

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT NEW ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, EARBY
ON 31ST MARCH 2026**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. M. Whipp (Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

J. Spencer, Barnoldswick Town Council

Officers

*D. Walker
L. Barnes
J. Eccles*

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

(Apologies for absence were given by H. Wright, Co-optee for Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council.)



165.

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.

The following persons declared an Other Registrable Interest in the item indicated for the reason stated -

Councillor D. Whipp	Enforcement Action	County Councillor	Minute No.170
Councillor C. Church Councillor D. Whipp Councillor L. Whipp	Area Committee Budget 2025/26	Barnoldswick Town Councillor	Minute No. 171
Councillor C. Church Councillor D. Whipp Councillor L. Whipp	Pride in Place Impact Fund	Barnoldswick Town Councillor	Minute No. 172
Councillor C. Church Councillor D. Whipp Councillor L. Whipp	Victory Park, Footpath issues	Barnoldswick Town Councillor	Minute No. 174
Councillor D. Whipp	Residents' requests for grit bins	County Councillor	Minute No.176(a)
Councillor D. Whipp	Street light at Low Moor Lane/back James Street, Barnoldswick	County Councillor	Minute No. 176(g)

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Councillor C. Church Councillor D. Whipp Councillor L. Whipp	Problems with Northern Powergrid supplies, including continued lengthy delays with connections for street lights and the surge affecting digital controls in Barnoldswick	Barnoldswick Town Council	Minute No. 176(h)
Councillor D. Whipp	Lancashire County Council's Highways Capital Programmes	County Councillor	Minute No. 176(i)
Councillor D. Whipp	Outstanding items – Former school playing field off Clifford Street, Barnoldswick	County Councillor	Minute No. 177

166. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

167. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2026, be approved as a correct record.

168. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime figures for West Craven for March 2026 were not yet available. A Police representative was not able to attend the meeting. However, the Chair had been in touch with the Community Beat Manager about the recent anti-social behaviour in Barnoldswick Town Centre and had been informed that several youths were being invited for interview by the Police. He had also given an update on the logs reported to the Police on anti-social behaviour on Wentcliffe Drive, Earby. Together Housing had taken up this issue which was linked to previous reports in 2025.

The Chair said that the Police were rolling out a multi-agency approach to deal with anti-social behaviour. Previously, this had been a useful tactic in addressing behaviours and Members were hopeful that it would bring results.

With regards to community safety issues, several residents had contacted Members about the flags on streetlights and poles in their area which they saw as a sign of intimidation and that some people were not welcome. Members agreed. They also looked unsightly and did not contribute to civic or national pride.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Lancashire County Council (LCC) be asked if they would remove the St. George flags from streetlights around the borough and, in the event that they refuse, the Executive be asked to consider what action, if any, PBC could take to remove them.
- (2) That the Police be asked to deal with the escalation of anti-social behaviour in Barnoldswick Town Centre effectively and ensure continued consistent and concerted action.

- (3) That the Police be asked how residents could report incidents safely, if they were afraid of their names being made public.

169. 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 –

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 for Pendle Borough Council

(A site visit was undertaken prior to the meeting.)

A planning update had been circulated prior to the meeting reporting comments from LCC Highways. They were satisfied that the submitted amended parking plan was suitable to accommodate demand. They had no objections to the application subject to construction management and car parking conditions.

Consultee comments were awaited from the Environment Agency on the Groundwater Risk Assessment and additional publicity had been carried out to ensure the golf club were notified of the development. They had until 14th April to comment.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services Manager, in consultation with the Chair, be delegated authority to grant planning permission subject to –

- agreement of a further revised, more effective layout for the cemetery and car park;
 - no objections from the Environment Agency;
 - a condition stating that within 2 months of the commencement of development a scheme for the surfacing of Ghyll Lane, including the extent and timing of works, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and resurfacing shall be complete prior to the first use of the cemetery;
 - a revised condition that the landscaping plan be agreed by the Local Planning Authority not the one submitted, so that it can be improved;
 - consideration of any further comments received within the extended publicity period; and
 - the following conditions amended to take account of the above requirements.
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. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: CDS-C1026-P02-L-001 Rev 001, CDS-C1026-P02-L-004 Rev 004, CDS-C1026-P02-L-006, CDS-C1026-P02-L-007, CDS-C1026-PO2-L-010 Rev 001.

