



## **Borough Councillors' Report**

1. David Cockburn-Price submitted a major bid of £10,000 to Colne Area Committee after reading about the success Keighley Town Council had after it part-funded overtime for Police at anti-social times to catch men racing cars. There, Operation Shipdon led to 1,983 speeding summonses, 286 vehicles seized and 31 arrests. Currently, this dangerous activity of noisy car races can be heard all over Colne from about 9 p.m. until the early hours of the morning on a nightly basis. The Police are well aware, partly because they see the data from the Town Council's Speed Indicator Devices (also funded by Colne Area Committee). DCC-P is waiting to speak to the Sergeant Bottomley on this matter and hopes to get matched funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.
2. Colne and District Area Committee part-funded a new Pendle Veterans' Parade Standard to the tune of £459.60 (out of £919.20, with the balance to be applied for from ColneTC). It was needed because the Colne Royal Legion standard cannot be used as the Colne Royal British Legion is now defunct, so its standard has now been "laid up", as is tradition. The new standard will be seen at parades and at veterans' funerals.
3. The Keighley Road & Carry Lane Conservation Area is now officially made, but Lancashire County Council does not yet have the definitive documents. SEC-P has contacted LCC to highlight the tarmac patching to the paving outside the Cemetery, but was told that funding would have to be found to remediate poor paving from when it wasn't a Conservation Area. She has written to Cllr Nathan McCollum asking this to be done, as it is just 27 concrete pavers. Cllr Ash Sutcliffe had secured funding for remedial works to the Conservation Area by LCC, but the time taken to designate the Keighley Road Conservation Area in the end meant that the administration at County Hall had changed by the time the Conservation Area was made.
4. The re-appraisals of the Lidgett & Bents and Albert Road Conservation Areas are now drafted and councillors will be able to scrutinise them "soon", according to Pendle's Planning Manager.
5. The Area Committee Chair has not sent us the planning applications which were approved, or accepted on delegated powers. She has removed reports of both the Colne BID and Colne Youth Action Group from the meeting. She additionally tried to limit councillors to only speaking once on each item and for only five minutes, but was informed that this is against Pendle Council's Constitution.
6. SEC-P has reported pavement parking at Carr Road and in addition, elsewhere in the town, one van being lived in, two motor homes and two caravans, one obstructing a back street.
7. 26/0185/FUL – the Marks and Spencer food retail unit by EG Garages off Greenfield Road, was the subject of extensive discussion. Most councillors bemoaned the invidious permission they had been placed in, given that their previous refusal was overturned at Appeal and, in consequence, there was extant permission for three industrial units. There was a smooth presentation by Marks and Spencer, who stated that they had carried out a full sequential test and that the impact on Colne businesses would be small, as confirmed by the BID Manager, but that 75 new jobs would be created. Councillors tried to probe bus stops and bus movements, lighting and lighting times and security measures, as well as, increased signage, bins and gates for Greenfield Road and Biodiversity New Gain payments, but were told that none of this could be mandated and that the most that could be allowed was that these questions could be asked of the developer and tenant. The application was approved.

