

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE
ON 12TH MAY, 2016**

PRESENT

Councillors

*L. M. Crossley
B. Newman
K. Turner
C. Wakeford*

Co-optees

*Mr C. Burt – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
Mr R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
Mr N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council
Mr S. Milligan – Roughlee Parish Council
Mrs J. Commons – Old Laund Booth Parish Council*

Officers in attendance

*V. Green
K. Hughes
J. Eccles*

*Financial Services Manager
Principal Planning Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies were received from M. Tetley and Councillors N. McEvoy and J. K. Starkie.)



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

Iain Lord

Garage sites

Minute No.16

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor L. M. Crossley be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor J. K. Starkie be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED

That the following parish councils be invited to appoint a representative of their council as co-optee on this Committee for the municipal year 2016/17 –

- Old Laund Booth
- Roughlee
- Barley with Wheatley Booth
- Barrowford
- Blacko
- Goldshaw Booth
- Higham with West Close Booth

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 31st March, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. POLICE ISSUES

The Police submitted crime figures for Barrowford and Western Parishes for April 2016 broken down into the various villages. Members discussed concerns about a recent rise in anti-social behaviour and a spate of criminal damage in Barrowford.

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked to -

- (1) Provide each month additional statistics for the same period for the previous year for comparison purposes.
- (2) Report back on the number of calls reporting crimes or anti-social behaviour in the previous month, which were thought to be more than those recorded in the statistics.
- (3) Consider talking to the group of youths that had recently started congregating in the village, to try to prevent possible future anti-social behaviour or crimes from occurring.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

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

13/16/0093P Full: Erection of 3 detached dwellings and garages and form new access at plots 7,9,10,317 Gisburn Road, Barrowford

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting following a bat survey and comments received regarding the protected trees on site.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. The development permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of the permission.

Reason: This condition is required to be imposed by virtue of Section 91(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. This permission shall relate to drawing nos. location plan, proposed block plan, AML 2010 001 001 B, CAL2003 008 015 H and AML 2010 002 A & AM 2010 018 0001.

Reason: This condition is required to be imposed by virtue of Section 91(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 and Parts 1 and 2 of the second schedule of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no development as specified in Classes A, B, C, D, E and F of Part 1 and Class B of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of that Order shall be carried out on Plots 7, 9 and 10 and Class A of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of that Order shall be carried out on Plots 9 and 10 without express planning permission first being obtained from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to enable the Local Planning Authority to control any future development on the site, in order to safeguard the character and visual amenity of the area and impacts on neighbouring properties.

4. The foul sewers and surface water drains shall be implemented in strict accordance with the details submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority on the 11th October, 2013. Such works shall be carried out concurrently with the rest of the development and in any event shall be finished before the building is occupied.

Reason: In order that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied with the details of the proposal and to avoid flooding.

5. Unless approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority no ground clearance, demolition, or construction work shall commence until protective fencing, to BS 5837 : 2005 at least 1.25 metres high securely mounted on timber posts firmly driven into the ground has been erected around each tree/tree group or hedge to be preserved on the site or on immediately adjoining land, and no work shall be carried out on the site until the written approval of the Local Planning Authority has been issued confirming that the protective fencing is erected in accordance with this condition. The fencing shall be located at least

1.00 metre beyond the protected area detailed in BS 5837. Within the areas so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered. Roots with a diameter of more than 25 millimetres shall be left unsevered. There shall be no construction work, development or development-related activity of any description, including the deposit of spoil or the storage of materials within the fenced areas. The protective fencing shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

Reason: To prevent trees or hedgerows on site from being damaged during building works.

6. All works involving excavation of soil, including foundations and the laying of services, within 4 metres of the trees to be retained on the site, shall be dug by hand and in accordance with a scheme of works which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works.

Reason: To safeguard existing trees to be retained.

7. All proposed tree planting and the proposed times of planting shall be implemented in strict accordance with the details which have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority on the 11th October, 2013.

Reason: To ensure the appropriate landscape design and in the interests of the visual amenity of the area.

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 proposed development would not adversely impact on amenity or highway safety and would be acceptable in terms of siting, design and materials and 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 submitted a report on outstanding appeals. It was reported that the following appeal had now been determined. The single storey extension had been allowed but the dormer to the rear had been conditioned out.