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

3. The development shall be carried out and operated in strict accordance with the recommendations of the Tier 3 Groundwater Risk Assessment.

Reason: In order to mitigate the risk of pollution of the water environment and mitigate risks of land instability.

4. The submitted landscaping scheme (Drawing Nos. CDS-C1026-P02-L-004 Rev 004 & CDS-C1026-P02-L-006) shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the commencement of the use 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 and that felled trees are adequately replaced.

5. Prior to the installation of any external lighting, details of the external lighting shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include the positioning, direction and luminance and hours of illumination of the external lighting. The external lighting shall be installed, operated and maintained only in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity and to preserve the habitat of protected species.

6. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a construction method statement has been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:

- i) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors
- ii) The loading and unloading of plant and materials
- iii) The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- iv) The erection and maintenance of security hoarding
- v) Wheel washing facilities
- vi) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction
- vii) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works
- viii) Details of working hours
- ix) Routing of delivery vehicles to/from site

Reason: To mitigate the impact of the construction traffic on the highway network and in the interest of residential amenity.

7. Prior to first use of the approved development the works to the car park to the west of the existing cemetery shall be completed in accordance with the approved plan Drawing CDS-C1026-PO2-L-010 Rev 001 dated 19.3.26.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to ensure that a satisfactory level of car parking is provided.

8. Multiple burial or interment ceremonies shall not occur at the same time.

Reason: To avoid overspill parking on the access road in the interest of highway safety.

Biodiversity Net Gain Condition:

1. The development may not be begun unless—

- (i) a biodiversity gain plan has been submitted to the planning authority and
- (ii) the planning authority has approved the plan

Phase plan

(b) the first and each subsequent phase of development may not be begun unless—

- (i) a biodiversity gain plan for that phase has been submitted to the planning authority and
- (ii) the planning authority has approved that plan

Reason: In order to fulfil the obligations for Biodiversity Net Gain, in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Schedule 14

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 in all relevant regards. 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.

25/0811/FUL Full (Major): Erection of an agricultural building at Greenberfield Farm, Greenberfield Lane, Barnoldswick for William Hartley

A planning update had been circulated prior to the meeting reporting receipt of an updated drainage report along with a soil percolation test. This had been reviewed by the Lead Local Flood Authority who had withdrawn their objection. They had recommended conditions, which could be attached to the decision notice.

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. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan GFF-R00-EX-101, Proposed Site Plan GFF-R00-PR-103, Proposed Roof Plan and Elevation Plans GFF-R00-PR-102.

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

3. All the external materials of the development hereby permitted shall be as stated on the approved plans, planning statement and application form, there shall be no variation without the prior consent 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. No part of the development commence unless and until a Planning Obligation pursuant to section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (or any subsequent provision equivalent to that section) has been made with the Local Planning Authority unless otherwise agreed in writing. The said obligation shall provide for monitoring of Biodiversity Net Gain over a 30 year period.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development makes provision to enhance biodiversity on the site and that this can be monitored for a period no less than 30 years following completion of the development.

5. No development shall commence in any phase until a detailed and final Surface Water Sustainable Drainage Strategy for the site has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority.

The strategy shall be based on the indicative Surface Water Sustainable Drainage Strategy and shall demonstrate compliance with the principles and requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance, and the latest published version of the National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (or any successor Standards in force at the time of submission). It shall also demonstrate how sustainable drainage system features have been designed to deliver multifunctional benefits in relation to water quality, amenity, and biodiversity.

