

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT NEW ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, EARBY  
ON 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.)*



*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 6<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>All Recordable Crime</b>	<b>18</b>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 –

1. The development must be begun not later than three years from the date of this permission.

**Reason:** To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: BLOCK PLAN, EXISTING PLANS AND ELEVATIONS, PROFILE PLANS, PROPOSED PLANS AND ELEVATIONS, WINDOW PLANS, LOCATION PLAN (05 Feb 2025)

**Reason:** For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure a satisfactory standard of development.

## **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 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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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