

District Councillor's Report

Penyghent Ward



April 2022

Councillor Robert Ogden



Ward Member Grant Scheme

The 2021/22 Ward Member Grant Scheme has now closed. I am pleased to report that I have approved three projects over the course of the year, totalling all £1000 of the pot I control as the councillor for Penyghent Ward.



1. **Giggleswick Mother's Union Playgroup – new play carpet (£100)**
2. **Stainforth Village Hall - Exterior Improvements (£600)**
3. **Settle Ingleton Bentham Mobile Rural Watch – Radio Equipment (£300)**

The Ward Member Grants is a scheme run by Craven District Council that enables councillors to dish out small grants to local community groups. I think it is an excellent opportunity to help those small groups that make a real difference in Penyghent. The scheme for 2022/23 will reopen in May 2022, and it will be the final opportunity to gain grants from Craven District Council before it is abolished. I strongly encourage you or your local community group to apply for funding when it opens! To find out more, and access the application form, please visit the CDC website using the following link:

<https://www.cravencdc.gov.uk/community-living/grants-community-projects/craven-district-council-ward-member-grants/>

Lord's Close Development, Giggleswick

I have requested an update on the 22nd March 2022 from the planning department on this application (**reference:** 2021/23539/FUL) which is an application of great importance in Penyghent Ward. This was exactly a month after the internal target date of 22nd February. The determination deadline published on the Craven District Council website continues to state the 1st March, which is now more than a month overdue. Less than impressive.

I have had emails from different residents asking for more information on this application. Unfortunately, I too am entirely in the dark. This sizeable application needs to be resolved as soon as possible so that our community is not waiting anxiously.

Correspondence

Proposed Selside Radio Station

In March, I received an email from Clarke Telecom / Cornerstone informing me of a proposal to build a radio base station on land at Selside Outdoor Centre. I indicated my support for the project. Below are the important highlights from that letter:

“The proposal is part of the Government backed scheme called Shared Rural Network (SRN). It is a collaboration between Mobile Network Operators (MNO’s) (Vodafone, Telefonica and Three) and the Government to improve 4G coverage for people living, working and travelling in poorly served rural areas.

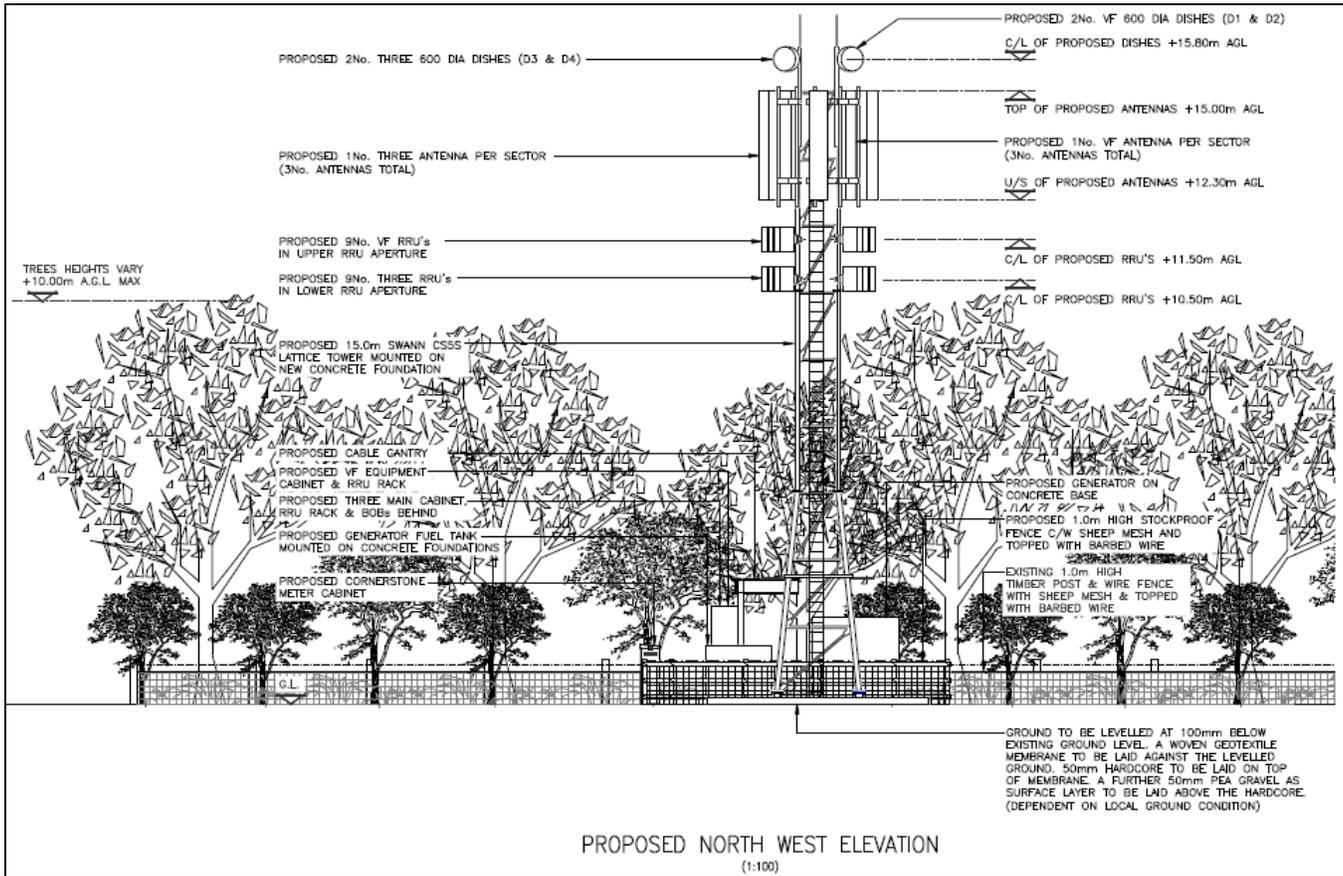
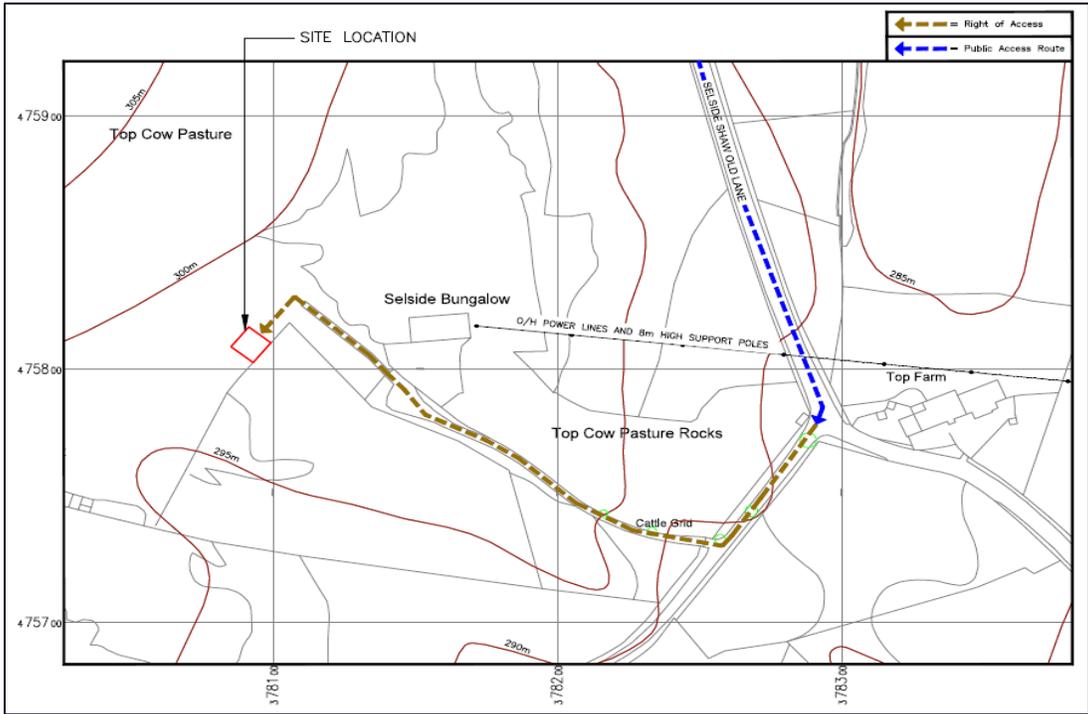
The network will ensure geographic coverage from at least one operator to 95% of the UK by 2025, broadening consumer choice for a fast mobile broadband service in rural areas. Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and other devices we rely on simply won’t work.

