

Ratepayers ask Council to move garages from centre of Luddenden village

CALL FOR SITE TO BE PAVED AND PLANTED WITH TREES

A RESOLUTION, asking Halifax Town Council to remove the row of four garages which recently were erected on waste ground in the centre of Luddenden village, was passed by a majority of 16 at a meeting held at Luddenden community centre, last night.

Ratepayers — who attended the meeting — want the Broad Street site, on which the garages stand, to be levelled, paved with flags and planted with trees.

Two further proposals were put forward by the ratepayers, who asked that because the village constable had difficulty in keeping children in order a playground should be laid out on land formerly used as a tip near the housing estate in Halifax Lane.

They also suggested that new dwellings should be built on the nearby Chapel Street so that people can be rehoused in their own village, after demolition.

had now submitted a new application for planning permission as the garages stood at present.

The Development Committee had deferred a decision but had to decide within two months and therefore the Housing Committee had one month in which to prepare a plan for Brook Street and Chapel Street for council approval.

Councillor Pay, outlining the moves which led up to permission being granted to the concern to erect garages revealed that the Borough Engineer had been instructed to prepare a plan for the redevelopment of Brook Street and Chapel Street. The ratepayers' wishes could, he suggested, be a guide to the Borough Engineer in this.

Support sought

These proposals are to be sent to the Town Clerk of Halifax (Mr. R. de Z. Hall) and the three councillors for Warley—Coun. W. Haigh, Coun. F. L. Pay and Coun. E. C. Astin—who also attended the meeting, were asked to support them.

Councillor Pay said that planning permission for the erection of the garages was granted after the Housing Committee had told the Development Committee that it did not feel it had a case to interfere with private development.

A further application by the same concern to put up more garages had been turned down, although this action had yet to be approved by the Town Council.

Having permitted the garage development the only way out was to ask the Ministry for an order revoking planning permission. But if they were to persuade the Ministry to do so they would have to establish that they had a better and essential use for the site.

Changed its mind

The Housing Committee had notified the Development Committee that it had changed its mind and wanted to see houses in the general development of Luddenden.

The four garages which had been erected, however, were not strictly in accordance with the original plan. It was a mere detail, but in order to put it right the concern