

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE
ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2016**

PRESENT

Councillor L. M. Crossley – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*N. McEvoy
B. Newman
J. K. Starkie
C. Wakeford*

Co-optees

*Mrs J. Commons – Old Laund Parish Council
Mrs K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
Mr R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
Mr M. Tetley – Higham Parish Council
Mr D. Oldham – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council
Mr N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council
Mr M. Schofield – Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Officers in attendance

*V. Green
K. Hughes
J. Eccles*

*Financial Services Manager
Principal Planning Officer
Committee Administrator*



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

<i>Judith Douglas</i>	<i>Full: Erection of single storey extension to rear and detached outbuilding to side at the Studio, Dam Head Barn, Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee</i>	<i>Minute No. 93(a)</i>
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89. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

90. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Susan Sunderland, from Barrowford, asked on behalf of residents about the future of Barrowford Library, in the light of recent announcements about its potential closure. She thought it was important for the Committee to be aware of the threat to this valuable community resource.

The Chairman said that the Committee shared residents' concerns. County Councillor C. Wakeford said that this was a County Council issue. More would be known after the Council's Budget meeting the following Thursday, and a Cabinet meeting in March. He pointed out that if County Council decided to withdraw funding for the Library, a Friends of Barrowford Library group or another community group or organisation could take on the running of the Library to prevent its closure.

91. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7th January, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

92. POLICE ISSUES

The Police had submitted crime figures for Barrowford and Western Parishes for Barrowford for January 2016 which were noted.

93. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

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

13/15/0579P Full: Erection of single storey extension to rear and detached outbuilding to side at the Studio, Dam Head Barn, Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee for Mr M. Ford

(Before the vote was taken the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be refused this would represent a significant risk of costs to the Council. The matter would be referred to the Democratic and Legal Manager and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

Overdevelopment in AONB outside the Settlement Boundary & poor design

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals for information.

94. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Democratic and Legal Manager reported that there were no outstanding enforcement cases in Barrowford and the Western Parishes.

95. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report about the Committee's 2015/16

Capital Programme. It was noted that work on surfacing improvements at Lower Clough Fold would commence in 2-3 weeks.

96. TRAFFIC LIAISON MINUTES

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison meeting on 5th November 2015 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to request more information from County Council on improvements to the pedestrian crossing at Rushton Street/Gisburn Road in Barrowford and find out when a speed indicator device would next be sited in Roughlee.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

97. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report about environmental crime in Barrowford and the Western Parishes for the period 1st October to 31st December 2015.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to seek the removal of building debris at a property on Beverley Road which had been there for over 9 months.
- (2) That the Environmental Services Manager be thanked for erecting the dog waste bin in Roughlee.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

98. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Committee was invited to submit suggestions for topics for scrutiny for the next municipal year 2016/17.

RESOLVED

That the effectiveness of Section 106 Agreements in Pendle be put forward as a topic for future scrutiny.

CHAIRMAN _____