

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE
ON 5TH JULY, 2018**

PRESENT

Councillor L. M. Crossley – Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

*B. Newman
K. Turner
C. Wakeford*

Co-optees

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

Police

PC M. Dibb

Officers in attendance

<i>S. Guinness</i>	<i>Chief Finance Officer</i>
<i>K. Hughes</i>	<i>Principal Development Management Officer</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies were received from Councillor J. Starkie.)



The following person attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated –

<i>Brian Sumner</i>	<i>18/0268/OUT - Outline: Major: Residential Development of land 0.92 ha. For 20 dwelling houses with access off Gisburn Road (Access and Layout); Full: Demolition of 372 Gisburn Road (Re-Submission) at Land to east of 372 Gisburn Road, Blacko</i>	<i>Minute No 21(a)</i>
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25. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7th June, 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28. POLICE ISSUES

PC Dibb presented the crime statistics for Barrowford and Western Parishes for June 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2017	2018
Burglary - Residential	1	5
Burglary - Commercial	3	2
Vehicle Crime	8	9
Hate crime	0	1
Assaults	7	5
Theft	3	6
Criminal Damage/Arson	2	1
Other Crime	4	8
ALL CRIME	28	37
Anti-Social Behaviour	14	17

He provided an overview of police activity over the past month and gave updates on previously reported crimes. Members raised issues of concern at Pendle Forest Sports Club which PC Dibb noted and said he would take appropriate action.

He also reported on upcoming cuts to neighbourhood police officers. He advised that the number of Community Beat Managers in Pendle would be halved with those remaining having a more dedicated community role. The other officers would be redeployed into key areas such as safeguarding, organised crime and burglary within Pendle.

29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications to be determined

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

18/0219/REM Reserved Matters: Erection of 5 detached dwelling houses (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of Planning Permission 13/15/0290P at Barley House Farm, Barley Lane, Barley for Mr and Mrs D. Laycock

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The design of the proposed dwellings are not in keeping with the area and would result in unacceptable harm to the character and scenic beauty of this part of the Forest of Bowland

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty contrary to policies ENV1, ENV2 and LIV5 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and paragraphs 64 and 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

18/0268/OUT Outline: Major: Residential Development of land 0.92 ha. For 20 dwelling houses with access off Gisburn Road (Access and Layout); Full: Demolition of 372 Gisburn Road (Re-Submission) at Land to east of 372 Gisburn road, Blacko for Mr Calvert and Mr Wilds

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons -

1. The proposal would fail to provide a safe and suitable access to the site and therefore would not be in accordance with Policy ENV4 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy 2011 – 2030 and the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 32.
2. The proposal has failed to provide adequate provision for potential flood risk and therefore would not be in accordance with Policy ENV7 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy 2011-2030.
3. The proposed development would result in a cramped layout due to the limited depth of rear gardens, particularly to the eastern side of the proposed estate road and insufficient off-street car parking provision for the residents. The application therefore would not be in accordance with policies ENV2 and LIV5 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy 2011 -2030 and saved policy 31 of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the following appeal had been dismissed -

17/0355/FUL

18/0002/AP/REFUSE *Appeal against refusal of planning permission for Change of use of stone barn to single dwelling at Admergill Pasture Farmhouse, Admergill Pasture, Gisburn Road, Blacko.*

30. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases which was noted.

31. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a table showing the funding for schemes already committed for 2018/19. It was noted that £20,662 remained unallocated. A number of bids were submitted for consideration. Whilst Members were keen to support improvement works within their area it was acknowledged that there was not enough in the Capital

Programme to fund all the projects.

RESOLVED

(1) That the following amounts be allocated from the Committee's Capital Programme -

Barley with Wheatley Booth PC – Footpath repairs project	£2,500
Barrowford PC – Loop and sound systems and overhead projector	£4,000
Blacko PC – Playing surface Improvements, Recreation Ground	£1,000
Goldshaw Booth PC – Rectify/control water at playing field	£1,000
Higham with West Close Booth PC – Playing field drainage works	£1,500
Old Laund Booth PC – Community car park	£2,500
Roughlee PC – Footpath repair project	£2,500
PBC – Barrowford Town Centre Premises Improvement Grant	£3,500
TOTAL	£18,500

(2) That the following projects not be funded at this stage –

- Roughlee PC – Riverside wildflower project
- Goldshaw Booth PC – Painting of railings
- Goldshaw Booth PC – Refurbish and repaint playground equipment

REASON

To try to spread the Capital Programme across Barrowford and the Western Parishes fairly and effectively.

32. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to try to find out what was happening with the development at Spen Brook Mill.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

33. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

There were no existing environmental blight sites in Barrowford and Western Parishes. Members were invited to report any new sites to the Neighbourhood Services Team.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to add the overgrown garage site at the

junction of Higher Causeway and Nora Street to the list of environmental blight sites and for it to be tidied.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

34. FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – BARROWFORD TO BARLEY

At the meeting of 10th May the Neighbourhood Services Manager was asked to provide advice to Roughlee Booth and Barley Parish Councils on possible help and advice on accessing funding for a footpath scheme to improve a section of prominent footpath running from Barrowford to Barley, which was becoming urgent, and not something the Committee could wholly fund. A meeting had since been held with officers and representatives of the parish councils.

The Council had allocated from the £5,000 from the countryside access budget towards the project. The Lancashire Environment Fund (LEF) had been approached for funding. It was hoped that Burnley FC in the Community might be willing to contribute funds, with their facilities at Whitehough being so near. The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Fund was also mentioned as a possible source of income.

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