



MEETING OF THE  
**WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE**

Members: Councillors Chris Church, Bryony Hartley, David Hartley (Chair), Susan Land, Lola Whipp and Glenn Whittaker

TO BE HELD ON

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

4. Police Matters and Community Safety Issues

The Police have been invited to the meeting to discuss the latest crime statistics for June (**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

**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 2026/27

The Head of Property and Engineering reports that the current balance for the Area Committee Budget for 2026/27 is:

Allocation for 2026/26	£31,490.00
Credit balance for litter and dog waste bins for 2026/27	£ 1,100.55
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£32,590.55</u></b>

Current balances:

Area	2026/27 Allocation	Allocated to date	Allocation/credit remaining
Barnoldswick	£15,870.96	£15,870.96	£0.00
Earby	£7,809.52	£749.00	£7,060.52
Coates	£4,188.17	£4,155.00	£33.17
Kelbrook & Sough	£1,889.40	£574.00	£1,315.40
Salterforth	£1,731.95	£418.00	£1,313.95
Credit (litter & dog waste bins)	£1,100.55	£0.00	£1,100.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>£32,590.55</b>	<b>£21,766.96</b>	<b>£10,823.59</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### 8. Salterforth War Memorial

**Enc.** Attached is the proposal to frame the existing War Memorial in Salterforth with granite paving with new bollards and chains along the front and the two sides.

The area will form more of a civic space than the current configuration of paving which is much smaller. There is also the option of a flagpole. Enquiries are being made for a volunteer organisation to take responsibility for raising and lowering of flags. If no party can be found, then it is proposed that the flagpole element is removed and the funds retained within the project to enhance the remaining aspects of the scheme.

As it forms part of the highway, LCC have been consulted and they are happy with the proposed works.

### 9. Dark Lane, Earby

**Enc.** The Countryside Access Officer has provided the attached report in response to a question raised in Public Question Time at the last meeting following a decision published by the Planning Inspectorate decision on whether or not to confirm a Definitive Map Modification Order made by Lancashire County Council to record Dark Lane as a public bridleway.

As a result of his findings the inspector has modified the Definitive Map Modification Order so that all references to the route being recorded as "bridleway" should instead

refer to it as a “restricted byway”, which is a category of public right of way open to pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders and non-mechanically propelled vehicles.

The changes which the inspector has proposed are required by legislation to be advertised, so that anyone can make a representation of objection if they wish to challenge the evidence for the route being a restricted byway rather than bridleway. The deadline for any objections was 3rd July 2026. Members of the Committee were made aware of this so that they had time, to make any representations on the proposed modification by the deadline, if they had not already done so.

10. Drainage issue at allotments, Greenberfield Lane

At the last meeting Members discussed a drainage issue at allotments on Greenberfield Lane. The PBC Engineering Manager visited the site on 17<sup>th</sup> June with representatives from Barnoldswick Town Council, the Chair of this Committee and Ward Councillors. The issue is related to a land drain which has been damaged. The Engineering Team are intending to replace the short section of pipe and trying to get in touch with the allotment holder to gain access.

11. Ginnel between North Street and Castle View, Barnoldswick

On 17<sup>th</sup> June Ward Councillors and the Chair of this Committee met the Engineering Manager on site to discuss a scheme to resurface the ginnel between North Street and Castle View. They also looked at the potential for a linked scheme taking the resurfacing into Castle View, which was also badly in need of repair. The Engineering Team will report back to a future meeting with costings for the ginnel. Also costings for the extended scheme on Castle View which would enable residents to be surveyed on their likelihood to contribute towards the works.

12. Earby Memorial Park Toilets

Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council request that Members consider the future arrangements for the toilets in Earby Memorial Park to ensure there is adequate provision for park users. In particular -

1. Following on from the refurbishment of the toilets at Earby Memorial Park, is this Committee taking over the ongoing management as previously stated.
2. If so, what provision has been made to facilitate this, such as opening and closing times, cleaning, replenishment of hygiene items etc.
3. Will they be free to use? If not, what is the expected charge and how will this work when so many people nowadays do not carry cash?
4. Will there be baby changing facilities for parents with babies and young children?

13. Pride in Place Impact Fund

At the Executive meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2026, it was agreed that the unallocated funds remaining within the Pride in Place Impact Fund for West Craven be determined in dialogue with this Committee and in consultation with the MP. The Committee is asked to make a recommendation to Executive, on the allocation of remaining funds towards projects. **REPORT TO FOLLOW**

14. Outstanding Items

- (a) Northolme Community Centre – consulting with residents (31.03.2026)
- (b) Actions/permissions awaited from LCC on safer routes to school following a site visit to Church School/Clifford Street, Barnoldswick – officers are in discussion with LCC and a report will come to a future meeting (12.05.2026)

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. Problem Sites/Empty Homes

**Enc.** The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submits for information the attached report on problem sites/empty homes in West Craven.