

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 25th SEPTEMBER, 2018**

PRESENT –

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. K. Starkie – in the Chair)

Councillors

G. Adam
M. Adams
Nadeem Ahmed
Nawaz Ahmed
M. Ammer
E. Ansar
Mohammed Arshad
Musawar Arshad
N. H Ashraf
W. Blackburn
N. Butterworth
R. E. Carroll
J. Cooney
T. A. Cooney
L. M. Crossley
V. A. Fletcher
M. S. Foxley
P. J. Foxley
M. Goulthorp
A. R. Greaves
K. Hartley
J. M. P. Henderson

M. Horsfield
M. Iqbal
Y. Iqbal
D. E. Lord
N. T. McCollum
P. A. McCormick
N. McEvoy
A. Mahmood
B. Newman
J. A. Nixon
J. Purcell
M. Sakib
K. E. Shore
K. Turner
C. Wakeford
G. Waugh
D. Whalley
D. M. Whipp
T. Whipp
P. White
S. Wicks
N. Younis

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. McGowan, S. Petty, G. Roach and C. Teal).

33. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th July, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

35.

RECORDED VOTES

Members were reminded that in accordance with Rule 17 of the Procedure at Full Council all votes on budget issues would be recorded. This included all motions and amendments in relation to minute numbers 40 and 43.

36.

MINUTES SILENCE

Council observed a minutes silence following the recent passing away of former Councillor Tony Leo.

36.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor reported that he would be attending the launch of the Pendle Heritage Landscape Partnership on 6th October at the summit of Pendle Hill.

The Leader congratulated everyone who had taken part in the Globe Velo Cycle event at the weekend, which had been held to raise funds for Pendleside Hospice.

37.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE LEADER

The following questions all related to Pendle Heritage Centre.

Sarah Cockburn-Price asked would the Leader equate the Heritage Leadership shown by the UK's second Heritage Centre, Pendle Heritage Centre, as equivalent to, or greater than, the expertise in football demonstrated by local club Colne FC and if so, shouldn't Pendle Heritage Centre, a charity, be granted the same autonomy and freedom to operate as Colne FC?

The Leader praised the work of Pendle Heritage Centre and said he would try to reach a compromise on the autonomy required.

Hugh Simpson asked if the Leader agreed that the Pendle Heritage Centre was an asset for the residents of the entire Borough, rather than just the precept payers of Barrowford?

The Leader agreed with this comment and said he was a frequent visitor to the Centre.

Gayle Wray asked if the Leader agreed that Pendle Heritage Centre and the Heritage Trust for the North West were the people with the expertise and experience who were best placed to take over the freehold or have their lease amended (with the revisions that would enable long term commercial growth) in order to preserve heritage for both the local community and the North West.

Again the Leader agreed with this comment.

Angela White asked if the Leader was concerned that were the freehold for the Pendle Heritage Centre to be transferred under the existing lease, without amendment, then technically, there was a chance that the outdated clauses in this lease could be enforced by Barrowford Parish Council and the Centre's commercial success put in jeopardy.

The Leader acknowledged the concerns and referred to a more flexible approach should the decision later on in the meeting regarding Barrowford Memorial Park and Pendle Heritage Centre be successful.

Rhona Brett asked if Pendle Borough Council was concerned about the potential legal action were events booked for 2018 at Pendle Heritage Centre to be cancelled if the unrevised old lease were to be enforced by Barrowford Parish Council.

The Leader said that yes he was concerned but also concerned about the reputation this would have on the Borough and the local area should events be cancelled.

John Miller asked if the Leader agreed that Pendle Heritage Centre successfully operating without a grant was remarkable and that its focus on commerciality was to be lauded.

The Leader acknowledged this and the success of the Centre.

Laurie Peake asked if the administration fully supported tourism growth within the Borough and did it recognise Pendle Heritage Centre as a key driver of that tourism growth? Did it understand the implication of the terms of its lease on that function?

The Leader said he understood that if the terms of the lease were too restrictive this would impact on how the Centre operated in the future.

38. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS TO THE LEADER, A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OR A REPRESENTATIVE ON AN OUTSIDE BODY ON MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Nadeem Younis referred to the number of promises the administration had made in their manifesto. He asked the Leader to detail progress on each one to date.

