

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE
ON 5TH OCTOBER, 2017**

PRESENT

J. K. Starkie – Vice-Chairman, in the Chair

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*Mr J. Connor – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council
Mr R. Willoughby – Higham with West Close Parish Council
Mr C. Burt – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
Mr N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council*

Police

*PC M. Dibb
PCSO T. Ashworth*

Officers in attendance

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| <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 N. Hodgson, R. Oliver, A. Walker and Councillor L. M. Crossley.)



The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the following item:-

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| <i>E. Robinson</i> | <i>17/0469/FUL Full: Change of use and extension</i> | <i>Item No. 66(a)</i> |
| <i>W. Lancaster</i> | <i>of equestrian building to provide dog breeding facility, erection of office building and associated works (Part Retrospective) at Douglas Hall Cottage, Spenbrook Road, Newchurch in Pendle</i> | |

62. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

63. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Jackie Heaps from Fence complained that it was difficult to get through to the Police on the 101 telephone number, no matter what time of day it was. She asked what could be done about it. PC M. Dibb encouraged her to complain to the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner. She was given contact details for the Neighbourhood Team and told to phone if she had problems getting through on the 101 number. It was understood that the Pendle Community Safety Partnership had also expressed its concern about the problems with the 101 number.

Jackie Heaps also asked whether the Planning Department was advertising planning applications as required. There had been a couple of cases where she hadn't been aware of

applications for barn conversions in the green belt. The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager said that all publicity was carried out in accordance with the regulations set out in the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995. The regulations stated that only a site notice or neighbour notifications were required whereas officers always posted neighbour notifications. Additional site notices were posted at the discretion of the case officer. In addition, details of all the planning applications were put on the Council's website. Mrs Heaps was welcome to query the publicity details of any specific case with the Planning Department and this would be looked into.

64. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7th September, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

65. POLICE ISSUES

PC M. Dibb presented the crime statistics for Barrowford and Western Parishes for September 2017 compared to the same period in 2016 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

| | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Burglary in a dwelling | 8 | 4 |
| Burglary other than a dwelling | 1 | 2 |
| Vehicle Crime | 8 | 3 |
| Hate crime | 0 | 0 |
| Assaults | 2 | 3 |
| Criminal Damage | 3 | 2 |
| ALL CRIME | 25 | 21 |
| Anti-Social Behaviour | 16 | 19 |

The Police also reported back on a speed check using hand held lasers that had been carried out at 2 locations on Barnoldswick Road, Higherford. Out of 712 vehicles 1 front seat passenger was caught not wearing a seat belt and there were 12 speeding offences. The highest speed recorded was 43 mph, 1 at 42mph and 2 at 40mph. The remaining vehicles caught speeding were travelling at 36-39mph. The offence rate was 1.82%.

66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning application for determination:-

17/0469/FUL Full: Change of use and extension of equestrian building to provide dog breeding facility, erection of office building and associated works (Part Retrospective) at Douglas Hall Cottage, Spenbrook Road, Newchurch in Pendle for Mr W. Lancaster

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update reporting no objections from Goldshaw Booth Parish Council and four further objections. It was noted that, following a request from the Parish Council, the applicant had agreed to erect screening around the skip for dog waste.

RESOLVED

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

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Proposed Site Plan, 001B, 002A, 003D, 101.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. The erection of the external walls of the development hereby approved shall not commence unless and until samples of the external materials to be used in the construction of the development hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

4. The erection of the buildings hereby approved shall not be commenced unless and until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include the following:

- a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained;
- b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;
- c. an outline specification for ground preparation;
- d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
- e. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;
- f. the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its approved form within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings.

5. Within one month of the date of this permission, a scheme for the removal of animal waste from the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented within 1 week of being approved and shall thereafter at all times be in operation.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity and in order to protect the health of nearby occupants.

6. The breeding kennels hereby approved shall be only be used in conjunction with the existing dwelling at the application site and shall not be operated as a separate or independent business at any time.

Reason: The separation of the uses may lead to an unacceptable loss of amenity to the occupants of the properties.

Note: The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct a right of way and any proposed stopping-up or diversion of a right of way, including any temporary stopping-up or diversion, should be the subject of an Order under the appropriate Act. Footpath 8 (Goldshawbooth) may be affected by this development.

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 is acceptable in terms of policy, design, amenity and highway safety. The development 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 reported that at 18th September there were no new or outstanding appeals.

67. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Complaints – The Lounge, Barrowford

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager informed Members that she was not aware of any further complaints about noise. However, a planning application was still required for the shed outside and there was now a log store. The flue, which was part of the planning permission, had still not been painted.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Legal Services be authorised and instructed to take enforcement action against

the owners of the Lounge in respect of the unpainted flue and the unauthorised structures at the back of the premises.

(b) Enforcement Action

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

68. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2017/18 Capital Programme.

A new bid was submitted from Barrowford Celtic Football Club seeking £2,700 towards the upgrade of the floodlights at Bullholme Playing Fields in Barrowford. A late bid was also circulated from Roughlee Parish Council seeking £600 for a riverside improvement scheme.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to -

- (1) Deallocate £57 from the Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants scheme, as the scheme had completed.
- (2) Allocate £2,700 to Barrowford Celtic Football Club for the upgrading of floodlights at Bullholme Playing Fields.
- (3) Allocate £600 to Roughlee Parish Council for a riverside improvement scheme.

REASON

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

69. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in Barrowford and the Western Parishes. There was only one site on the list - the electricity substation close to Booths supermarket.

RESOLVED

That, provided the tree in the electricity substation close to Booths had been cut down, this site be removed from the environmental blight list.

REASON

As the environmental blight issue has been resolved.

CHAIRMAN _____