Surface water and foul water drainage shall be drained on separate systems. No surface water runoff from the development shall be discharged to a foul sewer(s), either directly or indirectly.

The submitted strategy shall include, as a minimum:

- a) Sustainable drainage calculations for peak flow control and volume control for the following events:
 - i. The 100% (1 in 1-year) annual exceedance probability event
 - ii. The 3.3% (1 in 30-year) annual exceedance probability event, including a 40% climate change allowance
 - iii. The 1% (1 in 100-year) annual exceedance probability event, including a 50% climate change allowance Calculations must cover the entire development area, including all existing and proposed surface water drainage systems up to and including the final discharge location(s).
- b) Final sustainable drainage plans, appropriately labelled to include:
 - i. Site plans showing all permeable and impermeable areas contributing to the surface water drainage network, either directly or indirectly, including the entire development area and any off-site flows where relevant.
 - ii. Drainage layout plans showing all pipe and structure references, dimensions, and design levels, including all existing and proposed surface water drainage systems up to and including the final discharge location.
 - iii. Details of all sustainable drainage features, including landscape drawings showing topography and slope gradients.

iv. Site plans showing modelled flood water depths, volumes and exceedance flow routes and flow velocities for rainfall events exceeding the 1% (1 in 100-year) annual exceedance probability event, or due to a blockage. The strategy shall demonstrate that flood risk is not increased on-site or elsewhere, informed by a blockage assessment for all flow controls.

Finished Floor Levels (FFL) in AOD with adjacent ground levels for all sides of each building and connecting cover levels. The strategy shall confirm that FFLs have been set to provide a minimum 150mm freeboard above adjacent ground levels.

- c) Evidence of an assessment of the site conditions. This should include geotechnical investigations and seasonal monitoring, to confirm test locations, infiltration rates and groundwater levels, carried out in accordance with Digest 365 Soakaway Design (Building Research Establishment).
- d) Evidence of a Construction Surface Water Management, which demonstrates how surface water will be managed onsite during the construction phase, as well as any pollution prevention measures.
- e) Evidence of site-specific Operation and Maintenance Plan for the lifetime of the development.
The sustainable drainage strategy shall be fully implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory sustainable drainage facilities are provided in accordance with Paragraphs 181 and 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance and the National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems.

BNG Condition

1. The development may not be begun unless—

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- (ii) the planning authority has approved the plan

Phase plan

(b) the first and each subsequent phase of development may not be begun unless—

- (i) a biodiversity gain plan for that phase has been submitted to the planning authority and
- (ii) the planning authority has approved that plan

Reason: In order to fulfil the obligations for Biodiversity Net Gain, in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Schedule 14.

26/0117/PIP *Permission in Principle: Erection of 2 No. dwellings at land to the Southeast of 26 to 28 Barnwood Road, Earby for Mrs M. Casey*

RESOLVED

That permission in principle be **approved** as follows -

INFORMATIVE

The site would be accessed via a private, single-track lane to the rear of Barnwood Road leading to Moor Hall Farm, and over which Public Footpath ref 13-05-015 Earby passes. The applicant

should take legal advice to ensure that they have vehicular access rights over this private lane and Public Right of Way. It should not be assumed that automatic vehicular access rights exist.

Any TDC application should ensure that accurate ownership certificate is submitted and that necessary notices has been served to owners. Evidence of notice served may be requested at application stage.

As part of a technical details application the following information should be provided: - Plans, including location plan, site plan with parking and refuse bin store, access visibility splay plan, elevations and floor plans

- Planning Statement
- Design and Access Statement
- Foul and Surface Water Drainage Scheme
- Landscaping Scheme with native species
- Ecology/Habitat Surveys
- Arboricultural survey
- A Construction Method Statement including a Construction Traffic Management Plan
- BNG metric and baseline survey/BNG justification if exempt

(b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals. Since the report was published it was noted that the following appeal had been allowed.