In response the Leader provided an update on the following:

- Support schools through the Pendle Challenge
- Support local football clubs by handing over ownership of the grounds
- Tackle loneliness
- A new digital plan
- Work with universities from across the North to bring a campus to Pendle
- Incentivise Pendle businesses to create 100 apprenticeships
- Accelerate the extension of Lomeshaye Industrial Estate
- Support the Skipton to Colne Rail Line
- Support a Colne and Villages Bypass
- Protect the Grants for Growth Scheme
- Work with Town and Parish Councils to help them with their Neighbourhood Plans
- Get Tough with land bankers by dedicating staff time to 'cracking down' and issuing fines for unsightly land

Councillor M. Iqbal asked a supplementary question regarding the number of apprenticeships and what income the Council had received regarding fines issued for land banking. The Leader said progress was being made with apprenticeships and he would ask officers to pass on information regarding fines for land banking.

Councillor D. M. Whipp asked what was the view of the administration on the provision of a new M65-A59 road link; what route should it take; what actions were they taking to lobby for such a

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road both within Lancashire and with Transport for the North and the Government and with what degree of success.

In response the Leader said the administration supported the introduction of a Colne and Villages Bypass, as set out in their Manifesto. He said he had ensured that the Bypass proposal was in the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership's thinking on improvements to East/West Connectivity; continued to have discussions on the proposal with Andrew Stephenson MP who was also continuing to lobby on the Council's behalf. He had also met with Jake Berry MP, Northern Powerhouse Minister to make a case for the investment and he had been told that the bidding round for projects such as these, which would be considered as part of the Major Route Network Initiative, would be released later in the year. A meeting with the Leader of Lancashire County Council was being rearranged to discuss matters such as these to ensure that they were aware and support Pendle's strategic plans given they were the Transport Authority.

In response to a supplementary question from Councillor Whipp the Leader said his Group did not favour a particular route at the moment.

Councillor D. E. Lord asked what discussion had been held with Colne Town Council over the allocation of land for housing in the Colne Neighbourhood Plan and what advice had they been given.

In response the Leader said officers had initially discussed possible options for various sites with Councillors from Colne in the all party Member Liaison Group. The Town Council then had advised officers about the scale of housing that the Neighbourhood Plan should include in the context of the requirements in the Core Strategy. Since providing this advice officers had little involvement in the development of the Colne Neighbourhood Plan. Officers did, however, meet earlier in the summer and advised the Town Council that there would be little delivery from many of the sites they were putting forward as they had viability issues and topographic constraints. Many were also on protected open space. The Town Council had commissioned AECOM to carry out some viability testing and officers had asked if they could be party to that as viability was a key feature in the Part 2 Local Plan.

Councillor A. R. Greaves asked if the Council was still planning to convene a meeting to consider the extension of the Northern Forest to Pendle and other parts of Lancashire.

The Leader said yes a meeting was to be convened as resolved by Council earlier in the year. It was anticipated the meeting would be held before the end of the year.

Councillor T. Whipp asked if the Council had taken part in the reported meeting at Burnley to discuss the formation of an East Lancashire wide Unitary Authority and if so who attended and what line did they take at the meeting.

The Leader said he was unsure what meeting Councillor Whipp was referring to but provided an updated on progress with the move to an East Lancashire wide Unitary Authority which it appeared, at the moment, that there was little appetite for. He also referred to discussions he had had with most of the East Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executives around shared services.

Councillor A. R. Greaves asked what was the policy of the Council administration on the transfer of parks to Town and Parish Council's; what discussion had taken place since the Annual Meeting or are planned with the relevant Town and Parish Councils and what assessment had the Leader made of the current condition of Alkincoats Park.

In response the Leader said the policy of the Council to transfer the parks at nominal value to those parish and town councils willing to take on a transfer was unchanged. The three Barnoldswick parks had been transferred in April.

Following the announcement of the Green Flag successes in July, the Corporate Director had written to town and parish council clerks suggesting individual meetings to discuss further the possibility of transfer and future maintenance contributions. Discussions had already been held with representatives from Barrowford, Colne and Trawden Forest as to their council's future intentions. Invitations with the other town and parish councils would be pursued in the light of the council's decision on budget savings options referred to in minute number 40 on the increased maintenance contribution for 2019/20. A report was to be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in November.

In response to a supplementary question by Councillor A. R. Greaves, the Leader said he was aware that there had been issues regarding maintenance at Alkincoats Park but made assurances that these would be looked into. He also confirmed that a Working Group had been set up by Colne Town Council with local users of the park.

Councillor B. Newman asked what recent discussions had taken place regarding the possible location in Pendle of a police operating centre for Pennine Lancashire and what was their policy regarding the disposal of the largely unused plot of land at Carr Road, Nelson for that or another purpose.