The SRN will deliver reliable 4G mobile connectivity allowing rural business to prosper and rural communities to thrive. This is even more significant in the post COVID economic recovery. High quality coverage promotes inward investment, creating jobs to assist in retaining skilled young people in rural areas.

Better connectivity has real, tangible benefits for people and businesses, such as booking GP appointments online, using apps to communicate with friends and family, boosting tourism and agriculture through platforms such as social media which is now an important marketing tool for businesses, access to emergency services etc. 4G can provide a means to connect to superfast broadband where fibre broadband is not yet available.

The proposal relates to the installation of a 15m lattice tower supporting 6 no. antennas, 4 no. transmission dishes, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including a generator and associated fuel tank, a fenced compound, for the Shared Rural Network project on behalf of Vodafone, Telefonica, and Three.”

PROPOSED RADIO BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL_305345 LAND AT SELSIDE OUTDOOR CENTRE, OFF SELSIDE SHAW OLD LANE, SELSIDE, SETTLE, NORTH YORKSHIRE, BD24 0HZ NGR E: 378092 N: 475807



Asset of Community Value Registration



SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL

Following the 7 days Ward Councillor call in period, Settle Area Swimming Pool CIOs nomination to register the Settle Swimming Pool site in Giggleswick has been formally approved and is now included on the Craven District Register of Community Assets.



The Director of Services considered that the application meets the definition of an asset of community value as set out in Section 88 of the Localism Act. The decision was made following consideration of comments by myself as the relevant Ward Councillor, as well as CDC Spatial Planning Team and the CDC Partnerships Officer.

Comments from Local Ward Councillor Robert Ogden

“After reviewing the details, I believe this to a proper application of a site that does meet the definition of an asset of community value. Settle Area Swimming Pool is valued by the residents of not just Penyghent Ward, but the entirety of North Craven and beyond. For many, including myself, it is where we learned to swim and it therefore holds a special place in our hearts. I believe the leisure and sporting credentials of Settle Area Swimming Pool robustly meet the Craven District Council guidelines as it benefits both the social interests and wellbeing of the local community.”

Section 88 of the Localism Act 2011 (subsection 1):

(1) For the purposes of this Chapter but subject to regulations under subsection (3), a building or other land in a local authority’s area is land of community value if in the opinion of the authority—

(a) an actual current use of the building or other land that is not an ancillary use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and

(b) it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use of the building or other land which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

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Penyghent Ward



If you have any queries, or would like to report an issue, please contact me using my email address:

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