24/0800/CND

25/0040/AP/REFUSE

Appeal against refusal of approval of details reserved by condition for discharge Condition 5 (Future Management and Maintenance of public open spaces and pedestrian/cycle link between the estate and Coates Lane) and Condition 6 (Internal pedestrian and cycle link between the estate and Coates Lane) of Planning Permission 23/0067/REM at Development Site to the west of Meadow Way, Skipton Road, Barnoldswick, BB18 by Tabley Homes (Barnoldswick) Ltd.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to look into the possibility of challenging the Inspector's decision to allow the appeal in view of it not being physically possible for the developer to discharge the condition to create the pedestrian link between the estate and Coates Lane pavement.

170.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Legal Services Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action. At the Wardle Storeys developments in Earby the EA had acknowledged receipt of the developer's application for bridge permits. A decision was usually given within 2 months so no further progress was expected within this timescale.

It was noted that in respect of Land at the junction with Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road, Barnoldswick the breach of condition case had been to court on several occasions with various fines being awarded to the company and company director, most recently on 25th February. There

was also a lack of progress with the condition requiring alteration to the perimeter fence at this site in accordance with the approved plan.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Legal Services Manager and Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to look into the possibility of taking any alternative or additional action against the company and/or company director of the Greenberfield Lane development to progress the discharge of condition to construct the pedestrian crossing point on Gisburn Road, pedestrian footways and associated work along with the secure cycle storage.
- (2) That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to liaise with LCC Highways on their position regarding the discharge of conditions at Greenberfield Lane, Gisburn Road and report back to the next meeting.

171. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025/26

The Legal Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Area Committee Budget for 2025/26. It was noted that the maximum amount the Committee could carry forward to 2026/27 was £31,490 – the equivalent of one year's budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted. In particular, that the schemes listed in appendices 1-5 had agreed funding to date; electorate area allocations were shown on separate tables under Appendices 1-5; and there was a credit of £1,395 for litter and dog waste bins at Appendix 6.
- (2) That the balance of the 2025/26 Area Committee Budget be allocated to Pride in Place Impact Fund projects as follows –

£5,156 to the Heritage Trail project; and
£360 to the Pump-Track project from the Barnoldswick allocation.
£3,750 to the Wheel Park project; and
£405 to the Pump-Track from the Coates allocation.
£882 to Salterforth War Memorial work from the Salterforth allocation.
£1,540 to Earby Memorial Park changing rooms; and
£286 to Earby Memorial Park toilets from the Kelbrook and Sough allocation.
£1,816 to Earby Memorial Park toilets from the Earby allocation.
- (3) That the following amounts be allocated from the 2026/27 Area Committee Budget for Pride in Place Impact Fund projects as follows -

£6,000 to the Letcliffe Park Sculpture Trail; and
£10,000 to Town Square performance space from the Barnoldswick allocation.
£3,750 to Town Square performance space; and
£405 for Pump-Track from the Coates allocation.
£418 to Salterforth War Memorial from the Salterforth allocation.
£574 to Earby Memorial Park Toilets from the Kelbrook and Sough allocation.
£574 to Earby Memorial Park Toilets; and £175 for drainage work from the Earby allocation.

(4) That £161 be deallocated from scheme 49 (footpath to Church School) for the Pump-Track.

REASON

- 1. To enable the Area Committee Budget to be allocated efficiently and effectively.**
- 2. To support Pride in Place Impact Fund projects.**

172. PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND

Members discussed the Pride in Place Impact Fund programme in West Craven following the decisions of the Executive on 19th March. A scored schedule had been circulated prior to the meeting showing approved projects in West Craven, both fully approved and those subject to receipt of second tranche of Government funding, together with a list of schemes not accepted for the programme.

It was reported that Earby Town Council were reconsidering the projects they had put forward for the programme.

RESOLVED

That PBC officers be authorised and instructed to progress any design, preparatory work, planning applications and any other regulatory requirements necessary to take forward the Pride in Place Impact Fund projects in West Craven, noting that implementation of the lower priority projects was subject to the receipt of the second half of Government funding which was expected in the next 4 weeks.

