

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTees

RESOLVED

- (1) That Barnoldswick Town Council, Salterforth Parish Council, Earby Town Council and Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council be invited to nominate co-optees to the Committee and for the municipal year 2026/27.
- (2) That the two Lancashire County Councillors covering the West Craven area be invited to be co-optees on the Committee for the municipal year 2026/27.

4. 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.

5. DISPENSATIONS

Due to the very short period of time between the borough council election on 7th May and this meeting of the area committee, there had been difficulty in ensuring that the new member of the Council just elected, Councillor G. Whittaker, had received the appropriate mandated planning law and procedure training to enable him to adjudicate planning applications.

In view of these particular circumstances, the Council's Monitoring Officer had granted a dispensation to Councillor G. Whittaker, for this meeting only, to allow him to adjudicate on planning applications when he had not yet received the training, on the grounds that it was in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2026, be approved as a correct record.

8. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The overall monthly crime figures for April for West Craven and more detailed figures from PC G. Ingham had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Members were supportive of the recently issued Acceptable Behaviour Contract in regard to anti-social behaviour in Earby. This was a voluntary written agreement which was signed by an individual committing anti-social behaviour. In signing the contract, the individual agreed to abide by the terms specified and to work with the relevant support agencies. It was hoped that this would reduce anti-social behaviour going forward.

A member of the public raised a parking issue near Gisburn Road Community Primary School in Barnoldswick with people parking close to the Gisburn Road/Skipton Road roundabout. Also, higher up on Skipton Road, cars were parking on either side of the road close to the Wellhouse Road junction making visibility difficult and dangerous.

There had also been a recent sighting of 2 youths wearing balaclavas riding a moped on the pavement in Barnoldswick near Gisburn Road Primary School on Skipton Road at around 3.30pm. The incident had already been reported to the police.

RESOLVED

- (1) That PC G. Ingham be thanked for providing the more detailed monthly crime figures for West Craven.
- (2) That the Acceptable Behaviour Contract issued in respect of anti-social behaviour in Earby be welcomed.
- (3) That the Traffic Liaison Meeting be asked to look at the existing road markings in the vicinity of Gisburn Road Community Primary School and the junction of Skipton Road and Wellhouse Road in Barnoldswick to see if there was anything that could be done to restrict parking and improve highway safety.

9. 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 –

24/0810/FUL Full: (Major): Erection of 28 no. dwellings with new access from Park Avenue along with associated infrastructure and landscaping at Land to the west of White Leys Close, Earby for Mr R. Calderbank

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The proposed development would be located beyond a defined settlement boundary in the open countryside and would develop land where there is currently no development to the detriment of the open rural character and visual amenity of the immediate area and conflicting with the locational strategy of the Development Plan contrary to policies SP02, DM09 and DM26 of the adopted Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040.

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 planning update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting receipt of an amended parking manoeuvring plan which LCC said was acceptable. The Council's Conservation Consultants had provided additional comments on the updated plans. They had provided minor changes to the proposed tree planting to the north of the site which could be incorporated into an acceptable landscaping scheme and controlled by condition.

RESOLVED

That the decision to grant planning permission be delegated to the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services subject to the rewording of condition 8 to allow multiple burials or internment ceremonies within one family in exceptional circumstances and 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: 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-P02-L-010 Rev 002.

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-P02-L-010 Rev 002 dated 19.3.26.

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

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.

26/0113/HHO Full: Erection of a rear dormer extension at 88 Rainhall Road, Barnoldswick for Mr James Waite

RESOLVED

That consideration of the planning application be **deferred** to allow for a discussion between the applicant and the Planning Officer on the possibility of improving the design to make it acceptable.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

At the last meeting the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services was asked to look into the possibility of challenging the Inspector's decision to allow appeal 24/0800/CND 25/0040/AP/REFUSE 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. Having taken legal advice, the Committee were informed that the only grounds to seek a judicial review on the Inspector's decision was on legal grounds and there were no legal grounds in this case.

10. CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK CONSULTATION

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on proposals for Calderdale Energy Park, an onshore wind project located on Walshaw Moor, West Yorkshire. The evolving proposal was to erect 38 wind turbines (150m & 200m in height), along with associated infrastructure works sited across 2,227ha of land. The development would be determined under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) process under which the applicant was obliged to carry out a non-statutory consultation process and a statutory consultation.

