

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)

Councillors

*A. Bell
S. Cockburn-Price
D. Lord
K. Salter*

Co-optees

*M. Thomas (Colne Town Council)
A. Hustwit (Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council)
B. Hodgson (Trawden Forest Parish Council)*

Officers in attendance

<i>Neil Watson</i>	<i>Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Atkinson, N. Butterworth, R. O'Connor and A. Sutcliffe.)



The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated.

<i>Chris Thomas</i>	<i>25/0359/FUL Full: Residential development of 4 no. dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and the demolition of 2 no. existing garages at land to the north of 47 Townley Street, Colne</i>	<i>Minute No.101(a)</i>
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96. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Members' attention was also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

The following persons declared a pecuniary interest in the item indicated –

<i>Councillor D. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>Colne Youth Action Group</i>	<i>Minute No.105</i>
<i>Councillor S. Cockburn-Price</i>		

Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price had each been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG) matters.

97. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

98.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

99.

PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

100.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The Chair provided a brief update following his attendance at the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting.

101.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report of the following planning application to be determined -

25/0359/FUL Full: Residential development of 4 no. dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and the demolition of 2 no. existing garages at land to the north of 47 Townley Street, Colne for Mr Smith Benson

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that the application remained the same as considered at the last meeting of the Committee, as no amended plans had been received.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be delegated authority to **grant consent** subject to appropriate conditions including -

- The bin storage point being at the rear of the properties
- Provision of cycle storage
- A requirement that a hardstanding be constructed on the sections of unnamed track leading along the rear of Dickson Street between Chatham Street and Temple Street within the applicant's ownership.

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 is acceptable subject to the conditions proposed. 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 planning appeals.

In a verbal update, the Chair reported that an appeal against a refused application at 18 Keighley Road, Colne had been allowed.

102. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

During discussion, a Member reported that the dormer at 57 Knotts Lane, Colne had been removed; reminded the Committee of the additional issue at 120 Burnley Road, Colne; and made a request for an update on land at Green End Smallholding, Lenches Road, Colne.

103. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025/26

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the current balance for the Committee's area committee budget for 2025/26 was £25,471.

The following new bid was submitted for consideration –

- Restoring historic street plates and replacing missing ones - £1,600

RESOLVED

That £1,600 be allocated for the restoration of historic street plates and the replacement of missing ones.

REASON

To ensure all nameplates are visible in the correct places and of good quality, improving public realm.

104. PLAY STREETS IN COLNE

The Head of Policy and Commissioning submitted a report for Members to consider requirements, including cost implications, for the delivery of Play Streets in Colne.

It was explained that, should Members wish to pursue the implementation of Play Streets in Colne, the Council would support the Committee in delivering the project subject to the Committee agreeing to meet all associated costs, along with owning the project. This would include dealing with any concerns/complaints raised by residents; engaging with residents and community groups; managing volunteers; undertaking and documenting the appropriate risk assessments; and supporting residents in securing the appropriate public liability insurance.

It was estimated that the total cost to set up one Play Street Scheme could be in the region of £950, with public liability insurance at c£70-£100 per event. It was accepted that a cost at this level was not sustainable.

A link to the Playing Out website which provided useful resources for organising Play Streets was included in the report.

It was felt that details of what other Councils did would be helpful. One Member suggested that the Playing Out Team be contacted for the information and proposed that, if appropriate, this work be carried out by a Councillor, with the support of the Policy and Programmes Manager. In addition, the need for public liability insurance would be further investigated.

RESOLVED

That the Playing Out Team be asked for information on what other Councils did regarding Play Streets in their area and that Officers look again at the need for public liability insurance.

REASON

To gain a clearer understanding of the requirements and implications of implementing Play Streets.

105. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

(Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price declared a pecuniary interest in this item but had been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne Youth Action Group matters.)

An update was provided on the work of Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). This included information on the Group's ongoing activities, the plans for Autumn/Winter and various funding awards.

106. LEVELLING UP FUNDED PROJECTS

An update on progress with Colne Market Hall was submitted for information.

107. COLNE BID

Members were reminded of the 70s event which was due to take place at the end of the month.

108. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Head of Property and Engineering reported that there were no existing environmental blight sites in the Colne and District area and no new sites had been put forward.

109. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had been requested by the Committee. Reports/updates would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Colne Cemetery Chapel
- (b) Pigeons in Colne Town Centre
- (c) Land to the rear of Red Lane, Colne

110. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next items of business 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.

111. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted, for information, a report which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

A discussion was held on a number of cases on the list.

112. PROBLEM SITES

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites in the Colne and District area.

A discussion was held on a number of cases on the list.

113. NUISANCE VEHICLES

The Head of Policy and Commissioning submitted a report, for information, on nuisance vehicles in Colne and District.

CHAIR _____