MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2018

PRESENT

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

Councillors	Co-optees
N. McEvoy B. Newman J. Starkie K. Turner C. Wakeford	Mr J. Connor – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council Mr R. Willoughby – Higham with West Close Parish Council Mrs K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Mr N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council Mr R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council Mr N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council Mr A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council
Officers in attendance	
V Green	Financial Services Manager & Area Co-ordinator

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K. Hughes	Principal Development Management Officer
J. Eccles	Committee Administrator

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

David Wilkinson	17/0714/VAR Variation of condition: Variation of	Minute No. 104(a)
John Osborn	Condition 3 (Restriction of sale of goods) of	
Mr Venn	Planning Permission 13/13/0542P for erection of	
Julie Macadam	food store at E H Booth Ltd, Halstead Lane,	
Mr Woods	Barrowford for E H Booth and Co Ltd	
Susan Nike		
Kathleen Riley		

100. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

101. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

102.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

Mrs Kellow Roderick Gregg

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 11th January, 2018, be approved as

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a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

103.

POLICE ISSUES

Members noted the crime statistics for Barrowford and Western Parishes for January 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2017	2018
Burglary in a dwelling	0	3
Burglary other than a dwelling	2	3
Vehicle Crime	4	8
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	6	3
Criminal Damage	1	1
Other Crime	7	10
	20	28
Anti-Social Behaviour	10	9

104.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

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

17/0773/HHO Full: Retain section of driveway with 2m strip of stone setts to entrance Croft Barn, Barley New Road, Barley for Mr and Mrs Barry Sanderson

(Before the vote was taken the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be refused and it went to an appeal, there was a significant risk of costs being awarded against the Council. Therefore 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).

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting which reported receipt of amended plans showing the stone setts extending 5.85m from the highway up to the timber entrance gate.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be refused for the following reason -

1. Due to the impact on the conservation area and AONB.

17/0714/VAR Variation of condition: Variation of condition 3 (Restriction of sale of goods) of Planning Permission 13/13/0542P for erection of food store at E H Booth Ltd, Halstead Lane, Barrowford for E H Booth and Co Ltd

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The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting which proposed revised conditions to be attached to any grant of permission.

A petition containing 1,864 signatures objecting to the variation was handed in at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the variation of condition 3 be refused for the following reason -

1. The continuing maintenance of the Post Office is dependent on the continuing sale of newspapers, magazines and journals. This impact on sales could jeopardise the newsagents and with the potential loss of the Post Office which is a community facility and provides a vital service to the community contrary to policies WRK4 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and paragraphs 7, 23 and 70 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding appeals for information.

105.

ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases. It was noted that a planning application had been received in respect of the outbuildings at 79-81 Gisburn Road, Barrowford.

106.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2017/18. It was noted that the petanque scheme at Blacko was now underway. Barrowford Parish Council had confirmed that progress would be made shortly on Holmefield House car park and the purchase of the ride-on mower.

RESOLVED

That £10 underspend from the Replacement Notice board at Spenbrook Scheme be deallocated.

REASON

To enable the capital programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

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107.ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in Barrowford and the Western Parishes from 1st October to 31st December 2017, which was noted.

108. ROLL OUT OF OPEN REACH SUPERFAST BROADBAND

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on the options that had been put forward for the roll out of superfast broadband in the Western Parishes. They included the installation of telegraph poles in a number of locations.

Members thought that the maps circulated with the report were inadequate and that site visits were needed with representatives of the various Parish Councils to look at the proposals in more detail.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to allow for site visits to each of the proposed areas and further consideration be given to undergrounding cables rather than using telegraph poles in some of the locations.

REASON

To preserve the character of the AONB and the open countryside.

CHAIRMAN _____