8. 26/0406/FUL – an annex at the bottom of the garden of Haggate Farm, Burnley Road, was approved.
9. After over two years of lobbying by SEC-P, the yellow lines on the adjacent corners on Keighley Road outside Taylor's newsagent and the modern flats and bus stop have been painted. This will cause those parking on the pavement to be fined. She is now lobbying for a device to be added to the traffic lights at the bottom of Langroyd Road by LCC. Cty Cllr Marion Atkinson said she will support this request.
10. Larger bins have been installed on Laithe St and on the North Valley. Diamond Ave also has a new post with dog poo bin. Cllr Mann asked SEC-P to ask whether there is a new policy of removing bins from bus stops. Although Cllr Cockburn-Price wrote immediately, she did not initially receive a reply. Here is the reply she received after chasing: "I'll double check but I certainly haven't created a policy to remove bins from bus stops. I had a similar issue in Sough where a new bus stop had been erected and the bin that was fitted to the bus stop post was removed. Are these new bus stops? If not I'll check our records then contact LCC and see if they have been removing the bins."
11. Colne BID held a successful business security meeting with the Police and a range of businesses and now is launching Schemelink on 5<sup>th</sup> October. This will enable businesses to co-ordinate their response to known shoplifters.
12. A consultation was held at the Library on Greener, Safer Healthier Streets – a scheme being delivered by LCC. Further changes were requested and it is fair to say that local residents were disgruntled, especially as the development work for the scheme is now underway.
13. Cllr Ash Sutcliffe ran a Facebook survey on the new mural for Colne and received many diverse views which will be collated and fed into the artistic tender. Enquiries are being made to see if permission can be gained to add an additional mural at Farm Foods at first floor level.
14. The available balance for the Colne Area Committee Legacy Fund is £25,000, though most of the £10,000 charities and community group fund has still yet to be allocated. A £1,000 bid was put in for a street piano by the Colne Blues Society, but it was discovered that the wording as to who can apply had been too tightly worded and that the Committee had meant to include community groups, as well as charities. At this point, Cllr Ann Holmes offered to investigate whether Park High School could donate a piano. This kind offer was accepted. A vote was held to accept community group applications for the Colne Legacy Fund in future.
15. The last quarter saw two Fixed Penalty Notices being issued in Colne for littering or dog poo fouling. The Exec asked for a paper to be brought forward on Pendle Council's stance on enforcement for littering and dog poo fouling and this has been done and the officer has apparently asked for a contract to be outsourced for this enforcement, with PSPOs being kept in-house. This issue will be discussed at the next Exec.
16. DCC-P has been working with Pendle Council's Ryan Gifford to expand the mural project (see above) and rolling out street trees in large containers for Craddock Road, Market Street and Skipton Road, and potentially Newmarket Street in order to fully use Colne's allocation of the Pride in Place scheme.
17. SEC-P has completed three delightful and informative sessions with Geoff Crambie on the Unlocking the Mystery of Colne Streets project and the number of streets researched now stands at 130. As soon as SEC-P has the final specification and quotes for the new Town Hall exhibition infrastructure, she will be able to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund Expression of Interest.
18. Re the agreed objection to The Calderdale Energy Park consultation under the Gunning Principles, the retired solicitor has drafted his letter, plus two appendices. Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council will also be submitting this letter too.

19. Following a complaint, SEC-P has asked Pendle Council to paint the heavily graffitied green box in Hartley Square and investigate reports of people feeding the pigeons in Colne Town Centre.
20. PBC's contractors tackling street vegetation begin work on 17<sup>th</sup> August.
21. Colne and District Area Committee was told that Phase II of the BSIP is now expected to begin in early September and will continue through autumn, with a break for Christmas. Temporary traffic management arrangements are being finalised. LCC is cognisant of planned Colne events. The second phase will see:
- Craddock Road becoming two-way to provide bus station access from both directions
  - Relocating the Market Street bus stops to the Bus Station
  - Improving the traffic signals at the Keighley Road/Market St/Craddock Road junction
  - Some limited changes to parking, loading and access arrangements

## **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Sarah Cockburn-Price has been in touch with our Planning Advisor, who is rewriting our policies in light of further NPPF changes, plus the new edited sections SEC-P had previously sent him. The draft Plan has also been updated in various places to take account of changes in the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements for neighbourhood plans. This makes the document legally compliant again. He has also drafted policy for the new conservation area on Keighley Road and Carry Lane.

A catch-up meeting is being arranged online prior to the next Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee. It has now been advised that we include all the Listed Buildings too in a single document. The Historic England website has all the descriptions and most buildings or structures additionally have photographs. Where there are no photographs, SEC-P will go and photograph them. Everything from this document will feed into the Unlocking the History of Colne's Streets project, as well as the revised Neighbourhood Plan.

## **To Do**

- Please can the date of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee be agreed
- Have we built a database of volunteers for TOT?
- Please can we publish the final version of the response to the consultation to the Calderdale Energy Park on the Town Council website?