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Burnley & Pendle Area AGM Committee of LALC

Venue Burnley Town Hall on Manchester Road

On Monday 18th September 2023 at 19.00pm

{AGENDA}

- To Appoint your Chair for 2023-2024
- To Appoint your Vice Chair for 2023-2024
- To Appoint your Area Secretary for 2023-2024
- To Appoint your Area Committee Delegates to the LALC Executive for 2023-2024
- receive and note any apologies for none attendance of meeting on Mon 18th Sept 23
- To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd April 23
- Matters arising from those minutes from the meeting held on Monday 3rd April 23
- To receive any reports or updated information from LALC Executive Committee from the Area secretary, weather or not members feel they are receiving value for money from NALC?
- To receive any reports, issues or concerns from delegates of the Burnley & Pendle Area
- To receive any forthcoming events which members may wish to raise in your Area's
- **Dates & Times of all Meetings for 2023-24**

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[AGM Monday 18th September 23]-[Monday 4th or 11th March 2024]

{Burnley & Pendle Area Committee of LALC}
{Evening's start times 19.00pm}

Cllr Mark Jkinson Chairman
of the Burnley & Pendle Area
Cllr Mike Royds
Vice Chairman

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The AGM Minutes of Meeting of the Burnley and Pendle Area Committee of LALC
which was held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 19.00pm.

1, Cllr Mark Jkinson Worsthorne with Hurstwood
Cllr Mike Royds Whitworth Town Council
Cllr Michael Whitworth of Whitworth Town Council
Cllr Alan Neal Whitworth Town Council

2, Apologies for none attendance
Cllr Mary Thomas Chairman of Colne Town Council.
Cllr Emma Jane McDonald of Trawden Parish Council
Cllr Brenda Cronshaw of Dunnockshaw Parish Council
Olwen Riley Clerk to Dunnockshaw Parish Council
Cllr Emma Jane McDonald of Trawden Parish Council

1, to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023, they were moved by Cllr M Royds seconded by Cllr Mark Jkinson, members present voted in favour

2, Whitworth Town Council Cllr Mike Royds made members aware of the Boundary Commission Review, currently being undertaken by Rossendale Borough Council, by reducing the number of Councillors from 36 down to 30, with three councillors per ward, he felt that Whitworth should become one ward covering the whole of Whitworth, instead of the current four wards.

3, Worsthorne with Hurstwood Parish Cllr M Jkinson, mentioned they were in the process of undertaking a Neighbourhood plan they had appointed a firm of consultants, they were also looking into a number of funding options to undertake improvements to the Reading Rooms in the Village with a number of partners, he also provided a written report, which the Area Secretary promised to circulate with the minutes of the next meeting, they also expressed their concerns that LCC failed to seek financial contribution from housing developers given their primary school was over subscribed by 60%

4 The Chairman thank members and delegates for their attendance, and felt face to face meetings every six months that this may lead to an improvement in attendance by delegates and other interested parties, the Area Secretary agreed the next meeting will now be held in Burnley Town Hall via the main entrance on Manchester Road in Burnley carpaking is available at the rear of the Town Hall, your next meeting will be held on Monday 18th September 2023 at 19.00pm

WORSTHORNE WITH HURSTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

IDENTIFICATION OF KEY ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENT OF OBJECTIVES

At the meeting on the 14th of April 2022 the Group identified the following key planning issues facing the area over the next 10 years (the period of the plan).

- **Leisure and Tourism** – how to sensitively increase the time visitors stay in the area (particularly people only visiting for the day, or part of the day, so that they make an increased use of the area’s facilities (e.g. pubs and shop) thereby making an increased contribution to the local economy.
- **Landscape** – any development should be consistent with the landscape, and the setting this provides to the separate settlements that go to make up the area. Key features of the landscape (e.g. dry stone walls) have in some places deteriorated through poor management, where possible these key landscape features should be restored.
- **Design** – the neighbourhood area includes distinct settlements with their own key design characteristics and features. The neighbourhood plan should be used to ensure that new development is consistent with and responds in a positive way to its immediate and wider surroundings. The Group could also consider a Design Code for the area.
- **Economy** – to ensure the area remains sustainable and does not become just a residential area, business and employment development should be encouraged, where appropriate in terms of the rural nature of much of the area, to its open land and landscape setting.
- **Separate and distinct settlements** – the separation of the settlements that make up the area (Pike Hill, Brownside, Worsthorne, Hurstwood), due to pressure for housing development, is under threat in key locations, some of which if developed could lead to the coalescence of settlements. To avoid this the neighbourhood plan should look at protecting these key areas of open land.
- **Housing** – the pressure to build more homes in the area is a significant one. The Local Plan already allocates land within the neighbourhood area. There is no need at this time to allocate more land. The neighbourhood plan should look to manage any future development in terms of its design, house type and tenure.
- **Transport** – public transport in the area is reasonable during the day, but to and from Worsthorne village disappears in the evening. This means for many it is not a viable transport option for work. The area also suffers from through traffic that is often inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous, particularly on the area’s rural road network. The neighbourhood plan should consider how planning measures could respond to these problems e.g. a Worsthorne village centre re-designed along Dutch “woonerf” principles, this would also have to be compatible with this area’s Conservation Area designation.
- **Energy** – the neighbourhood plan look to encourage smaller scale renewable and community energy projects.
- **Community** – the neighbourhood plan should identify and protect key social and community infrastructure.
- **Built and Natural Heritage** – the neighbourhood area has a wealth of built and natural heritage assets – many of these already have other, sometimes, statutory protections e.g. listed buildings and the conservation areas. Where there are assets without such protection the neighbourhood plan should identify these and offer protection through the planning system.
- **Crime and ASB** – often not planning matters the neighbourhood plan could look at the planning aspects of this e.g. designing out crime. Other matters, such as anti-social

behaviour could be identified within the plan as non-planning supporting parish council actions that could be taken up with relevant agencies.

Obviously, many of the issues identified have inter-relationships e.g. landscape and design these can be identified and developed further in the plan and its policies.

Suggested Draft Objectives

Based on the identified key issues the following draft objectives are suggested:

1. To protect the landscape, natural and built environment assets of the area.
2. To ensure that new development is of good quality design appropriate to its local context and setting.
3. To support local economic development consistent with the area's largely rural setting and to foster low impact leisure and tourism use of the area.
4. To maintain the identity and distinct physical separation of each of the neighbourhood area's individual communities.
5. To ensure that future housing development meets the needs of the local area in terms of house type and tenure.
6. To improve local connections to other areas for jobs, services and other uses and to ensure that road traffic within the area is managed in a safe and respectful way of both residents and the environment within which it moves through.
7. To support the development of small scale renewable and community energy projects.
8. To protect and enhance key community assets and services and to ensure the area is safe for all.

Next Steps

1. To circulate this note along with the Draft Vision Statement for comments from the wider Group.
2. Following this to revise the key issues and objectives
3. These revised key issues and objectives be used as the basis for preparing draft policies and for initial consultation on the plan.