

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE  
HELD AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE  
ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016**

*PRESENT*

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

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

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

**Officers in attendance**

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

*(Apologies were received from Mr N. Hodgson and Mr M. Tetley.)*



*The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the following items:-*

<i>Anthony Leach</i>	<i>16/0277P/HHO Full: Lift roof of property to create first floor, erection of two storey extension to front and associated external alterations at 4 Sandy Hall Lane, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No.23(a)</i>
<i>Will Lancaster</i>	<i>16/0316/FUL Full: Erection of a building for the sale of canine products at Douglas Hall Cottage , Spenbrook</i>	<i>Minute No.23(a)</i>
<i>2 local residents</i>	<i>Items for Discussion - Barrowford Library</i>	<i>Minute No. 28</i>

**19. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**20. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr I. Lord referred to a planning application to demolish the Multi-storey car park in Nelson and asked about the impact this would have on trading in the Town Centre. The Chairman said that this was a matter for Nelson Committee.

**21. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

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

**22. POLICE ISSUES**

The Police submitted crime figures for Barrowford and Western Parishes for 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016. It was noted that there had been several thefts in Barrowford and Fence.

Members discussed the benefits of having regular crime updates, information on road closures and about local neighbourhood policing through the “*In the Know*” free messaging service from Lancashire Police. When signing up you could choose whether to receive updates by text, email or voice message. Information was relevant to where someone worked and lived.

**RESOLVED**

That the Democratic and Legal Manager be asked to publicise the “In the Know” free messaging service from Lancashire Police on the Council’s website.

**REASON**

*So that residents can keep up to date with Police issues in their area.*

**23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Planning Applications**

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

**16/0123/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey extension to front at 5 Holt Square, Barrowford for Mrs Lesley Martin**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported receipt of amended plans.

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The proposed extension would, by virtue of its projection and height, be an unacceptable addition to this modest back to back cottage in an historic location within Barrowford Conservation Area to the detriment of the conservation and good design contrary to Pendle Local Plan Part 1 policies ENV1 and ENV2 and the Conservation Area Design and Development Guidance Supplementary Planning Document.

**16/0277/HHO Full: Lift roof of property to create first floor, erection of two storey extension to front and external alterations at 4 Sandy Hall Lane, Barrowford for Mr A. Leach**

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The extension of the property and the addition of a second floor to it would result in a development that would be disproportionate to the original building. The massing of the building would increase and this would have a detrimental impact on the openness of the Green Belt. The development would thus be inappropriate development in the Green Belt contrary to the policies ENV1 of the Local Plan Core Strategy Part 1 and Section 9 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**16/0316/FUL Full: Erection of a building for the sale of canine products at Douglas Hall Cottage , Spenbrook for Mr Lancaster**

**RESOLVED**

(1) That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

1. The development is poor in design and is highly conspicuous in the landscape. It results in a significant and detrimental impact on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty contrary to the policy ENV 1 of the adopted Core Strategy and the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.
  2. The retail development is located in an isolated location in the open countryside outside of a town centre. It is poorly served by public transport, does not serve the rural community and would not have any links with any nearby centre. The proposal would not result in sustainable development and would be contrary to Policies ENV 1 and WRK 4 of the adopted Core Strategy and to the National Planning Policy Framework.
- (2) That the Democratic and Legal Manager be requested to take enforcement action to require that the building be demolished, removed from the land and the site restored to its former condition.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

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

**24. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Enforcement Action**

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

**25. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2015/16 and 2016/17 capital budgets.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the underspends totalling £3,635 on improvements to Barrowford Bus Shelters and the Blacko Parish Council Dry-Stone Walling and Replacement of Damaged Walling projects be deallocated and the funds returned to the capital budget.
- (2) That £3,000 be allocated to Blacko Parish Council for repairs to the children's play area.
- (3) That all other Parish bids be considered at the next meeting.

**REASON**

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

**26. UPDATE ON M65/JUNCTION 13 WORKS**

An update was circulated at the meeting on ongoing works at Junction 13 of the M65 for information. There was concern that the traffic lights installed at Junction 12 were in operation 24 hours a day and that this would have a detrimental effect on traffic flow if installed on a similar basis at Junction 13.

**RESOLVED**

That the County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport be asked to look at the need for the traffic lights at Junction 12 to be in operation 24 hours a day, and for this to be avoided when installing them at Junction 13.

**REASON**

*To keep traffic flowing in the area.*

**27. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

At the Annual meeting of the Council the responsibility for appointing representatives to some outside bodies was referred to this Committee. It was noted that the Power Fest and Lifestyle Festival had replaced Barrowford Agricultural Show Committee. Councillors were welcome to join their organising committees on a personal basis.

It was noted that Councillors J. Starkie and C. Wakeford were trustees of the Reuben Burton Educational Foundation until such time as they resigned.

**28. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Members considered the proposed closure of Barrowford Library. Two residents presented a

petition from adults and 57 letters from children at schools in the village, asking for the Library to remain open. They said it was a valuable resource used by the whole community and they wanted to put a plan in place to ensure it continued.

County Council was currently consulting on how and from which buildings it would provide services from in future. Expressions of Interest wishing to take on buildings needed to be submitted by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Residents wanted the support of the Committee and the Parish Council and time to consult with all relevant parties to agree on the best way forward.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the County Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services be asked to meet with local residents at the earliest opportunity to discuss the possibility of keeping Barrowford Library open and for an extension to be given on the deadline for Expressions of Interest, to allow relevant parties to get together to discuss options for continuing the service.
- (2) That Councillor C. Wakeford be asked to pass on copies of the children's letters and signed petition from local residents to County Council.

## **REASON**

***To give local residents time to consult with relevant parties and complete the required Expressions of Interest form.***

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_