



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 3RD NOVEMBER 2026
AT 6.30P.M.

AT THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting will commence with Public Question Time.

Members of the public may ask questions, present petitions or speak on agenda items in which they have a direct interest. Requests to speak should be made by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

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AGENDA

PART I – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

1. Chairmanship of the Area Committee

(a) To consider the position of Chair of the Area Committee and, if resolved, to appoint a Chair in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 5.2 as follows –

'An Area Committee shall appoint a Chair from the members of the Council on the Committee. Where a political group has more than half the members of an Area Committee, that Committee shall appoint the nominees of that Group as the Chair and Vice-Chair. Where no political group has more than half the members of an Area Committee, that Committee may appoint any members of the Committee as Chair and Vice Chair.'

(b) To consider the position of Vice Chair of the Area Committee and, if resolved, to appoint a Vice Chair in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 5.2.

2. Co-opted Members

To consider revoking the co-option of the Lancashire County Council Members on the Committee in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 17.3 as follows –

'An Area Committee may at any time revoke a co-option or substitute co-option.'

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Minutes

Enc. To approve or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2026.

6. Police Matters and Community Safety Issues

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

7. Area Committee Budgets

(a) **Area Committee Budget 2026/27**

The Head of Property & Engineering provides the following update on the West Craven Area Committee budget for 2026/27 –

Allocation for 2026/27 £31,490

Credit balance for litter and dog waste bins for 2026/27 £1,100.55

Plus unspent from 2025/26 for Barnoldswick £500.00

Effective total allocation for 2026/27 £33,090.55 Current Balances -

Area	2026/27 Allocation	Allocated to date	Allocation/credit remaining
Barnoldswick	£15,870.96	£15,870.96	£0.00
Barnoldswick 25/26 unspent	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Earby	£7,809.52	£1,375.00	£ 6,434.52
Coates	£4,188.17	£4,155.00	£33.17
Kelbrook & Sough	£1,889.40	£1,024.00	£865.40
Salterforth	£1,731.95	£418.00	£1,313.95
Credit (litter & dog bins)	£1,100.55	£0.00	£1,100.55
Total	£33,090.55	22,842.96	£10,247.59

Enc. Attached is a bid from Barnoldswick Town Council seeking £500 for a shelter at Victory Park.

(b) **Legacy Fund**

The Head of Property & Engineering reports that the current balance for the West Craven Area Legacy Fund 2026/27 is **£48,090** and has been allocated as follows -

Area	2026/27 Allocation	Allocated to date	Allocation/credit remaining
Barnoldswick	£30,090.00	£30,090.00	£0.00
Earby	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£0.00
Kelbrook & Sough	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00
Salterforth	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00
Total	£48,090.00	£48,090.00	£0.00

The allocations for Barnoldswick, Kelbrook and Sough and Salterforth have been paid to the respective town/parish councils to spend on their play areas.

The £12k allocation for Earby has been earmarked for two projects - £7k towards a pump track in Earby and £5k seed funding for the reopening of Northolme Community Centre. At the last meeting it was agreed for the pump track not to be sited on PBC owned land at Bailey Street. It was also agreed that an update be provided to this meeting on the possible reopening of Northolme Community Centre so that a decision could be taken on whether to proceed with the project or to reallocate the funding.

Earby Town Council have requested that the Committee's Legacy Fund allocation for Earby is reallocated to Earby Town Council for work on parks/play areas, in line with the allocations for Barnoldswick, Kelbrook and Sough and Salterforth. It is proposed that the money allocated to the pump track on Bailey Street is allocated to Hilltop to continue its refurbishment and the moneys allocated to the possible reopening of Northolme Community Centre, if considered unviable, is used for work on the Northolme estate playgrounds.

8. Pride in Place Impact Fund

At the last meeting Members considered an update on the Pride in Place Impact Fund which presented some variations to 3 projects on behalf of Barnoldswick Town Council. An update will be circulated prior to the meeting. **(TO FOLLOW)**

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

9. Ginnel between North Street and Castle View, Barnoldswick

Enc. As requested, the Engineering Manager submits a draft scheme and estimate for resurfacing the ginnel between North Street and Castle View, Barnoldswick and a linked scheme taking the resurfacing into Castle View for 13 properties. The cost would be £2k per household assuming there is no contribution from this Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10. Enforcement Action

Enc. (a) Enforcement Action update

The Head of Legal Services submits the attached report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action for information.

Enc. (b) 2a Park Road, Barnoldswick

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report on an enforcement notice and appeal decision at 2a Park Road, Barnoldswick.

11. Kelbrook Primary School

Following discussion at the last meeting under Police and Community Safety Issues it was agreed to give further consideration to any actions that could improve the situation

at pick up/drop off times at Kelbrook Primary School, and await a response from the Head of the School on this matter.

12. Safer routes to school scheme Church School/Clifford Street, Barnoldswick

The Engineering Manager reports that LCC have approved £50k from the Active Travel Allocation for 2026-27 to implement the cycleway/footpath link from the end of Clifford Street to the school. Pendle Leisure Trust has also allocated £10k.

Confirmation is awaited from LCC Estates for permission to construct the link across LCC's land.

In addition, LCC have committed funding to improve pedestrian drop crossings along Harrison Street and Clifford Street. PBC will be facilitating these works on behalf of LCC.

13. Earby Flood Alleviation Scheme

Members have been invited to a Teams meeting on 27th October with LCC, the Environment Agency, AECON (the consultants working on the Scheme) and the Engineering Manager to see if LCC can assist with carrying out any works and look at how schemes could be funded.

14. Barnoldswick Royal Mail Sorting Office

Enc. Royal Mail has sent the attached response to the Committee's ongoing concerns about deliveries in the area. A councillor has requested that Barnoldswick Sorting Office be discussed further at this meeting.

15. Items for Discussion

It has been requested that the following items are considered –

- (a) The establishment of a Community Speed Watch initiative;
- (b) Update on improvement works at West Craven Sports Centre being carried out by Pendle Council (part funded by the Public Sector Decarbonisation programme);
- (c) To consider the maintenance of ginnels. Following a programme of ginnel improvements around 20 years ago, part funded by the area committee, several of the improved pedestrian routes have seen accumulations of debris and detritus leading to a build-up of vegetation. There are also ginnels that remain un-improved following the previous programme of work. In addition, LCC doesn't maintain some pavements which should be included in their management regime;
- (d) To consider the installation of solar photo-voltaic blinds to the shops on Albert Road, Barnoldswick;
- (e) Interruptions to water supply due to repeated failures of Yorkshire Water's Calf Hall Road pumping station; and
- (f) To consider the capacity at Earby Cemetery and the condition of the cemetery.

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 elsewhere.

16. 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

17. Empty Homes

Enc. The attached report provides an update on problem sites/empty homes in West Craven.

18. Outstanding Enforcements

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