

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT NEW ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, EARBY
ON 2ND DECEMBER 2025**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*J. Spencer, Barnoldswick Town Council
C. Elley, Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council*

Officers

*D. Walker
L. Barnes
J. Eccles*

*Assistant Director Operational Services and Area Co-ordinator
Senior Planning Officer
Committee Administrator*

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The following people attended and spoke on the item indicated –

<i>David Barnes</i>	<i>25/0442/FUL - Full: Change of use from an agricultural field to a residential garden with hard standing and altered vehicle access at Land to the south east of 7 Harry Street, Salterforth</i>	<i>Minute 110(a)</i>
<i>David Poole</i>	<i>25/0635/HHO - Full: Erection of a storage building at Grange Hill, Skipton Road, Earby</i>	<i>Minute 110(a)</i>

106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

107. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident from Earby asked if trees that were overhanging the highway on Salterforth Road, on the stretch between Kenilworth Drive and The Sycamores, could be cut back. In order to avoid them, buses were having to pull out over the carriageway and causing a risk to oncoming traffic. This was a longstanding problem caused by neglect either from LCC or the landowner. The Chair asked if the Assistant Director Operational Services could raise the issue with LCC and find a solution to the problem.

108.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2025, be approved as a correct record subject to the resolution in Minute 99(c) being amended to say that the PBC Engineering Manager, not LCC, be asked to carry out works to improve the condition of the exceedance channel adjacent to Robinson Fold.

109.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The Police were unable to attend the meeting. The crime figures for November had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members were disappointed a police officer could not attend and that the figures were not broken down into areas, as they used to be. Also, the comparison figures for the same period from the previous year had not been provided.

Members raised a couple of community safety issues. The first concerned a person in Barnoldswick that was being victimised by youths in his own home. The second issue was the noticeable increase in anti-social behaviour.

There was also a discussion on whose responsibility it was to deal with abandoned vehicles, or untaxed vehicles on the public highway and on private land. It was noted that there were cars on the Butts which appeared to have been abandoned and had been there for some time. The Assistant Director Operational Services said he would investigate.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Police be asked if it was possible to send a representative to the next meeting on 6th January; to draw their attention to the rise in anti-social behaviour; and request that future monthly crime statistics be broken down into areas and with a comparison of the same period from the previous year.
- (2) That the Assistant Director Operational Services be asked to look into an untaxed (not abandoned) vehicle on John Street, Earby and the cars stored on land at The Butts and, if necessary, to involve the Police.
- (3) That the Community Safety Officer be asked to arrange a meeting with the Police and the Chair of the Committee regarding the resident being victimised.

110.

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 –

24/0810/FUL ***Full: Change of use from an agricultural field to a residential garden with hard standing and altered vehicle access at Land to the South East of 7 Harry Street, Salterforth for Mr Matthew Barnes***

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. Within one month of the date of this decision notice, the relocation and erection of the sliding gate, boundary treatment works, site drainage and all surfacing work shall have been carried out in full in accordance with the following approved plans:

- Drawing No. NPA 298.A01 Rev D 'Proposed Site Layout Plan and Location Plan' Received 17th November 2025
- Drawing No. 00000 'Front Elevation' Received 14th November 2025.

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

3. All materials of the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. The development hereby permitted shall be used ancillary to the domestic use of 7 Harry Street and for no other uses.

Reason: For highway safety. To ensure the use of the development is consistent with adopted planning policy.

5. The manoeuvring area shown on Drawing No. NPA 298.A01 Rev D 'Proposed Site Layout Plan and Location Plan' shall at all times be kept free from obstruction to enable vehicles to enter and exit the site in forward gear.

Reason: For highway safety.