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

9. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Democratic and Legal Manager reported that there were no outstanding enforcement cases

in Barrowford and Western Parishes.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to report back on the potential infringement for change of use at Hollin Hall Farm, Blacko, which was reported at the last meeting.

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme was £21,079.

Members considered a bid for £6,000 for Barrowford Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants and one for a further £1,330 towards the surfacing of the street and installation of street lighting to adoptable standards at Lower Clough Fold, Barrowford.

Blacko Parish Council reported a £2,670 underspend on the 2015/16 walling project and wondered if this amount could be reallocated towards necessary repairs to the playground equipment and flooring within the playground at the Recreation Ground in Blacko.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the 2016/17 bid for £6,000 for Barrowford Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants be deferred to the July meeting for consideration with other bids from the Parish Councils and the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to provide details of the premises improved using the 2015/16 allocation.
- (2) That a further £1,330 be granted towards the surfacing of the street and installation of street lighting to adoptable standards at Lower Clough Fold, Barrowford.
- (3) That the Blacko Parish Council bid to reallocate the underspend on the 2015/16 walling project to repairs to the playground equipment and flooring within the playground at the Recreation Ground in Blacko be considered at the 9th June meeting.

REASON

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

11. UPDATE ON M65/JUNCTION 12 & 13 WORKS

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted an update on ongoing works at Junction 12 and 13 of the M65 for information.

12. TRAFFIC LIAISON MINUTES

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted the minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 14th April for information.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in Barrowford and Western Parishes for the period 1st January to 31st March 2016.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to provide information on fixed penalty notices for January to March 2016, rather than October to December 2015.
- (2) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked if it was possible for the Enforcement Officers to have more of a presence in the villages, where there was still a problem with dog fouling.
- (3) That the dog waste bin at Pendle Forest Sports Club be repaired; that in discussion with Blacko Parish Council the litter bin outside Blacko School be relocated; and the litter bin at the corner of Pendle Street/Lee Street. Barrowford either be relocated next to one of the dog waste bins nearby or an additional dog bin be placed next to the litter bin at this location.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity and public health.

14. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem buildings in Barrowford and Western Parishes and gave a further update at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Land adjacent 32 Garnett Street, Barrowford be removed from the problem buildings list.

REASON

The site had been tidied to an acceptable standard.

15. PARKS, RECREATION AND GREEN SPACES UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on parks, recreation and green spaces work and upcoming plans/developments for Barrowford and Western Parishes. It was reported that Barrowford Parish Council was meeting the Green Spaces Officer to address outstanding issues concerning the proposed Steven Burke Sports Hub – Phase Two on 1st June.

It was noted that the Friends of Victoria Park Group had not met formally for a couple of years, although recent work in the Park had been done in co-ordination with a few of the Friends.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to empty the waste bins in Victory Park and Barrowford Park on Saturday, so that the bins were not overflowing by the end of the weekend.
- (2) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to try to resurrect the Friends of Victoria Park Group.

REASON

1. *In the interests of visual amenity.*
2. *To ensure that all Members of the Friends Group are consulted on decisions about the future of Victoria Park and the continuation of an effective Friends Group.*

16. GARAGE SITES

Following a resolution from the Transfer of Services to Town and Parish Councils Committee the Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted for comment a list of all garage sites within the boundary of this area committee detailing current rental income and recommending the future management of each site.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Transfer of Services to Town and Parish Councils be recommended that Rushton Street Garage site be offered to Barrowford Parish Council subject to there being no significant repairs or financial outlay required.
- (2) That the Property Services Manager, Liberata be asked to provide a complete list of the buildings owned by Pendle Council in Barrowford.

REASON

1. *To give the Parish Council the potential to generate income from the garages.*
2. *To look at possible opportunities for further joint working.*

17. PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Cathy Hopley, Development Officer for the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Scheme had contacted the Committee about a survey being carried out on behalf of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to help inform the forthcoming activity programme of heritage projects. The progress was noted.

18. OFFENSIVE SIGNS ON PENDLE WAY IN HIGHERFORD

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the options for dealing with potentially offensive signs on and near the Pendle Way at Higherford.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Democratic and Legal Manager be authorised to serve a Community Protection Notice on the occupier of the cottage in Higherford displaying offensive signs.
- (2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to investigate any damage done to the trees in erecting the signs.

REASON

To ensure the removal of offensive signs in this location and protection of the trees.

CHAIRMAN _____