

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 1ST APRIL 2026**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)

Councillors

A. Bell
S. Cockburn-Price
D. Lord
R. O'Connor
K. Salter
A. Sutcliffe

Co-optees

M. Thomas (Colne Town Council)
A. Hustwit (Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council)
S. Smith (Colne BID)

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Atkinson and N. Butterworth.)

Officers in attendance

Neil Watson *Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services*
Lynne Rowland *Committee Administrator*

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The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated -

E. Lane *Keighley Road Conservation Area* *Minute No.252(a)*

239. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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 a pecuniary interest in the item indicated for the reason stated –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price	Colne Youth Action Group	Trustee of	Minute No.253
Councillor S. Cockburn-Price		Colne Youth Action Group	

Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price had each been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on CYAG matters on the grounds that it was in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

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

Councillors S. Cockburn-Price and A. Sutcliffe had each been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne BID matters on the grounds that it was in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

240. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

241. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

242. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

A verbal update was provided on the pilot Play Street that had taken place earlier in the day on Belgrave Road, Colne. A further Play Street at the same location was planned for the following week.

243. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Councillor A. Sutcliffe, the Chair of the Colne Community Safety Partnership (CSP) provided an update on community safety issues and police matters following his attendance at the earlier CSP meeting.

244. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report of the following planning application to be determined -

26/0026/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) and remove Condition 4 (glazed link) of Planning Permission 20/0143/FUL at Lower Naze Farm, Hollin Hall, Trawden for Mr Andrew Smith

RESOLVED

That the Variation of Condition application be **granted** subject to the following conditions -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from 12th November 2020.

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 22/06/2020, A102 01 Rev 1.

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

3. Other than the timber weatherboarding, the external materials to be used in the construction of the walls and roof of the extension hereby approved shall be in accordance with those approved by 25/0552/CND, or alternative materials that have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Prior to its installation samples of the timber weatherboarding shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved external materials.

Reason: To allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development to reserve the significance of the Conservation Area.

4. Foul water drainage shall be in accordance with the details approved by 25/0552/CND, or alternative materials that have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Works involved in the installation of surface water drainage provision shall not be commenced unless and until details of surface water drainage provision have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The extension hereby approved shall not be occupied unless and until the foul and surface water drainage has been implemented in accordance with the approved details and it shall be maintained as such at all times thereafter.

Reason: To ensure acceptable foul and surface water drainage in order to prevent flooding and pollution.

5. Notwithstanding any indication on the approved plans the flue in the roof of the extension hereby approved shall be finished in black prior to the occupation of the extension.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Note: The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct or divert a right of way and any proposed stopping-up or diversion of a right of way should be the subject of an Order under the appropriate Act. The development may affect the setting of Public Footpaths 82, 87 and 88 (Trawden). The applicant is advised to contact Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way section by email on PROW@lancashire.gov.uk, quoting the planning application number, to discuss their proposal before any development works begin.

(b) Planning appeals

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning appeals.

245. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which gave the up-to-date position

on prosecutions.

A discussion was held on a number of cases on the list.

246. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025/26

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the current balance for the Committee's area committee budget for 2025/26 was £4,444.

An update was provided on progress with a previously supported project of painting bollards/railings in Colne. A request was made for a further £100 to cover a funding shortfall.

Members also considered a request for additional funding of £2,060 to allow for the Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Area appraisals contract to be let, as reported at Minute 252(b).

RESOLVED

- (1) That £100 be allocated to cover the funding shortfall for the painting of bollards/railings in Colne.
- (2) That additional funding of £2,060 be awarded to allow for the Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Area appraisals contract to be let.
- (3) That the remaining balance be carried forward to 2026/27.

REASON

The allocations are an effective use of the Committee's budget.

247. PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND

Members discussed the Pride in Place Impact Fund programme in Colne and District following the decision of the Executive on 19th March. A scored schedule of approved schemes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

As referenced at the Executive meeting, it was noted that Jonathan Hinder MP had asked for the scheme/process to be paused.

Some Members felt that the methodology used in assessing the suggestions put forward had been flawed; that there had been inconsistencies with the scoring; and the information provided with regard to deadlines and criteria for applications had been misleading.

As a result, the individuals had developed revised proposals which were circulated at the meeting. The revisions included alternative costings for several of the schemes which was questioned by some members of the Committee.

In response to the discussion, amendments to the costings for providing an external event power supply to Colne Market; for progressing the Wheel Park project; and the contingency were agreed.

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) this Committee reaffirms the request of Jonathan Hinder MP for the Pride in Place Impact Fund process to be paused and asks that no action be taken, and no money be spent, until the request for a pause is resolved;
- (2) a request be made for the suggestions put forward to be rescored using an appropriate scoring methodology;
- (3) the revised proposals, as amended, be accepted by the Committee and referred to the Executive for consideration.

REASON

To ensure the Pride in Place Impact Fund is used to deliver projects in Colne and District that make the most impact and provide value for money.

248.