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 development is acceptable in principle, and its design would not result in unacceptable adverse effects on the character and appearance of the area. The site can be accessed safely with sufficient off-road parking provided whilst maintaining sufficient turning space to enable entry and exit by forward gear. Subject to condition, the development is acceptable in drainage terms and there are no ecology grounds on which to refuse the development. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

25/0543/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 7 (Estate Road) of Planning Permission 13/14/0172P at site of Hope Mill, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick for Nick Doherty

This application had been deferred from the last meeting to seek discussions with the developer regarding street light provision on the estate roads. The report stated that as the estate roads were not being offered for adoption, and would remain private, public street lighting could not be installed on them. This had been confirmed with LCC Highways. No other street lighting provision was being proposed due to the maintenance liability of issue for residents.

RESOLVED

(1) 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 the original permission which is 22nd of July 2014.

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: 2423.6A, 2423.4C, 2423.5B, 01-(06)-7749 Rev H

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

3. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the material samples and details submitted to the Local Planning Authority on the 21st November 2014.

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

4. Prior to first occupation of any dwelling hereby approved, all highway works to facilitate the proposed access to the site along Applegarth from Skipton Road, including; the formal closure, stopping up and diversion of the existing access; reinstatement of footway and the creation of a new access to The Orchards, shall be constructed in accordance with the details approved under 25/0533/CND.

Reason: To ensure that the access can be achieved to a suitable standard to enable vehicles to enter and leave the premises in a safe manner without causing a hazard to other road users.

5. The highway works to facilitate construction traffic shall be as submitted to the Local Planning Authority on the 12th November 2015 and shall be retained throughout the construction process.

Reason: To enable all construction traffic to enter and leave the premises in a safe manner without causing a hazard to other road users.

6. Prior to the commencement of development, the access shall be so constructed that there is clear visibility from a point 1.05 metres above ground level at the centre of the access and 2.4 metres distant from the adjoining edge of carriageway, to points 1.05 metres above ground level at the edge of the adjoining carriageway and 43 metres distant in each direction measured from the centre of the access along the nearside adjoining edge of carriageway prior to the commencement of any other works on site and thereafter be permanently retained.

Nothing shall be planted, erected or allowed to grow on the triangular areas of land so formed, which would obstruct the visibility described in the condition above.

Reason: In order to ensure satisfactory visibility splays are provided in the interests of highway safety.

7. The new estate road shall be constructed in accordance with the Lancashire County Council Specification for Construction of Estate Roads to at least base course level to each plot before any development commences on that plot, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The final wearing course shall be completed to each plot within 2 years of the substantial completion of each plot unless another timescale is agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If an alternative timescale is agreed the completion of the highway shall be undertaken in strict accordance with the agreed timescale.

Reason: To ensure that satisfactory access is provided to the site before construction of the development hereby permitted commences.

8. The development shall be undertaken in line with the construction method statement submitted to the Local Planning Authority on the 12th November 2014 and the 16th December 2014 respectively. Reason: In the interest of the amenity of the area and highway safety during construction work.

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9. No dwelling shall be occupied unless and until all agreed construction, reinstatement and boundary works adjacent to the canal have been implemented and completed in accordance with plan numbers 2131-S102A & 2131-S105 submitted to the Local Planning Authority on the 12th November 2014.

Reason: To safeguard the canal bank and ensure appropriate construction methods.

10. Before a dwelling unit is occupied waste storage areas and associated containers shall be provided on each plot.

Reason: To ensure adequate provision for the storage and disposal of waste.

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 and parts 1 and 2 of the second Schedule of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no development as specified in Classes A, B, C, D, E, F and G of Part 1 and Classes A, B and C of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of that Order shall be carried out without express planning permission first being obtained from the Local Planning Authority.

Part 1

A) no extensions shall be erected

B+C) no alterations to the roof of the building shall be carried out

D) no porches shall be erected

E(a)) no buildings, enclosures, swimming or other pools shall be erected or constructed within the curtilage of the building(s)

F) no hard surface shall be provided within the curtilage of the building(s)

Part 2

A) no gates, fence or wall structures shall be erected within the curtilage of the building(s)

B) no means of access shall be constructed to the curtilage of the building(s)

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to control any future development on the site in order to safeguard the character and amenity of the area and impacts on neighbouring properties.

12. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the finished floor levels shown on plan number 01-06-7749 Rev C submitted to the Local Planning Authority on the 19th December 2014. Any deviation from this shall only be permitted with the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority. The development shall at all times comply with the levels shown on the approved plan or any deviation that has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority

Reason: In order that the Local Planning Authority can assess and control the height of the development in the interests of the visual amenity of the area.

13. The development hereby approved shall be in strict accordance with the Landscape Plan approved under 13/15/0166C1. The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety approved form within the first planting season following the substantial completion of each phase 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.

14. All hard and soft landscape works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of BS 4428 (1989). The works shall be carried out prior to occupation of any part of the development or in accordance with a timetable to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any trees or plants that within a period of five years after planting, are removed, die or become seriously damaged or defective, shall be replaced with others of species, size and number as originally approved, by the end of the first available planting season thereafter.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a reasonable standard of landscape in accordance with the approved designs.

15. The recommended mitigation measures as detailed in the Noise Assessment report carried out by 'Sound Advice' and dated 21st May 2014, including the provision suitable glazing and necessary ventilation to the identified dwellings as indicated on pages 7, 8 and 9, shall be carried out prior to the occupation of any dwelling on site. The development hereby shall be in strict accordance with the mitigation measures as approved under 13/15/0166C1, and shall thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority, be permanently maintained and retained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity.

16. No vegetation or tree clearance work shall take place during the bird breeding season. Such activities shall be confined between the months of October (start) to February (end) unless a bird breeding assessment and is undertaken by a suitably qualified ornithologist along with a

report of the findings to identify if any breeding birds would be affected. Any clearance outside of the period between October to February (inclusive) must be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and clearance thereafter shall be undertaken in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that suitable habitats for breeding birds are not harmed.

17. The scheme of foul sewers and surface water drains, as shown on drawing numbers 2131-S102A, 2131-S120A, 2131-S121A, 2131-S122 approved under 13/15/0166C1, shall be installed in their entirety prior to the first occupation of any dwelling and shall thereafter be retained. Reason: in order that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied with the details of the proposal and to avoid flooding.

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18. The designated car parking shown on each plot shall be provided prior to the first occupation of any house it relates to. This shall include the surfacing of the driveway/parking areas in accordance with the materials to be agreed under conditions 3. The spaces shall thereafter at all times be retained for the parking of cars associated with the occupants of the dwelling.

Reason: In order to ensure the site is provided with adequate off-street parking in the interests of highway safety

19. Prior to the first occupation of any dwelling hereby approved the applicant shall have undertaken the approach detailed in the agreed method statement, submitted to the Local Planning Authority in writing on the 12th November 2014 and supplemented by the additional sampling submitted on the 3rd February 2015 regarding the timing for the investigation and subsequent remediation of any contamination which may be present on site.

All agreed remediation measures shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved implementation timetable under the supervision of a geotechnical professional and shall be completed in full accordance with the agreed measures and timings, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

In addition, prior to commencing construction of any building, the developer shall first submit to and obtain written approval from the Local Planning Authority a report to confirm that all the agreed remediation measures have been carried out fully in accordance with the agreed details, providing results of the verification programme of post-remediation sampling and monitoring and including future monitoring proposals for the site.

Advisory Notes:

- (i) Where land identified as having the potential to be contaminated is undergoing redevelopment, a copy of the leaflet entitled "Information for Developers on the investigation and remediation of potentially contaminated sites" will be available to applicants/developers from the Council's Contaminated Land Officer. The leaflet will be sent to the developer by request.
- (ii) Three copies of all contaminated land reports should be sent to the Local Planning Authority.
- (iii) This condition is required to be fully complied with before development is commenced. Failure to comply with the condition prior to commencement of work may result in legal action being taken.

