



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 3RD MARCH 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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If you would like this information in a way which is better for you, please telephone us.



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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے۔

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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 3rd February 2026.

4. Police Matters and Community Safety Issues

The Police have been invited to the meeting to discuss the latest crime statistics for February (**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.
25/0813/FUL	Full: Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated vehicular access, infrastructure, siting of a temporary	Approve	2

caravan, and the provision of 3 no. parking spaces at Land to The North of The Stables, Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook

(b) Appeals

Enc. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report on 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 and Engineering reports that the current balance on the Area Committee’s Budget is 23,644.52.

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	£850.00	£881.95
Credit (litter & dog waste bins)	£1,395.00	£0.00	£1,395.00
Total	£32,885.00	£9,240.48	£23,644.52

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

8. Northolme Community Centre

Following the request at the 6th January meeting, the Chair has discussed the possibility of reopening Northolme Community Centre with David Motley at Together Housing.

He confirmed that Together Housing would like to see this building brought back into use as a community asset for residents. A small amount of capital expenditure would be needed to bring it back into full usage, and they are open to discussions on this.

It would require a community group to take over the management of the building, who would need to be able to find funding for the running of the building, under a lease arrangement. They are open to working with partners to try and find a solution.

9. Salterforth Village Car Park

Following the request at the 6th January meeting the Head of Property and Engineering and the Chair of this Committee met members of Salterforth Parish Council on 5th February to discuss the future ownership of the village car park. The Parish Council are to discuss this further at their next meeting on 25th February. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

10. Dial-a-Ride Bus Service

Following the request at the last meeting LCC's Area Accessible Transport Services Manager has agreed that one of their drivers with a Dial-a-Ride vehicle will meet residents/Councillors on site at 11.30a.m. on 27th February, to see whether providing a weekly bus service is possible.

11. Naming of rear of Barnoldswick Town Square

Enc. At previous meetings of this Committee, it has been noted that LCC refer to an unnamed street at the back of Barnoldswick Town Square as Albert Square. The Council have statutory functions for the naming of streets within the Borough and Members feel that to avoid any confusion a decision on the name should be made by ward councillors.

12. Pride in Place Impact Fund

To consider an update on the Pride in Place Impact Fund programme.

13. Items for Discussion

Councillors have requested that the following items are discussed: –

- a) To consider an update on repairs to Barnoldswick's sewer following the sewage spill last year;
- b) Poor condition of a section of lane leading to the overflow car park at Ghyll Cemetery;
- c) Condition of Harper Street, Barnoldswick;
- d) Damaged Openreach manhole lid, Rainhall Road, Barnoldswick;
- e) Drainage issues on Stoney Bank Road, Earby; and
- f) LCC's Highway Safety Inspection Policy and dangerous defects.

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.

14. Outstanding items

- a) Former school playing field off Clifford Street, Barnoldswick – requested site visit with LCC.

15. 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

16. Outstanding Enforcements

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

17. Empty Homes

Enc. The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submits the attached report on empty homes in West Craven.

18. Problem Sites

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