



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 31ST MARCH 2026
6.30P.M. AT
NEW ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, EARBY

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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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 March 2026.

4. Police Matters and Community Safety Issues

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

There have been recent reports of anti-social behaviour in Barnoldswick Town Centre - children pulling plants out of planters and throwing them at passing cars, and a bus stop confrontation between a driver and a young male who had been seen hanging off the back of the bus. Both incidents have been reported to the Police Neighbourhood Team.

Reports of anti-social behaviour on Wentcliffe Drive in Earby have also been raised with the Police.

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.
25/0732/FUL	Full (Major): Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992 - Regulation 3 - Change of use of field and associated works to form an extension to existing cemetery at Ghyll Cemetery, Ghyll Lane, Barnoldswick	Delegate Grant Consent	2
25/0811/FUL	Full (Major): Erection of an agricultural building at Greenberfield Farm, Greenberfield Lane, Barnoldswick	Delegate Grant Consent	10
26/0117/PIP	Permission in Principle: Erection of 2 No. dwellings at land to the Southeast of 26 to 28 Barnwood Road, Earby	Approve	15

(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

Enc. The Head of Property and Engineering submits the attached report on the Area Committee Budget for 2025/26.

8. Pride in Place Impact Fund

To consider the Pride in Place Impact Fund programme in West Craven following the decisions of the Executive on 19th March. A list of the schemes considered and approved are **TO FOLLOW**

9. Legacy Fund

At Special Budget Council on 2nd March Members agreed a £500k Legacy Fund to provide funding for one off legacy projects across the Borough. On 19th March the Executive agreed to grant £250k to the Area Committees based on their electorate and £250k to Town and Parish Councils, with allocations based on a de minimis

allocation of £2k each, with the balance being shared based on the electorate. The following schedule of allocations was agreed for West Craven –

Area Committee

West Craven Committee £48,090

Town/Parish Council

Barnoldswick	£28,300
Earby	£12,200
Kelbrook and Sough	£4,500
Salterforth	£4,300

It is up to Area Committees and Parish/Town Councils to determine how they spend their allocation of the Legacy Fund.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

10. Victory Park, Footpath issues

Two locations are being considered as options for a new pump-track in Barnoldswick - one adjacent to the park's rugby pitch, the other at the northern end of the park, off Greenberfield Lane. The second of these options is crossed by a PROW, footpath 1301006.

Members are asked to consider options for diverting the footpath in order for the development to be carried out.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11. Northolme Community Centre

At the last meeting Members asked for information on the options for having a co-operative model for managing Northolme Community Centre and that discussions be held with interested residents.

The Policy Team advise that a community group can set up a co-operative. However, it would be a significant piece of work for any group to undertake. If a community group did want to explore this route, the typical steps would be:

1. Research and Planning - Understand what type of co-operative you want to create and develop a clear business plan covering your aims, market, and proposed activities.
2. Engage Members - Start conversations with potential members and stakeholders to build interest and support.
3. Choose the Legal Structure - Decide whether you want to register as a co-operative society, community benefit society, or another appropriate model, and ensure you meet the legal requirements.
4. Register the Co-operative - Formally register the organisation with the relevant authorities.
5. Access Support and Resources - Look into available support such as start-up guidance, business banking, and potential funding streams to help get the co-operative off the ground.

For more detailed guidance, Co-operatives UK has a helpful step by step resource: [Start a new co-op | Co-operatives UK](#)

12. Items for Discussion

Councillors have requested that the following items are discussed: –

- a) Residents' requests for grit bins;
- b) Water supply problems in Earby;
- c) Joint supply pipe issues, Shuttleworth Street, Earby;
- d) Storing of material or waste on Sackville Street, Barnoldswick;
- e) Earby Wentcliffe Beck Flood Alleviation Scheme;
- f) Robinson Fold exceedance channel, Barnoldswick;
- g) Street light at Low Moor Lane/back James Street, Barnoldswick;
- h) Problems with Northern Powergrid supplies, including continued lengthy delays with connections for street lights and the surge affecting digital controls in Barnoldswick; and
- i) Lancashire County Council's Highways Capital Programmes.

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.

13. Outstanding items

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

14. 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

15. Outstanding Enforcements

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

16. Empty Homes

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