Reason: To identify any contamination of the site from previous uses and to ensure remediation of any contamination to safeguard future users or occupants and the environment beyond the site and prevent contamination of the controlled waters.

Informatives

All construction work shall be carried out only within the hours of 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday, 9am – 1pm Saturday and no working Sundays and Bank holidays. Failure to work within these hours may result in a service of a notice under the Control of Pollution Act 1974, and potentially prosecution thereafter.

- (2) That the applications to discharge conditions for this planning application be brought to this Committee for determination.

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, 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.

25/0635/HHO Full: Erection of a storage building at Grange Hill, Skipton Road, Earby for Mr Andrews

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to standard conditions including one stating that no vehicular access doors should be inserted to the front – as per the plans.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals. It was noted that the appeal against refusal of planning permission for demolition and rebuild of outbuilding at 4 John Street, Barnoldswick had been dismissed.

111. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Legal Services Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action. Members were informed that the developer for the North Block Wardle Storey development in Earby had agreed to put in an application to the Environment Agency for the permits required to cross the bridge and an application to the Highway Authority for the outstanding conditions.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Legal Services Manager be informed that the Committee welcome the developer's intention to seek the required permissions to do the necessary works required to complete the North Block Wardle Storey development; that they be required to complete the application expeditiously; and that enforcement action be reconsidered if the process is not completed in a timely manner.

- (2) That in respect of the outstanding works required at Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick the meeting previously requested with United Utilities and LCC be arranged as soon as possible.

112. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025/26

It was noted that the balance on the area committee budget for 2025/26 was £24,494.52.

113. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

There were currently no environmental blight sites in West Craven.

114. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Request for a graffiti wall in Barnoldswick

Members endorsed a suggestion from a resident for a graffiti wall in Barnoldswick, possibly near Barnoldswick's Co-op. Graffiti wall projects had been successful in other towns/cities.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Policy and Commissioning be asked to submit a report to a future meeting on the possibility of having a graffiti wall project in Barnoldswick, including options for community engagement and costings.

REASON

To create a sense of pride and ownership in the community.

(b) Residents' requests for back Cavendish Street/Sackville Street to be made up

There had been an attempt to make up back Cavendish Street/Sackville Street some years ago but it hadn't been done due to the majority of property owners not being in favour. A recent request from residents asked if it was possible to try again to have their street adopted. It was felt that the situation had changed, with more occupiers owning their property rather than landlords. The street had a rough surface, there had been repeated water bursts, and water was getting into the electrics and so the streetlamp wasn't working.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to consider the making up of back Cavendish Street/Sackville Street with a view to them carrying out a survey of the occupiers.

REASON

In the interests of residential amenity.

(c) Royal Mail's prescription delivery service, and its impact on local pharmacies

Members reiterated previous complaints about the postal service in West Craven that continued to be a problem for residents and businesses. A recent example of the poor service was several residents receiving their voting papers after the date of the by-election on 27th November when

they had been posted out to them on 13th November. In some cases, they had arrived in a bundle with a fortnight's post. It was understood that there was still a shortage of posties and sometimes they were out delivering parcels rather than on normal mail duty. There was concern about Royal Mail offering a prescription delivery service when the post service was so poor.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive and Chair of Royal Mail be asked to respond to the concern about the current postal service in West Craven and how the proposed prescription delivery system would impact on this service and on local pharmacies.

REASON

To try to secure a good postal service for residents and local businesses and access to local pharmacies.

(d) The speed of traffic on Brogden Lane

Brogden Lane was a minor rural road, well used by horse riders and cyclists. However, it was also being used as a cut through. There were reports from residents living on the lane near Gisburn Road and users of the stables on the lane that traffic was too fast.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked if Brogden Lane could be designated as a quiet lane to give walkers, cyclists, and horse riders protection from speeding traffic, or, if this was not possible, anything else that could be done to improve highway safety on this minor leisure route.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(e) The Community Transport Dial-a-Bus service

In response to a petition from residents of Dales View Park, on Higher Lane, the Committee had tried to get the local Town Bus Service run by Pilkington to stop there. However, their buses were too long and had got stuck on the gradient off the Lane. LCC had recently added to its fleet of mini buses for school drop-off and collections. In between time they were available for the Dial-a-Bus Service.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to consider providing a Dial-a-Bus service to Dales View Park.