The Committee was being consulted as part of the statutory consultation which closed on 10th June. The formal response of the Council would be determined by the Executive. Members were therefore asked to consider whether there were any areas of information or issues with the scheme that should form the basis of the comments to the consultation and make a recommendation to the Executive for consideration at its next meeting.

There were concerns about the significant impact HGVs would have on the roads in the area. Members felt that they needed more information on the impact on ecology, wildlife and highways. It was noted that there could be employment opportunities and a benefit in having a local source of energy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive express concerns about the development at this stage due to the lack of full detail and potential major impacts on highways; the landscape and the visual quality of the area; tourism, biodiversity and ecology including impacts on the peat environment.

REASON

It is not possible to come to an overall view on the development with much of the information that is needed still being developed.

11. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Legal Services Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action. It was noted that work at land to the rear of the Greyhound Inn in Barnoldswick had been completed so this case would not appear on future reports.

12. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Head of Property and Engineering Services submitted a report on the Committee's Area Committee Budget for 2026/27.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the schemes listed in appendices 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 of the report with agreed funding to date for 2026/27 be noted.
- (2) That electorate area allocations shown on separate tables under Appendices 1-10 be noted.
- (3) That the credit balance for litter and dog waste bins at Appendices 11 and 12 be noted.
- (4) That the proposed reallocations at the end of the 2025/26 financial year be approved as follows –
 - Appendix 2, item 45 – Street nameplates – remaining budget of £19 reallocated to item 54 BMX Pump Track (as match to Pride in Place Impact Fund (PiPIF));
 - Appendix 2, item 49 – Footpath improvements to Barnoldswick Church Primary School - £161 of the £500 allocation reallocated to item 54 BMX Pump Track (as match to PiPIF) leaving £339 for the footpath improvements; and
 - Appendix 4, item 18 – Dog/waste litter bins – remaining budget of £35.65 reallocated to item 34 Earby Memorial Park Toilets (as match to PiPIF).
- (5) That £2,000 be allocated from the 2026/27 Barnoldswick allocation to go towards the resurfacing of a footpath to Church Primary School (see Minute 17 below).
- (6) That £6,000 previously allocated in 2025/26 for premises improvement grants in Barnoldswick be carried over into 2026/27 for this purpose.

REASON

To enable the Area Committee Budget to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

13. TRAFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 25th February 2026 were submitted for information and noted.

14. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report with an update on the progress made on the West Craven premises improvement grants scheme in 2025/26.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the summary of the premises improvement grant scheme for 2025/26 be noted.
- (2) That the allocated 2025/26 funding of £6,000 for Barnoldswick be carried over into the 2026/27 financial year.
- (3) That the grants being diverted into the Pride in Place Impact Fund (PIPIF) for 2026/27 be noted.

REASON

- 1. To allow Members of the Committee to see the outcomes of the premises improvement grants scheme in 2025/26.**
- 2. To allow existing applicants and those already approved by the Committee's Grant Panel to be funded.**

15. PROVISION OF DOG/LITTER BINS – QUARTER 4

An update was given on the provision of litter/dog waste bins in Quarter 4 – 1st January to 31st March 2026. Members discussed a couple of litter bins in Earby which needed securing.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Operational Services arrange for bins 3102 and 0844 in Earby to be secured.

REASON

To secure a Council asset and in the interests of residential amenity.

16. SITE VISIT TO CLIFFORD STREET, BARNOLDSWICK

Members attended a site visit earlier in the day with staff from Barnoldswick Church of England Primary School, County Councillor D. Whipp, Pendle Leisure Trust (PLT) and PBC officers to discuss several issues discussed by this Committee at previous meetings. In particular –

- The potential to improve safe walking and cycling routes to the school on LCC-owned land
- The future of the former school playing field;
- The subsidence of the highway adjacent; and
- Trees on the boundary.

A note of the meeting by the Engineering Manager had been circulated prior to the meeting summarising the observations and discussions.

All present had agreed that it would be beneficial to have safe walking/cycling links from the Clifford Street area. The creation of the links would reduce vehicular traffic, improve accessibility to the sports centre car park for PLT customers as well as those that wanted to travel by bike or on foot, and relieve the number of parked vehicles on the surrounding residential streets. It would allow the school to promote initiatives such as "Wheelie Wednesday". There was also the opportunity for the community working together to create a sculpture/wildlife trail and the additional planting of trees.