REASON

To ensure the Pride in Place Impact Fund projects in West Craven are able to be delivered by 31st March 2027 with the relevant approvals in place.

173. 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 sum for this Committee was £48,090 and the electorate was as follows - Barnoldswick 63.7%; Earby 24.8%; Kelbrook and Sough 6%; and Salterforth 5.5%.

RESOLVED

(1) That the Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund be earmarked for projects as follows –

Earby £12,000
Kelbrook and Sough £3,000
Salterforth £3,000
Barnoldswick £30,090

(2) That £7,000 from the Earby allocation go towards the creation of a pump track on PBC owned land off Bailey Street, Earby; Barnfield Construction be approached to see if they would be willing to participate in the scheme; that the Executive be asked to agree for the

Council owned land to be used as a pump track; Planning Officers progress the necessary application for the scheme; and match funding be sought.

- (3) That the remaining £5,000 from the Earby allocation be earmarked for seed funding to enable the group of residents wanting to form a co-operative and reopen Northolme Community Centre to seek professional advice as necessary (see Minute No 175 below).
- (4) That the possibility of building a bridge across the canal linking Whitworth Way, Barnoldswick, to the canal tow path (getting on at Banks Bridge and off at Coates Bridge through Rolls Royce land) be explored, and a report come back to the next meeting on feasibility and costs.

REASON

To determine the best use of funds available from the Legacy Fund for West Craven.

174. VICTORY PARK FOOTPATH ISSUES

Members noted that two locations were 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 was crossed by a PROW, footpath 1301006.

The Countryside Access Officer had looked at and commented on the options for diverting the footpath to enable the development to be carried out and suggested that if the second location was chosen, that the application to divert the footpath be submitted alongside the planning application, which was noted.

175. NORTHOLME COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the last meeting Members requested information on the options for having a co-operative model for residents wanting to re-open and manage Northolme Community Centre on a lease from Together Housing. Members noted the information provided on the steps a community group would normally take to set up a co-operative and the guidance available from Co-operatives UK. The Trawden Community Centre, Library and Shop was highlighted as a good example of a similar enterprise being run on this basis. Councillors agreed that further discussions were needed with residents before they embarked on this journey.

RESOLVED

That discussions continue with residents on the potential for setting up a co-operative to manage Northolme Community Centre and the £5,000 seed fund earmarked from the Legacy Fund (Min No. 173) be welcomed and progress be reported back to a future meeting.

REASON

To help bring a community asset back into use.

176. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) **Residents' requests for grit bins**

Members discussed the need for grit bins in several locations in West Craven, including York Fields, Barnoldswick (which used to have a grit bin), and Quernmore Drive, Kelbrook. Members agreed to let the Committee Administrator know of any more locations by 13th April.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to re-establish the grit bin at York Fields, Barnoldswick, and provide grit bins at Quernmore Drive, Kelbrook and any more locations suggested by Members by 13th April.

REASON

So that grit bins could be provided where most needed in time for the icy weather in the winter months.

(b) Water supply problems in Earby

Residents had complained for some time about the lack of water pressure at Stoney Bank Road and Wentcliffe Drive in Earby.

RESOLVED

That Yorkshire Water be asked to investigate the problem with the lack of water pressure at Stoney Bank Road and Wentcliffe Drive, Earby and their response be reported back in due course.

REASON

To improve the water pressure for local residents.

(c) Joint supply pipe issues, Shuttleworth Street, Earby

There was an issue on Shuttleworth Street, Earby with residents sharing responsibility for their joint supply pipe up to the boundary with Yorkshire Water's (YW) main supply pipe. Members understood that YW used to have a replacement programme to help residents replace joint supply pipes with an individual one.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Yorkshire Water be asked if they still had a replacement programme for residents wanting to replace joint supply pipes with individual ones and if so, whether the residents of Shuttleworth Street, Earby would be able to apply to have their joint supply pipe replaced with individual supply pipes.
- (2) That the Council's Environmental Health Team be asked how they could support Pendle residents who had a joint supply pipe.