REASON

To improve public transport for residents of Dales View Park.

(f) Cadent works at Alpha Street/Park Avenue, Salterforth

Members reported that contractors for Cadent had done a poor job when renewing the gas mains at Klondike. Under the New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991 certain standards should have been met, including notifying homeowners. Residents had complained that they had not been told about

the works and when the road was dug up it was backfilled with rubbish. A photo was circulated showing the reinstatement with tarmac stretching down the middle, but not the full width, of the street. Also, the upright 'kerb stones' had been broken or disposed of on Earby Road adjacent to the Alpha Street access.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to request Cadent to make good Alpha Street/Park Avenue by surfacing the full width of the road, and to replace the kerb stones that had been removed which protected the banking on Earby Road.

REASON

To provide an acceptable standard of quality of work and materials in accordance with the New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991.

(g) Parking on Kelbrook Road

Members had received several requests from residents in the flats on Kelbrook Road that too many parking spaces were being taken up by cars/vehicles that were for sale with a local garage. With most ground floor flat residents either disabled or elderly, it was felt that there should be priority parking for residents.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked if they could provide residents parking on Kelbrook Road or, if this was not possible, to provide disabled parking bays near the flats in this location.

REASON

To improve accessibility for elderly and disabled residents.

(h) LCC's review of in-house care services: their Evaluation Framework; and the future of Cravenside

Members discussed the threat to Favordale with LCC's closure plan, the wider review of in-house services and how this caused concern over the future of Cravenside. The emphasis on keeping people in their own homes for longer and view that the private sector was cheaper than council-run care homes was a worry. Cravenside was an important part of the Barnoldswick community. Many residents had members of their family in the home, which made it easier to visit. There was demand on the number of care home places locally. Cravenside was more affordable than a privately-run home would be.

RESOLVED

That when Pendle Council responded to LCC on the proposed closure of Favordale, that the concerns over Cravenside be included in the response.

REASON

To highlight concerns over the future of Cravenside.

(i) Health service provision in West Craven

There was a discussion about the lack of local health services in the area. Residents were struggling to get a GP appointment, even a telephone appointment. This was particularly difficult for people who were working. There would be increased pressure on current services when the new houses were built in Barnoldswick. Residents were having to travel out of town for simple treatments. The new NHS provision at Newtown was not being utilised.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be asked to take up the issue of health service provision in West Craven with the NHS again.

REASON

In the interests of public health.

(j) Flooding on A56 at Lancashire Ghyll, at Kelbrook, Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook and Earby Road, Salterforth

On 14th November there was a serious problem on the A56 at Lancashire Ghyll with water coming off the fields adding to the long-standing drainage problem on the blind bend. At Kelbrook there was a persistent problem with flooding by the garage. Runoff at Salterforth on Earby Road was causing flooding on the carriageway and mud was clogging up the road drains.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to deal with the underlying cause of the highway flooding at the above locations and, where highway flooding was inevitable, that consideration be given to installing warning lights on either side of the road to warn oncoming traffic.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(k) Blocked gulleys

Members highlighted blocked gulleys at several locations in the West Craven area which had come to light in the recent wet weather and needed attention.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to take appropriate action to unblock the gulleys at the following locations –

- Manchester Road at the top
- Manchester Road x 2 at Letcliffe
- South Avenue
- Greenberfield Lane
- Kelbrook Road missing water above the Higher Park bus stop
- Esp Lane, Pickles Hippings
- Back Denton/Federation Street
- Gisburn Road, opposite Banks Hill

