

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE
ON 31ST MARCH, 2016**

PRESENT

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*Mrs K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
Ms S. Nike – Barrowford Parish Council
Mr M. Tetley – Higham Parish Council
Mr N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council*

Officers in attendance

<i>V. Green</i>	<i>Financial Services Manager</i>
<i>K. Hughes</i>	<i>Principal Planning Officer</i>
<i>L. Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies were received from M. Schofield and J. Commons.)



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

<i>Jim Duckworth</i>	<i>13/16/0071P Reserved Matters: Erection of 9 dwelling houses (appearance, landscaping, scale, layout and access) at field (part) adjacent Clough Springs, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No.114(a)</i>
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110. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

111. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

112. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3rd March, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

113. POLICE ISSUES

The Police submitted crime figures for Barrowford and Western Parishes for March 2016 broken

down into the various villages.

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked to include crime figures for Newchurch in future reports.

114. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

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

13/16/0071P Reserved Matters: Erection of 9 dwelling houses (appearance, landscaping, scale, layout and access) at field (part) adjacent Clough Springs, Barrowford for Mr J. Alexander

RESOLVED

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

1. The proposed development by virtue of its design and layout would result in a scheme which would be poor design owing to its inappropriate appearance and height in this location, contrary to Policies 13 and 20 of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan and paragraph 64 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported on the following two appeal decisions -

13/15/0255P Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of a single storey extension and dormer to rear and roof lights to front at 22 Carr Hall Road, Barrowford, BB9 6BX
**Split decision – single storey extension and roof lights allowed
rear dormer dismissed**

13/15/0260P Appeal against refusal of Listed Building consent to replace existing wood framed windows to UPVC double glazed windows at 195 Gisburn Road, Barrowford BB9 6JD
Appeal dismissed

115. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

A potential infringement for change of use at Hollin Hall Farm, Blacko by the erection of a greenhouse and two tree houses was reported by Blacko Parish Council.

116. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 AND 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2015/16 and 2016/17 Capital Programmes. It was reported that there was an underspend of £463 on Festive Decorations and that County Council had refused the bid for improvements to the Haddings Lane FP 94, Higham, leaving an underspend of £750.

Members considered a bid from Barrowford Cricket Club seeking £1,000 towards urgent repairs at Bull Holme Cricket Pavilion following vandalism to the roof and toilets.

RESOLVED

- (1) That underspends of £463 for Festive Decorations and £750 for the Haddings Lane FP94, Higham improvement scheme be deallocated.
- (2) That £1,000 be allocated from the 2015/16 Capital Programme for urgent repairs to Bull Holme Cricket Pavilion.
- (3) That Parish Councils be asked to submit their bids to the 2016/17 Capital Programme in time for consideration at the 7th July meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To enable the Committee's Capital Programme to be allocated effectively and efficiently.

117. UPDATE ON M65/JUNCTION 13 WORKS

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted an update on ongoing works at Junction 13 of the M65 for information.

118. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in Barrowford and Western Parishes.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway be removed from the environmental blight list.
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to consider including the following sites on the environmental blight list, or where appropriate they be referred to the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager for inclusion on the list of problem sites –
 - The electricity substation close to Booths Supermarket, Barrowford

- The piece of land situated at the bottom of John Street, Barrowford

REASON

- (1) *The trees and shrubs on the site have been cut back as requested.***
(2) *To deal with environmental blight in the area.*

119. VACANT HOMES

Following the request from Members at the 7th January meeting, the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report with further information on vacant houses in Barrowford and Western Parishes.

120. STEVEN BURKE SPORTS HUB – PHASE 2

At the last meeting the Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on progress made in relation to the proposed plans for Phase 2 of the Steven Burke Sports Hub. Members earmarked £2,000 from the Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme towards the project costs whilst acknowledging concerns raised by Barrowford Parish Council about access to the site and use of the site by 6-12 year olds. The report was re-submitted for further consideration.

RESOLVED

- (1) That this Committee approves the revised plans and supports the working group in their future work.
- (2) That the £2,000 contribution agreed in principle at the last meeting be formally considered at the 7th July meeting of this Committee.
- (3) That the future management issues outlined in paragraph 5 of the report be noted.
- (4) That Barrowford Parish Council be encouraged to meet with Pendle Council's Green Spaces Development Officer to address any outstanding issues, following which a progress report be considered by this Committee.

REASON

To allow the project to progress.

121. PROPOSED BARROWFORD POST OFFICE

Members were asked for their views on the Post Office's proposal to re-open Barrowford Post Office in a new location at 136 Gisburn Road.

RESOLVED

That the Democratic and Legal Manager be asked to inform the Post Office that the Committee was happy for the Barrowford Post Office branch to be located at 136 Gisburn Road.

REASON

For the benefit of local residents.

122.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Double yellow lines at entrance to Spout Houses, Blacko

It was reported that a request had been made to Lancashire County Council for double yellow lines to be placed at the entrance to Spout Houses, Blacko to improve visibility onto Gisburn Road. The issue had first been raised two years ago, with little progress being made.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to pursue this matter with the County Council and, if appropriate, ask that a consultation on the proposals be commenced.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

(b) National speed limit sign on Gisburn Road, Blacko

It was reported that a request had been made to Lancashire County Council to re-locate the national speed limit sign, currently located close to the entrance of Springfield on Gisburn Road, Blacko to a position after the bend in the road. The Committee was asked to support this proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked pursue this matter with the County Council and, if appropriate, ask that a consultation on the proposals be commenced.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

CHAIRMAN _____