



# MEETING OF THE BARROWFORD & WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE

Members: Councillors Linda Crossley (Chairman), Noel McEvoy,  
Brian Newman, James Starkie, Ken Turner and Christian Wakeford

TO BE HELD ON  
**THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**  
AT 7.00 P.M.

## AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE, BARROWFORD

The meeting will commence with **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**. Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions of the Committee.

Members of the public may also speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest. Petitions may also be presented.

If the item is a planning application then you must make your request **in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting**.

For other items you should try to make your request in **writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting**. If you are unable to do this the Chairman may still allow you to speak if you turn up at the meeting.

For further information and to make a request to speak please contact  
**Joanne Eccles on tel: 661654**

If you would like this information in a way which is better for you, please telephone us.



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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیوں کریں۔

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## A G E N D A

### 1. Declaration of Interests

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

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

### 2. Public Question Time

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

### 3. Minutes

**Enc.** To approve, or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

### 4. Police Issues

The crime statistics for February for Barrowford and the Western Parishes will be circulated before the meeting. **TO FOLLOW**

### NON-EXECUTIVE ISSUES -

#### **PLANNING MATTERS**

### 5. Planning Applications

#### **(a) Applications to be determined**

**Enc.** The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submits the attached report on the following planning applications to be determined –

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Proposal and Location</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Page No.</b>
16/0782/OUT	Outline: Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling (Access only) at High Mount Farm, Foxen Dole Lane, Higham	Refuse	2
16/0797/FUL	Full: Demolition of outbuildings and erection of two, one bedroom holiday accommodation units at Ing Head Farm, Barley	Approve	7

## **(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reports that at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 there was one outstanding appeal as follows –

*16/0508/HHO*

*16/0021/AP/REFUSE – Appeal against refusal of approval for removal of 3 trees and formation of two car parking spaces at Croft Barn, Barley New Road, Barley*

### 6. Enforcement/Unauthorised Uses

#### **Enforcement Action**

**Enc.** The Head of Legal Services submits the attached report on enforcement cases in Barrowford and the Western Parishes area.

### EXECUTIVE ISSUES –

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### 7. Capital Programme 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reports that £1,767 remains unallocated from the Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme. A full report will be submitted to the next meeting.

#### **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

### 8. Update on M65/Junction 13 works

An update on works at Junction 13 of the M65 will be circulated before the meeting. **TO FOLLOW**

### 9. Traffic Liaison Meeting

**Enc.** Attached for information are the minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

### 10. Problem Buildings

**Enc.** The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submits the attached report on problem buildings in Barrowford and the Western Parishes.

### 11. Treatment of Himalayan Balsam

At the last meeting it was noted that various volunteer groups were helping to eradicate Himalayan Balsam. The Committee asked for an update on what the Council was doing to tackle this invasive weed.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reports that Himalayan balsam is a non-native species that is found especially on riverbanks and on waste ground (but can also invade gardens) where it has become a problem weed. The pink flower grows rapidly (it can grow

to between 6-10ft in height) and spreads quickly, smothering native plants and other vegetation as it goes leaving banks bare and subject to erosion when it dies down.

Unlike Japanese Knotweed, there is no strategic treatment/plan in place for tackling Himalayan balsam at the present time by the Council. The amount of balsam in Pendle is significant (perception is that it is more prevalent in volume than JK) and to tackle the invasive weed properly would be an onerous task not only on Pendle Council managed sites but on other private land.

We currently deal with balsam via occasional 'balsam bashing' working days or volunteer events where Council staff alongside volunteers pull the balsam out from its root before they flower and seed. This is usually done between May and October as during the summer the balsam produces clusters of purplish pink helmet shaped flowers. The flowers are followed by seed pods that open explosively when ripe. The balsam must be tackled prior to the seed pods spreading. The uprooted balsam is then disposed of in a green bin where it is left to rot. Once it has decomposed, the mulch can be re-used on green space sites.

12. Land adjacent to Pendleside, Lomeshaye

**Enc.** The Strategic Director submits the attached report seeking comments on the recommendation that the Executive approve the grant of a lease of land adjacent to Pendleside, Lomeshaye.