LEGACY FUND

It was reported that, 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 Colne and District –

Area Committee

Colne and District Committee £63,740

Town/Parish Council

Colne	£43,500
Foulridge	£6,000
Laneshaw Bridge	£4,400
Trawden Forest	£8,700

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

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) a provisional allocation of £28,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund –

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King George V Playing Fields: Railings and gates for bottom of Varley Street side	10,000
King George V Playing Fields: Line marking for two football pitches	2,000
King George V Playing Fields: Benches for the pitches	1,000
Progressing the Wheel Park project	12,000
Moveable planters for Newmarket Street	3,000

- (2) a total of £10,000 be used to create ten funds of £1,000 each, to be awarded to local charities for each to fund a one off legacy project;

- (3) progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund.

REASON

To support one off legacy projects as provided for in the Legacy Fund.

249. COLNE TOWN CENTRE BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN SCHEME

An update on the Colne Town Centre Bus Service Improvement Plan Scheme was circulated prior to the meeting. The Scheme was part of Lancashire County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan which was utilising funding from the Government and supporting Pendle Council's wider regeneration ambitions.

250. TOWN BOUNDARY SIGNS

Further to a decision of this Committee, a number of mock town boundary sign images had been referred to Lancashire County Council (LCC) for consideration.

LCC had reviewed the signs against the current legislation (Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016) and their response was submitted to the meeting.

It was noted that, of the six sign designs, only one sign met the current regulations.

Reference was made to recent reports of an LCC drive to clean up road signs. An image of a Preston road sign, used to illustrate the work being carried out, was shown at the meeting. Members noted that the sign included an advertising plate below the boundary sign and, as it appeared that this was permitted, felt that the decision making process was inconsistent.

RESOLVED

That, taking into account the permitted Preston road sign, Lancashire County Council be asked to further consider the mock town boundary sign images submitted.

REASON

To allow for further consideration of the request to provide informative, intriguing and enhanced signage on the key gateways into the Town.

**251. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –
NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF HOLLIN HALL, TRAWDEN**

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submitted a report for Members to consider a request to register six new-build dwellings off Hollin Hall, Trawden as 1 to 6 The Pastures.

Alternatively, the numbering could be continued from Hollin Hall, with the six new dwellings registered as 39 to 49 (odds) Hollin Hall.

The Committee was asked to make a recommendation to the Executive.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be recommended to reject the developer's request to register six new-build

dwellings off Hollin Hall, Trawden as 1 to 6 The Pastures and instead recommends that the numbering be continued from Hollin Hall, with the six new dwellings registered as 39 to 49 (odds) Hollin Hall.

REASON

To avoid confusion and help with wayfinding.

252. CONSERVATION AREAS

(a) Keighley Road Conservation Area

For information, Members were advised that, at a meeting of the Executive on 19th March it was agreed to defer consideration of designating a new conservation area named the Keighley Road Conservation Area.

It had also been agreed to seek a meeting with representatives of the Peter Birtwistle Trust and to further consider the merits of designating the lower section of Carry Lane in the Conservation Area.

However, further to the publication of the minutes of the Executive meeting, in accordance with the Council's call-in procedure, the decision had been called in.

The matter would therefore be referred back to the next meeting of the Executive for reconsideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be recommended to designate a new conservation area named the Keighley Road Conservation Area, as proposed.

REASON

The designation will allow the historic and architecturally significant area to be preserved and its historic interest enhanced.

(b) Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents

Further to the update at the last meeting of this Committee, Members were advised that the best scoring quote for the appraisals of the Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Areas was £2,060 above the allocated budget of £6,750.

Members were requested to agree the additional funding to allow the contract to be let.

This was agreed at Minute 246 (Area Committee Budget 2025/26).

253. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

(Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price declared a pecuniary interest in this item but had each been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne Youth Action Group matters.)

The Chair and Councillor S. Cockburn-Price provided an update on the work and ongoing activities

of Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). This included information relating to the Youth Hub and upcoming involvement in the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

254. COLNE BID

(Councillors S. Cockburn-Price and A Sutcliffe declared an Other Registrable Interest in this item but had each been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne BID matters.)

Scott Smith, the BID Manager provided an update on the work of Colne BID. This included information on the recent MiniBloom event and how it had informed the bid for Winter Bloom; monthly police drop in sessions; Fresh Lick of Paint applications; Pendle Business Awards; Food and Drink Festival; Artisan Market; and expressions of interest for the Town of Culture.

255. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had been requested by the Committee. Reports/updates would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Land to the rear of Red Lane, Colne
- (b) Greenfield Road, Colne

256. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next items of business 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.

257. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted, for information, a report which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

An update was requested on one of the cases on the list.

258. NUISANCE VEHICLES

The Head of Policy and Commissioning submitted a report, for information, on nuisance vehicles in Colne and District.

It was agreed that the first two cases on the list, first reported in March 2026, could be removed from the list, as the vehicles were no longer causing a nuisance.

An update was requested in relation to one of the vehicles on the list.

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