MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE ON 12TH JANUARY, 2017

PRESENT L. M. Crossley – Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

N. McEvoy	Mr C. Burt – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
J. K. Starkie	Mr R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
K. Turner	Mrs J. Heaps – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
C. Wakeford	Mr A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council
	Mr R. Willoughby – Higham with West Parish Council

Police

Sergeant D. Pemberton PC M. Dibb

Officers in attendance

V. Green	Financial Services Manager
K. Hughes	Principal Planning Officer
J. Eccles	Committee Administrator

(Apologies were received from Councillor B. Newman.)

The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the following item:-

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M65/Junction 13 Improvements

Minute No. 84

76. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

77.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

78.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 12th December, 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79.

POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Damian Pemberton and PC Mark Dibb attended the meeting. Sergeant Pemberton presented the crime statistics for Barrowford and Western Parishes for December 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2015	2016
Burglary in a dwelling	0	3
Burglary other than a dwelling	2	1
Vehicle Crime	7	5
Hate crime	1	0
Assaults	1	1
Criminal Damage	1	2
ALL CRIME	23	19
Anti-Social Behaviour	16	11

Sergeant Pemberton encouraged Members to contact him with any concerns via Facebook or email and left his contact details.

80.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning application to be determined:-

16/0734/REM Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of hotel/pub/restaurant, crèche and office buildings – appearance, landscape and scale only at Lane East of Vantage Court, Barrowford Road, Barrowford for Peel Investments (North) Ltd

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting with comments from PBC Environmental Health requesting the inclusion of conditions on kitchen extraction sound and odour installation and external lighting. There were also further comments about the footpath to the side of the site and the material for the build.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions -

1. This notice constitutes an approval of matters reserved under Condition 3 of Planning Permission No.13/13/0462P and does not by itself constitute a planning permission.

Reason: The application relates to matters reserved by Planning Permission No. 13/13/0462P.

 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 01, 02, 03, MH760-100 Rev A, MH760-101 Rev A, MH760-102 Rev B, MH760-103 Rev B, MH760-104 Rev B, MH760-105 Rev B, MH760-106 Rev B, MH760-108 Rev B, MH760-110 Rev B.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

- 3. Notwithstanding any indication of the approved plans, forms or design and access statement, no approval is hereby granted for the external materials of the development. Prior to the commencement of the construction of any part of the external walls and roof of the development a sample plan or panels of the proposed external facing materials shall be supplied to the Local Planning Authority for written approval together with details of the colour and finish of windows and doors of the development. The construction of the walls and roof shall thereafter strictly proceed in accordance with the approved materials.
 - **Reason**: To ensure that the external materials are comparable to the design of the building and fit into the surrounding townscape in order to ensure the development is of an acceptable design.
- 4. All hard and soft landscape works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5837 (2012). The works shall be carried out prior to occupation of any part of the development or in accordance with a timetable to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any trees or plants that within a period of five years after planting, are removed, die or become seriously damaged or defective, shall be replaced with others of species, size and number as originally approved, by the end of the first available planting season thereafter.
 - **Reason**: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a reasonable standard of landscape in accordance with the approved designs.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The appearance, landscaping and scale of the development are acceptable. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that at 3rd January there were no new appeals. The following appeals had been withdrawn with the agreement that the building was removed from the site in its entirety. A deadline of the end of January had been given for those works to be completed.

- 16/0316/FUL Appeal against refusal of approval for erection of a building for the sale of canine products (Retrospective) at Douglas Hall Cottage, Spenbrook Road, Newchurch-In-Pendle Burnley BB12 9JG for Mr W Lancaster.
- PLE/16/0200 Appeal against the issuing of an enforcement notice for the unauthorised

erection of a building for the sale of canine products at Douglas Hall Cottage, Spenbrook Road, Newchurch-In-Pendle Burnley BB12 9JG for Mr W Lancaster.

81.

ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases in Barrowford and Western Parishes for information.

82. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the uncommitted balance of the Committee's Capital Programme for 2016/17 was £2,158.

83. REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18

The Financial Services Manager presented his report asking the Committee to consider its base budget for 2016/17, identify any options for budget reductions and pass any comments on to the Executive. The report was noted.

84. UPDATE ON M65/JUNCTION 13 WORKS

An update from County Council on improvement works at Junction 13 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. A further update was circulated at the meeting on the temporary signals at the roundabout and the fact that not all the lanes were operational at the moment. County Council said that priority had been given to the M65 slip road. Management were reviewing the disruption daily and trying to ensure that traffic flows were enhanced where possible.

Members were particularly concerned about the impact the temporary traffic signals were having on traffic coming out of Barrowford, particularly in the morning. There was concern that a lot of drivers to avoid the congestion were taking alternative routes putting further traffic on the back roads, and that some drivers, unfamiliar with the area, were using inappropriate side streets. County Councillor C. Wakeford said that he would pass on the Committee's concerns to County.

85. PARKS RECREATION AND GREEN SPACES UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of current Parks, Recreation and Green Spaces work and upcoming plans/developments for Barrowford and Western Parishes. Members noted the comprehensive update from Parks and, in particular, the excellent work being done by the Environmental Action Team to eradicate Japanese Knotweed throughout Pendle. It was noted that various volunteer groups in the borough were also helping to eradicate Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam, another invasive weed.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to let Members have more detail on the programme of works undertaken by the Environmental Action Team to treat and monitor

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Japanese Knotweed; what the Council was doing to tackle Himalayan Balsam; and contact details for the Environmental Action Team.

REASON

So that the parishes could work with the Council and feed into any programme of works.

86.

PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem buildings in Barrowford and the Western Parishes. It was reported that the caravan had been moved from the Former Corn Mill in Higherford. A Community Protection Order would be issued at the end of February requiring further improvements if no further progress had been made.

It was expected that an application to discharge the conditions at Spen Brook Mill, would be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

87. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in Barrowford and Western Parishes. A site visit had been carried out prior to the meeting to look at the untidy piece of land at the bottom of John Street, Barrowford. Enquiries were going to be made to confirm the ownership of the land and the owner contacted to see what improvements could be made.

88. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

Members were asked to consider topics for scrutiny for the next municipal year 2017/18 and to send any suggestions directly to the Scrutiny Management Team before the end of February.

RESOLVED

That Scrutiny Management Team be asked to consider looking at a borough wide scheme for tackling the invasive Himalayan Balsam plant.

CHAIRMAN _____