LCC had said that it would be retaining the former school playing field for future educational use.

It was noted that LCC was trying to find a solution to the large area on Clifford Street which had been subject to movement creating a large surface depression. It was attributable to one of the utility companies and LCC was liaising with them to find a resolution.

The trees on LCC's land which border Clifford Street had not been maintained for many years and were encroaching on the highway.

RESOLVED

- (1) That LCC be asked to support the request of Church Primary School, PLT, PBC officers, this Committee and Barnoldswick Town Council to allow LCC owned land to be used to create safe footpath/cycle links to Church Primary School.
- (2) That it be noted that PLT would consider part-funding the walking and cycling links with other possible contributors being PBC, LCC and Barnoldswick Town Council.
- (3) That £2,000 be allocated from the 2026/27 Barnoldswick allocation of this Committee's Area Committee Budget to go towards the resurfacing of a footpath to Church Primary School (as agreed at Min 12(5) above).
- (4) That LCC be asked if they would crown lift the trees on their land which border Clifford Street and maintain them.

REASON

1. ***To provide a safe, sustainable means of transport and access to Church Primary School.***
2. ***In the interests of residential amenity.***

17.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) **Request for Castle View to be made up and adopted by the highway authority (LCC)**

There had been a request from residents that Castle View be made up and adopted by the highway authority.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked to add Castle View, Barnoldswick to their list of roads to be made up for adoption.

REASON

To ensure the public road was well maintained.

- (b) **To consider possible improvements to the short ginnel between North Street and Castle View**

Members had noticed that there was a short ginnel between North Street and Castle View in Barnoldswick which was in poor condition.

RESOLVED

That the Engineering Manager be asked to provide a quote to the next meeting for improving the short ginnel between North Street and Castle View in Barnoldswick.

REASON

To consider whether it was possible for the Committee to pay for improvements to the short ginnel between North Street and Castle View.

(c) Parking at Pendle Court layby

Residents/visitors of Pendle Court, Barnoldswick were struggling to park in the layby outside. It appeared that there were no visible parking restrictions which meant anyone could park there.

RESOLVED

That the Traffic Liaison Meeting be asked if the layby outside Pendle Court could be restricted to residents of Pendle Court with loading restrictions and that appropriate signage be displayed.

REASON

To improve parking for local residents.

(d) Drainage issues affecting Barnoldswick allotments

There was an issue with drainage of the land uphill from the sewer at Greenberfield Lane which was affecting the allotments owned by Barnoldswick Town Council (BTC). The previous Chair of the Committee had taken this up with United Utilities on behalf of BTC, but their response said that they would not be undertaking any additional land drainage works as part of their planned works to the sewer and that responsibility for addressing the underlying drainage issues remained with the landowners i.e. BTC. In view of surface water previously finding its way under the sewer, and that the works had resulted in spoil being graded on the boundary, he had requested that this matter be escalated within United Utilities.

There had been a lot of disruption in Victoria Park and the nearby area caused by machinery needed for the sewer improvement works. Members wanted to add their support to the request for resolution of this issue and felt that there was an opportunity for United Utilities to work with the community to fix this long-standing drainage issue.

RESOLVED

That the support of this Committee be conveyed to United Utilities with regard to the request for them to help solve the drainage issue affecting Barnoldswick allotments, and for an update to come back to the next meeting.

REASON

In the interests of the local community and to address a long-standing drainage issue.

(e) To consider school zig-zags on Waterloo Road, Kelbrook, with regard to them only being in operation during term-time

Members discussed the request from some residents for the school zig-zags on Waterloo Road, Kelbrook to be only in operation during term-time. However, it was noted that this was not the case anywhere else in Lancashire; that term-time differs; and that sometimes schools opened outside term times for events, school clubs etc.

RESOLVED

That LCC be asked if anything could be done to respond to residents' request for the school zig-zags on Waterloo Road, Kelbrook to be only in operation during term-time.

REASON

To improve parking for local residents.

18. 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.

19. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

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

20. ENFORCEMENT CASE

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on an enforcement case in West Craven.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to take appropriate enforcement action regarding this case.

21. PROBLEM SITES

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven which was noted.

22. EMPTY HOMES

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

23. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on environmental action in West Craven for the period 1st January to 31st March 2026 which was noted.

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