

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 1ST JULY 2025**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*J. Spencer, Barnoldswick Town Council
H. Wright, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council
C. Pollard, Salterforth Parish Council*

Officers

*N. Watson Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services
J. Eccles Committee Administrator*

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The following person attended and spoke on the item indicated -

<i>G. Love</i>	<i>24/0810/FUL - Full: (Major): Erection of 30 no. dwellings with new access from Park Avenue along with associated infrastructure and landscaping at Land to the west of White Leys Close, Earby</i>	<i>Minute 37(a)</i>
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33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

34. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

36. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for June were not yet available and Members were disappointed that there was no Police representative available for the meeting.

The Chair reported that he had attended a meeting earlier in the day regarding the creation of a Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) in West Craven to reduce the risk of harm from drinking by children and young people under 25. CAPs were partnerships between police, local authorities, schools, and retailers who worked together to highlight the risks of underage drinking and improve the health and wellbeing of local children and young people. One of the Policing Team from the

Ribble Valley Task Force had applied for funding to hold diversionary activities for young people in the school holidays in Victory Park.

Members were keen to support the initiative and agreed to pick this up when they discussed the area committee budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Committee support the CAP and the initiative to provide diversionary activities for young people in Victory Park.
- (2) That a representative from the Police be asked to attend the next meeting.

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on the following planning application for determination –

24/0810/FUL *Full: (Major): Erection of 30 no. dwellings with new access from Park Avenue along with associated infrastructure and landscaping at Land to the west of White Leys Close, Earby for Mr R. Calderbank*

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting a response from Yorkshire Water reiterating their objection to surface water discharge to a combined sewer.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **deferred** to allow the developer time to –

- Look at ways of making the development more sustainable in terms of pedestrian links to Earby;
- Discuss with the developer of the site across the road having a joint scheme to improve road safety;
- Look at a way of preserving the two TPO trees instead of removing them;
- Agree a satisfactory drainage strategy that would not lead to the over capacity of the drainage system along Salterforth Road; and
- Consider burying the overhead HV cables.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals. He reported that the appeal in respect of the dwelling at Land to the North of the Stables on Old Stone Trough Lane had been allowed.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to –

- Submit the Certificate of Lawfulness application for the children's care home for 1 child at 28 Avon Drive, Barnoldswick to this Committee in due course; and

- Request that the Planning Inspectorate deal with the appeal against the refusal of the tree preservation order consent for the removal of the sycamore tree at Pickles Hippins, Esp Lane as soon as possible.

38. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action and gave a verbal update at the meeting. It was noted that arrangements were being made by the developer so that the works at North Block and South Block, Wardle Storey Offices, Earby could be completed.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to –

- Arrange a meeting with LCC (and United Utilities if necessary) to discuss a way forward with the highway works required at Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick;
- Provide an update on the requirement to submit a construction surface water management plan at Lower Green Hill Farm, Kelbrook Road, Barnoldswick;
- Remind the developer of Land off Cob Lane and Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook to give the road a proper sweep after deliveries and associated works; and
- Try and make progress with the outstanding works required at Land to the West of Brogden View, Brogden Lane, Barnoldswick.

39. 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.

RESOLVED

That £500 be granted from the Barnoldswick allocation of the Area Committee Budget to match funds being provided for diversionary activities at Victory Park in the school holidays.

REASON

To support the provision of healthy activities for young people.

40. INSTALLATION OF A FLAGPOLE AT SALTERFORTH WAR MEMORIAL

Members had previously discussed a 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.

The Parish Council's view was that they could not currently support this proposal as they had a more pressing issue with the public toilets in the village which needed money spending on them and were no longer being looked after by volunteers.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Director of Resources be asked if the funding set aside to support the transfer of Community Assets could be used towards the upgrade of Salterforth public toilets, which were now in the Parish Council's ownership but had only recently been returned to their management.
- (2) That Salterforth Parish Council's current priorities and their views on not funding a flagpole be noted, but it also be noted that this Committee had insufficient funds to purchase and support the installation of a flagpole at the War Memorial in Salterforth.
- (3) That Members look into other possible sources of funding that could be applied for and if there were any local voluntary groups willing to do flag raising.

REASON

To further explore the possibility of providing a flagpole at Salterforth War Memorial.

41. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

Members were asked to consider the appointment of a Trustee for Bancroft Mill Engine Museum for the next three years. Councillor C. Church was the current trustee and was appointed in June 2022.

RESOLVED

That Councillor C. Church be appointed a Trustee for Bancroft Mill Engine Museum for a term of three years.

REASON

To represent the Council on outside bodies.

42. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Property Services and Engineering Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in West Craven. There was just one site – West Close Road Lorry Park - which was situated next to LCC's Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). PBC and LCC officers had been working to address the problems with flytipping but unfortunately, debris and household items had been spotted again on several occasions and was presumably taking place when the HWRC was closed.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Operational Services request a further meeting with LCC officers to discuss how to deter further incidents of flytipping at West Close Road Lorry Park.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

43. 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.

44. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

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

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to –

- (1) Arrange a meeting with residents to discuss how best to progress works in relation to the first case, and £5,000 be set aside from the Area Committee Budget towards achieving the required remedial works as discussed.
- (2) Follow up the problems reported at the second case and see if any further action was needed.

45. PROBLEM SITES

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites which was discussed. It was noted that some sites previously on the list had dropped off although there had been no improvements.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to –

- (1) Try to make progress with all the problem sites noting that –
 - There was a cracked plate outside the property at Site 1 which was a potential highway safety issue;
 - Site 3 was prominent on the high street;
 - Members recommended serving a Section 79 Notice in relation to Site 4; and
 - That Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) be sought for Sites 5 and 6.
- (2) Report back on progress with a site that had previously been on the problem site list and recommended for CPO.
- (3) Serve a Section 79 Notice on a couple of other sites that had dropped off the problem sites list, as there had been no improvements.

Chair.....