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(l) Accessibility on pavements

Members highlighted several issues preventing or hampering access at several locations in West Craven.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager ask LCC to take appropriate action to improve the accessibility on pavements at the following locations –

- Bollards around the Conservative Club, Earby;
- York Street, gable of Beech Street (a big drop);
- Clifford Street (a dropped kerb at one side of the road but not the other);
- Wellhouse Road (old access) – a problem here with parked cars completely obstructing the pavement;
- Brook Street, Earby (uneven junction);
- Skipton Road, Barnoldswick opposite Crownest Road; and
- Missing pedestrian guardrails at Essex Street/Rainhall Road

REASON

In the interests of highway access and safety.

(m) Bus Stops

Members discussed recent accessibility improvements to bus stops carried out by LCC. Whilst investment in the bus service was welcomed, it was felt that the Parish and Town Councils should have commented on the plans as this would have fed into the decision-making process. For example a couple of bus shelters had been removed at Sough which were owned by the Parish Council, together with one owned by Barnoldswick Town Council.

RESOLVED

That LCC's Bus Teams be notified that the Committee –

- Welcomes the improvements but questions some of the decisions and wished that the Parish and Town Councils had been consulted;
- That new bus shelters be as good as or better than those being replaced;
- That larger shelters be provided at busy stops e.g. Coates Lane;
- That the pedestrian crossing point at Station Road be improved;
- That the surfacing on Station Road and at the junction of Skipton Road with Fernlea Avenue be straightened; and
- That the surface of the lay-by on Fernlea Avenue be haunched and hardened.

REASON

To further improve accessibility to bus stops and shelter at them for residents.

(n) Condition of car parks

Members reported a number of PBC car parks that were covered in leaves. The Clifford Street car park owned by Together Housing was in a poor state and needed sealing.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Assistant Director Operational Services be asked to arrange for leafsweeping at PBC car parks.
- (2) That Together Housing be recommended to seal their car park at Clifford Street before it fell apart.

REASON

To provide good quality car parks for residents.

(0) Street Lighting issues

Members highlighted issues with street lights at various locations in West Craven.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to request LCC to take appropriate action to ensure lighting was working at the following locations –

Back Cavendish Street/Sackville Street
Hardy Avenue
Coates Avenue (which was too bright)
Low Moor Lane/Essie Street

REASON

In the interests of public and highway safety.

(p) Northern Powergrid services

Last year Members had highlighted a feeder pillar on Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick which wasn't working which was needed for the Christmas lights on the block of shops on Gisburn Road. It had not been repaired and so there was now the same issue this year. There was also another repair needed at Valley Gardens.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to contact Northern Powergrid to try to get repairs carried out on Gisburn Road and Valley Gardens in Barnoldswick.

REASON

To improve lighting in the Town Centre.

(q) Winter gritting

Members reported sheets of ice when the temperature dropped in November at Moorgate Road and at the bottom of Hill Street junction with Bank Street in Barnoldswick.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to report the icy conditions on Moorgate Road and at the bottom of Hill Street junction with Bank Street in Barnoldswick due to the steep, untreated pavement and ask what intentions LCC had with refilling grit bins this winter.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(r) Pedestrian access on Greenberfield Lane, Barnoldswick

Members referred to the problem with outstanding works for pedestrian access on Greenberfield Lane. This was discussed earlier in the meeting under Enforcement Action - see Minute No. 111(2).

115. 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.

116. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcements. It was noted that a meeting was to be held with residents in the New Year regarding the first case on the list. A Breach of Condition Notice had been served in respect of the 4th case and the deadline for works had been given as mid-February 2026. The progress with the planting scheme for the 6th case was welcomed. The 7th case looked to be a duplication of the 3rd case.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the progress outlined in the report be noted.
- (2) That following compliance, the Enforcement Officer be asked to remove the 6th case from the list.

REASON

To keep up to date with outstanding enforcements.

Chair.....