

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE
ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2017**

PRESENT

L. M. Crossley –Chairman, in the Chair

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*Mr D. Oldham – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council
Mr R. Willoughby – Higham with West Close Parish Council
Mr R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
Mr C. Burt – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
Mr N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
Mr N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council*

Police

PC M. Dibb

Officers in attendance

*V. Green
J. Eccles*

*Financial Services Manager & Area Co-ordinator
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies were received from A. Walker.)



70.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

71.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Ridehalgh from Gisburn Road, Barrowford had asked a question on 7th September about whether planning permission was required to display a Higherford sign and to object to the proposal from the Higherford Residents' Action Group to display such a sign at the corner of Bankhouse Mews. At this meeting she referred to a meeting on the following Monday evening to discuss the placement of the sign and asked for the Committee's support in siting it close to where it had originally stood for many years.

The Chairman said that a sign would need planning permission if it wasn't on private land. She thought that the most suitable place would be opposite Bramble Cottage or on the Malt Kiln and Mrs Ridehalgh agreed. Some members of the Committee said that they would be at the Monday meeting and would support this proposal.

Mrs Peacock from Wilton Street was concerned about the volume of traffic on her street and the speed at which vehicles travelled, particularly at drop off/pick-up times for the nursery during the week and for football and cricket matches, mainly at weekends. There were also a lot of people who used the car park to then walk their dogs in the park. Some visitors were parking on Wilton Street, rather than the car park, which was residents-only parking but nothing was being done to

enforce this. She asked if the Committee could do something to slow the traffic down and if the parking enforcement officer could visit from time to time.

County Councillor Wakeford said that he would raise the matter with the relevant Cabinet Member at County Council and see if there was anything that could be done about enforcing the residents-only parking scheme and erecting a 20mph sign. PC Dibb said that the length of road prohibited the use of a speed gun but people could be charged for driving without due care and attention.

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 5th October, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. POLICE ISSUES

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

	2016	2017
Burglary in a dwelling	1	2
Burglary other than a dwelling	3	2
Vehicle Crime	9	1
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	2	2
Criminal Damage	2	3
Other crime	10	6
ALL CRIME	27	16
Anti-Social Behaviour	13	18

PC Dibb said that the Police Headquarters was giving rural crime more priority. He was no longer helping to cover the Bradley ward so would now be able to focus on Barrowford and the villages.

74. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that at 23rd October there were no new or outstanding appeals.

75. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Complaints – The Lounge, Barrowford

At the last meeting the Head of Legal Services was asked 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. The work had still not been done and a planning application had not been received. An update would be given at the next meeting.

(b) Enforcement Action

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

76. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £1,850 remained unallocated from the Committee's 2017/18 Capital Programme.

A request for a new dog waste bin in Barley was submitted following problems with dog waste not being properly disposed of on land adjacent to a bridleway, which was very popular with walkers going up Pendle Hill. It was estimated that the cost of the new dog bin and erection would be £102.50.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to arrange for the new dog waste bin to be erected in Barley as requested.

REASON

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

77. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem buildings in Barrowford.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

78. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in Barrowford and Western Parishes for the period 1st July to 30th September 2017.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

CHAIRMAN _____