REASON

To support local residents.

(d) Storing of material or waste on Sackville Street, Barnoldswick

There was an ongoing issue with a resident storing material and waste at the gable end of Sackville Street, Barnoldswick. This was an eyesore for local residents. It was understood that

the Community Safety Officer would be contacting the resident advising them to remove the waste and tidy the area and, if need be, this would be enforced through a Community Protection Order.

RESOLVED

That the Community Safety Officer be asked to take appropriate action to tackle the large amount of material at a property on Sackville Street, Barnoldswick and for an update to come back to Committee in due course.

REASON

In the interests of residential amenity.

(e) Earby Wentcliffe Beck Flood Alleviation Scheme

On 7th October Members received a report on the next phase of the Earby Wentcliffe Beck Flood Alleviation Scheme options being looked at including natural flood management in the upper catchment, the creation of an online storage facility above the Waterfalls playground and enhanced property resilience.

RESOLVED

That a report be submitted to the next meeting with an update on the Earby Wentcliffe Beck Flood Alleviation Scheme and whether the initial allocation of £400,000 from the Environment Agency should be used to devise a scheme around that amount or it be used as a starter fund for a larger scheme.

REASON

To alleviate flooding in Earby.

(f) Robinson Fold exceedance channel, Barnoldswick

Residents regularly complained about the exceedance channel at Robinson Fold becoming blocked with debris. Members discussed whether anything could be done to improve the situation. It was suggested that creating a micro park upstream might help to keep the culvert entrances free of debris.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to report back on whether there was anything that could be done to improve the flow through the exceedance channel at Robinson Fold and whether a micro park upstream could help.

REASON

To prevent flooding in the area.

(g) Streetlight at Low Moor Lane/back James Street, Barnoldswick

LCC had previously assured Members that a streetlight knocked down on Low Moor Lane/back James Street would be put back up. However, it was understood that now the necessary works would not be carried out.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to request LCC to replace the missing streetlight on Low Moor Lane because of the number of elderly people in the area using this road who were at risk of tripping up in the dark.

REASON

In the interests of public health and safety.

(h) Problems with Northern Powergrid supplies, including continued lengthy delays with connections for streetlights and the surge affecting digital controls in Barnoldswick

Five streetlights had been out throughout winter on Avon Drive. When Northern Powergrid was repairing the streetlights they replaced a fuse in the main sub-station which then knocked out digital controls in Barnoldswick including the pump in Victory Park pavilion and people's central heating controls.

RESOLVED

That Northern Powergrid be asked to compensate businesses/individuals for the impact caused by the lack of power caused by the surge affecting digital controls in Barnoldswick, and that the company be asked to respond in a more timely manner to defective supplies to streetlights.

REASON

In the interests of residents and local businesses affected by the outage.

(i) LCC's Highways Capital Programmes

Members expressed disappointment that there were no resurfacing schemes in the West Craven area in LCC's Highways Capital Programmes for 2026/27. The nearest one was in Foulridge. Members agreed to let the Committee Administrator know of any more locations that needed to be included by 13th April.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to include repairs/resurfacing of the following streets in their 2026/27 Capital Programmes – Harper Street, Meadow Way, Valley Drive, Park Road, Moorgate Road and Arthur Street in Barnoldswick, Arthur Street in Sough, George Street in Earby and any others put forward by members by 13th April.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

177.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was noted that the following item was outstanding -

a) Former school playing field off Clifford Street, Barnoldswick.

Members of the Committee had been invited to a site visit in May along with PBC and LCC officers to discuss this and related issues and a report would come back to a future meeting.

178. 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.

179. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcements.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to provide a substantive report on the first case to the next meeting.

180. EMPTY HOMES

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submitted a report on empty homes which was noted.

Chair.....