application had been deferred at the 1st April meeting to allow time for further discussions on the boundary treatment. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported receipt of revised plans showing a pedestrian/cycle link and revising the fencing layout to allow access to it.

RESOLVED

That the non-material amendments be **approved**.

REASON

The proposed amendments are in accordance with the Non-Material Amendment Practice Note and are acceptable as non-material amendments.

25/0076/HHO ***Full: (Major): Replacement of existing timber windows and French doors to UPVC at 7 Woodlands Close, Earby for Ms Caroline Midgley***

RESOLVED

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

****PLANNING TO PROVIDE****

(b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals which was noted. At the meeting it was reported that an appeal had recently been lodged in respect of the development at Land to the east of Colne Road, Earby for the erection of 39 dwellings.

26. CALDERDALE WIND FARM NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Members were informed that an informal consultation was underway asking for comments on the proposed 41 wind turbine development on land adjacent to Pendle, in Calderdale. Pendle would be a statutory consultee in the formal planning application stage which would be assessed under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project process. The consultation closed on 10th June.

27. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action.

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that fines and costs were awarded against the developer of North and South Blocks, Wardley Storey offices in Earby at the Court hearing on 27th May for the breach of conditions.

Members were disappointed about the lack of progress at Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to arrange a meeting with LCC to discuss a way forward with the highway works required at Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick.

28. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Head of Property and Engineering reported that the current balance for the Area Committee Budget for 2025/26 was £31,490.

Members were advised that the bid from Operational Services seeking £1,000 for the provision of litter and dog waste bins in West Craven, which was deferred at the last meeting, had since been withdrawn.

29. INSTALLATION OF A FLAGPOLE AT SALTERFORTH WAR MEMORIAL

Members had previously discussed the proposal to have a flagpole at Salterforth War Memorial which, including flagpole, flags and installation, would cost over £3000. This item had been deferred from the last meeting to allow discussions with Salterforth Parish Council which had not yet taken place.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to allow for discussions with Salterforth Parish Council.

30. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Parking outside the surgery on Park Road, Barnoldswick

Members discussed the Doctors Only signage outside the surgery on Park Road, Barnoldswick which they didn't think was being used by doctors at the surgery. It was felt that the parking space could be better used by people visiting the surgery or pharmacy. Similarly, it was felt that the Taxi

Only rank on Church Street nearby, which was once regularly in use, was no longer necessary as some of the night life in this area had disappeared.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to request LCC to review the parking situation at the following locations in Barnoldswick at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting –

- Doctors Only signage outside the surgery on Park Road
- Taxi Only rank on Church Street

REASON

To provide appropriate and convenient parking in the town centre.

31. 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.

32. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

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

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