



MEETING OF THE WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE

Members: Councillors Chris Church, Bryony Hartley, David Hartley, Susan Land, David Whipp (Chair) and Lola Whipp

TO BE HELD ON

**TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2026
6.30P.M. AT
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK**

The meeting will commence with **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**. Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions of the Committee.

If the item is a planning application then you must make your request **in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting**.

Members of the public may also speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest. Petitions may also be presented.

For other items you should try to make your request **in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting**. If you are unable to do this the Chairman may still allow you to speak if you turn up at the meeting.

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A G E N D A

PART I – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

1. Declaration of Interests

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

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which they have in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

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

2. Public Question Time

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Enc. To approve or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2025.

4. Police Matters and Community Safety Issues

The Police have been invited to the meeting to discuss the latest crime statistics for December (**TO FOLLOW**). There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to raise police matters and community safety issues.

PLANNING MATTERS

5. Planning Applications

(a) Planning applications for determination

Enc. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report on the following planning applications for determination –

Application No.	Proposal and Location	Recommendation	Page No.
25/0748/FUL	Full: Formation of an agricultural track at Thornton Hall Farm, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick	Refuse	2

(b) Appeals

Following the update given at the last meeting, the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reports that as at 18th December there are no outstanding planning appeals.

6. Enforcement Action

Enc. The Head of Legal Services submits the attached report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action for information.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

7. Area Committee Budget 2025/26

The Head of Property & Engineering reports that the balance for the Committee's Area Budget for 2025/26 is £24,494.52.

Allocation for 2025/26	£31,490
Credit for litter and dog waste bins	£1,395
Effective Total Allocation for 2025/26	£32,885

Current balances:

Area	2025/26 Allocation	Allocated to date	Allocation/credit remaining
Barnoldswick	£16,059.90	£5,500.00	£10,559.90
Earby	£7,715.05	£2,890.48	£4,824.57
Coates	£4,156.68	£0.00	£4,156.68
Kelbrook & Sough	£1,826.42	£0.00	£1,826.42
Salterforth	£1,731.95	£0.00	£1,731.95
Credit (litter & dog waste bins)	£1,395.00	£0.00	£1,395.00
Total	£32,885.00	£8,390.48	£24,494.52

Enc. Members are asked to consider the attached bid from Dales View Park Residents Association seeking £850 towards the provision of a community defibrillator.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

8. Salterforth Village Car Park

On 26th November officers from the Property Services Team attended a meeting with representatives from Salterforth Parish Council to discuss the future ownership of the village car park.

The background to the current ownership of the car park by PBC was that the developer of the housing estate, Seddons, had surrendered the land so that there could be a village car park rather than building more houses. PBC took initial responsibility for the car park, the intention being that the Parish Council would take ownership. However, the transfer to the Parish Council was not progressed and had been left in abeyance.

The outcome of the November meeting was that Salterforth Parish Council felt that they no longer had the resources to take ownership and responsibility for the car park. It was pointed out that PBC ownership was only supposed to be temporary and that there was no budget for future responsibilities.

9. Bus Issues

(a) Dial-a Ride Service to Dales View Park

At the last meeting Members discussed the difficulties with getting the Pilkington town bus service extended to Dales View Park. Members **RESOLVED** That LCC be asked to consider providing a Dial-a-Ride service to Dales View Park.

LCC acknowledge the inconvenience being experienced by residents of Dales View Park but say it is not possible to fund every public transport aspiration. They confirm that it is not possible to extend the Town bus service to Dales View Park due to the entrance layout. There is no scope within the current tendered bus service network to serve Dales View Park.

However, LCC does financially support Community Transport Services across the county to assist residents in accessing local amenities. LCC's Area Accessible Transport Services Manager is going to enquire if one of their Dial-a-Ride minibuses (accommodating up to 12 people) could visit Dales View Park once a week. It would be a weekday service and could be for a trip to an agreed destination e.g. a supermarket or Boundary Mill, somewhere residents all want to go for a couple of hours. The charge would be £4 a trip, and they would need a minimum of 4 people on each outing.

(b) Bus Stop Issues

Enc. Attached is an update from LCC on some of the bus stop issues raised at the last meeting.

10. Pride in Place Impact Fund

The Pride in Place Impact Fund is a new £1.5m programme of central government funding allocated to Pendle for use on capital projects in 2025/26 and 2026/27. At the

Executive meeting on 17th December it was agreed to allocate funding of £339,327 for projects in Barnoldswick and £137,101 for projects in Earby.

Members are asked to consider possible projects in West Craven that could deliver and spend by 31st March 2027. Eligible activities must fall within one of three objectives -

- Spaces – The focus of this objective is buildings and indoor spaces. Creating, extending, improving or refurbishing existing community facilities and enabling community organisations to take control or ownership of underused but valued local assets.
- Public spaces – The focus of this objective is outdoor recreation spaces. Enhancing the physical environment in public spaces e.g. new or improved green spaces or public squares, improved outdoor play, sports and leisure spaces, installing street furniture, public art or wayfinding.
- High streets & town centre revitalisation – The focus of this objective is regenerating high streets and local shopping areas. Making these areas more attractive and welcoming places where people congregate and which encourage economic activity e.g. shop frontage improvements, adaptations that bring premises back into use, streetscape improvements, public art, trails and wayfinding, and creating or improving the infrastructure for regular markets.

11. Items for Discussion

Councillors have requested that the following items are discussed: –

- a) Long Ing Lane/Rainhall Road – heavy traffic and parking issues caused by the large wagons going to the Seddon site at Long Ing.
- b) Retail provision on Coates Estate - to consider difficulties for local residents following the closure of the local shop.
- c) Broadband 'not spots'- to consider areas which haven't been connected to fibre networks.
- d) Northolme Community Centre - to consider residents' requests that the community centre be reopened.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it would like a report to come to a future meeting or, where applicable, the matter be referred to an appropriate body.

12. Exclusion of the Public and Press

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during the next following item of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

13. Outstanding Enforcements

Enc. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven.

14. Problem Sites

Enc. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report on problem sites in West Craven.