

Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee (09.02.2017)

Vehicle Crime	8	4
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	3	6
Criminal Damage	6	1
ALL CRIME	25	20
Anti-Social Behaviour	6	10

PC Dibb informed Members about some new initiatives in policing the area. They were hoping to use 5 or 6 trained volunteers on horseback to help combat rural crime.

Community Road Watch involved the police working together with local communities at sites where people were worried about road safety. Volunteers, trained by the Police, could work with local officers to address drivers exceeding the speed limit, using mobile phones and people not wearing seat belts and/or child restraints. This could include warning letters or police visits to motorists. Higherford Action Group was going to be approached for volunteers following complaints about speeding vehicles in Higherford.

93. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that at 1st February 2017 there was one new 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

94. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Haddings Head, Higham

The Neighbourhood Services Manager gave an update on Haddings Head following concerns about ambulances/paramedic vehicles accessing neighbouring properties and concerns about the fencing not being secure enough to contain the dogs. Members noted confirmation that an ambulance vehicle should be able to access the site and welcomed assurances about the security of the dog enclosure. Officers would continue to monitor the situation.

(b) Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases in Barrowford and Western Parishes for information.

95. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2016/17. Members considered a new bid from Barrowford Cricket Club requesting £400 towards the installation of a new kitchen. They were also asked to deallocate a £9 underspend following the removal of the caravan at Higherford.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to allocate £400 from the Committee's 2016/17 Capital Programme to Barrowford Cricket Club towards the installation costs for a new kitchen.
- (2) That the £9 underspend for the removal of the caravan at Higherford be deallocated and returned to the Capital Programme.

REASON

To distribute the Committee's Capital Programme efficiently and effectively.

96. UPDATE ON M65/JUNCTION 13 WORKS

An update from County Council on improvement works at Junction 13 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. There was concern that the temporary pedestrian crossing light and the temporary lights on the exit from the bypass onto the roundabout were confusing.

RESOLVED

That County Council be thanked for the update and asked to review the temporary lights and pedestrian crossing arrangements at the exit from the bypass onto the roundabout which were causing confusion and could be a potential danger to pedestrians and vehicles.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

97. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in Barrowford and the Western Parishes from 1st October to 31st December 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to check the cost of replacing the free standing litter bin near St. Mary's School at Spenbrook Road, Newchurch.

REASON

The cost of the replacement bin seemed high.

98. LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager gave an update on the progress on the preparation of the Pendle Local Plan Part 2. Members noted that the public consultation and an additional call for sites would begin on 27th February and would run for six weeks. The consultation would provide the community and other interested parties with an opportunity to

comment on, and shape the direction of the Local Plan Part 2.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager and the Local Plan Working Group be asked to note the Committee's objections to the scale of the new build proposed in Barrowford and the Parishes, having recently approved the building of 500 houses at Trough Laithe, and that some of the villages could not support any additional houses.

REASON

To ensure the Committee's views are fed into the Local Plan Part 2 consultations and that development is spread fairly across the borough.

99. GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report for information on the Government's proposed changes to the planning system.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to clarify in respect of conditions which unreasonably impact on deliverability, whether the viability of applications would be independently assessed.

REASON

In the interests of objectivity and transparency.

CHAIRMAN _____