

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE  
HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE  
ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017**

*PRESENT*

*L. M. Crossley – Chairman, in the Chair*

**Councillors**

*N. McEvoy  
B. Newman  
K. Turner*

**Co-optees**

*Mr R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council  
Mr J. Connor – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council  
Mr N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council  
Mr A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council  
Mr N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council*

**Officers in attendance**

*V. Green  
A. Cameron  
J. Eccles*

*Financial Services Manager  
Planning Officer  
Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies were received from Councillors J. K. Starkie and C. Wakeford, R. Willoughby and C. Burt.)*



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

<i>Mick Waddington Alan Vickerman</i>	<i>17/0233/FUL Full: Formation of BMX track, car parking areas and road widening (Reg. 3) at Swinden Playing Fields, Cravendale Avenue, Nelson</i>	<i>Item No. 48(a)</i>
<i>Mel Aston Gordon Edwards</i>	<i>17/0269/REM Reserved Matters: Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) at High Mount Farm, Foxen dole Lane, Higham</i>	<i>Item No. 48(a)</i>

**44. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**45. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**46. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, be approved as a

correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**47. POLICE ISSUES**

Crime statistics for Barrowford and Western Parishes for July 2017 compared to the same period in 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Burglary in a dwelling	5	3
Burglary other than a dwelling	7	1
Vehicle Crime	10	4
Hate crime	1	0
Assaults	5	4
Criminal Damage	5	10
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	18	29

It was noted that whilst crime was down in July compared to the same period in 2016 crime statistics for Pendle for the 12 month period April 2016 to March 2017 presented at a recent Scrutiny Management Team meeting showed an increased number of crimes in all categories compared with the previous year. This was an area of concern for the Committee.

**RESOLVED**

That PC Dibb be informed that there was a problem with anti-social behaviour at Pendle Forest Sports Club, including drug related activity.

**48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Planning Applications**

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

**17/0233/FUL Full: Formation of BMX track, car parking areas and road widening (Reg. 3) at Swinden Playing Fields, Cravendale Avenue, Nelson for Pendle Borough Council**

This application was in Nelson and Barrowford Wards and had been submitted to both area committees for comment. The application would be determined by Development Management Committee. Consideration of the planning permission was deferred at the last meeting to allow for further consultation on certain issues with the Parish Council and residents which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting receipt of further comments from one resident.

At the meeting, it was reported that Barrowford Celtic Football Club had concerns about not being able to have Saturday morning fixtures on the football pitch near the cycle track.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Development Management Committee be minded to approve the application but to have regard to the comments from Barrowford Parish Council regarding access, parking and highway and safety issues.

### **17/0269/REM Reserved Matters: Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) at High Mount Farm, Foxen Dole Lane, Higham for Mr G. Edwards**

*(Before the vote was taken the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be approved this would be a significant departure from policy. The matter would be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the application be **approved** subject to appropriate conditions.

### **(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that at 1<sup>st</sup> August there were no new or outstanding appeals.

## **49. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

### **(a) Complaints – The Lounge, Barrowford**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager informed Members that since the last meeting the Council had not received any further complaints about The Lounge.

There were some outstanding issues concerning conditions and a planning application was still required for the shed outside. These issues would be chased and the premises would continue to be monitored.

### **(b) Enforcement Action**

The Head of Legal Services reported that there were no outstanding enforcement cases in Barrowford and the Western Parishes area.

## **50. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2017/18 Capital Programme. The uncommitted balance for 2017/18 was £4,534. An update was given on Blacko Parish Council's plans with their Pétanque scheme which had received £7,000 of Sport England funding.

## **RESOLVED**

That £559 underspend on the Riverside Project in Roughlee, which was completed in July, be

deallocated.

**REASON**

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

51.

**MALT KILN CAR PARK –  
REQUEST BY HERITAGE TRUST FOR THE NORTH WEST  
TO CHARGE FOR PARKING**

The Corporate Director reported that the Heritage Trust for the North West had requested that they be allowed to charge for parking on the Malt Kiln Car Park, which required a formal variation of their lease. The income would allow the Trust to earn some income so it could maintain the car park and keep it tidy and safe. It was recognised that the car park would benefit from improvements to lighting and resurfacing.

Various views were expressed with some concerns raised about the Trust's financial position, where displaced parkers would park, enforcement and the lack of control over future parking charge increases.

52.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in Barrowford and Western Parishes for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_