The Leader said there had been discussions with the Police Authority and officers in June 2018 to consider the location of the Police Operating Base at Carr Road, Nelson. This site was still considered to be the ideal location for the proposed base and at that time it was also the preferred site for the Police.

Lancashire County Council had been using the site to store both vehicles and materials associated with various road works. As a result it had not been possible for the Police Authority to undertake the various site surveys and investigations necessary to establish the suitability of the site for their purposes. The site was now vacant and the Police Authority had indicated that they had funding in their capital programme to deliver the scheme and would be arranging intrusive surveys in the next month.

**39. REPORT FROM THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Leader submitted, for information a report on the work of the Policy and Resources Committee since the last meeting.

40. BUDGET SAVINGS 2019/20

The Chief Financial Officer submitted a report which provided an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan along with a number of savings proposals.

The report had been considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 18th September, 2018 and Council were "recommended to approve the following budget savings proposals:

£000

Staffing – Management of Vacant Posts	60
Grounds Maintenance – Contributions from Local Councils	90
Accommodation Savings	30
Total	180

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and

RESOLVED

That the following budget savings proposals be agreed:

£000

Staffing – Management of Vacant Posts	60
Grounds Maintenance – Contributions from Local Councils	90
Accommodation Savings	30
Total	180

In accordance with Minute 35 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:

Councillors G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, Mohammed Arshad, Musawar Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Horsfield, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D.E. Lord, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, J. Nixon, J. Purcell, M. Sakib, K. E. Shore, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp, P. White, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

41. ELECTORAL INTEGRITY PILOT

The Corporate Director submitted a report which sought agreement for the Council to take part in an electoral integrity pilot at the May 2019 local elections. A number of pilots had been held around the country in May this year. The Cabinet Office had now issued an invitation to councils to take part in another round of Voter ID pilots. Following discussions they had indicated that they would agree to a pilot relating to postal and proxy voting running alongside a Voter ID pilot.

It was intended that the Voter ID pilot would be on the requirement to produce photographic evidence at the polling station.

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

- (1) That the Council's willingness to take part in the pilot be confirmed.
- (2) That a further report be submitted to Council in due course.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp and seconded by Councillor M. Iqbal –

- (1) That the Council's willingness to take part in the pilot be confirmed to postal and proxy voting only.
- (2) That a further report be submitted to Council in due course.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor P. White –

- (1) That the Council's willingness to take part in the pilot be confirmed and an all-party meeting be held with relevant officers to finalise the details of the pilot.
- (2) That a further report be submitted to Council in due course.

Upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Council's willingness to take part in the pilot be confirmed and an all-party meeting be held with relevant officers to finalise the details of the pilot.
- (2) That a further report be submitted to Council in due course.

42. TRAWDEN FOREST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on progress of the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan. The report highlighted modifications proposed by the Independent Examiner which needed to be made to the Plan to ensure that it met the Basic Conditions and could proceed to referendum.

The report had been considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 18th September, 2018 and Council were "recommended

- (1) To accept the Independent Examiner's recommended modifications to the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report.
- (2) To agree that the Trawden Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, meets the Basic Conditions and was compatible with EU obligations and human rights legislation.
- (3) To agree that the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan proceed to referendum."

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Independent Examiner's recommended modifications to the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report be approved.

- (2) That the Trawden Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, meets the Basic Conditions and was compatible with EU obligations and human rights legislation.
- (3) That the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan proceed to referendum.

43. ANIMAL LICENSING CHANGES

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on proposed changes to the licensing of animals and to agree alterations to the Officer Scheme of Delegation to include applications under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 and to agree the fees.

The report had been considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 18th September, 2018 and it was recommended

- “(1) That Council be recommended to amend the Officer Scheme of Delegation in the Council’s Constitution to authorise the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager to deal with all licensing activities covered by the Animal Welfare (Licensing Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.
- (2) That Council be recommended to approve the fees for the applications as set out in the report.”

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Officer Scheme of Delegation in the Council’s Constitution be amended to authorise the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager to deal with all licensing activities covered by the Animal Welfare (Licensing Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.
- (2) That the fees for the applications, as set out in the report, be approved.

In accordance with Minute 35 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:

Councillors G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, Mohammed Arshad, Musawar Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Horsfield, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D.E. Lord, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, J. Nixon, J. Purcell, M. Sakib, K. E. Shore, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp, P. White, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

44. BARROWFORD MEMORIAL PARK AND PENDLE HERITAGE CENTRE

The Corporate Director submitted a report on the current position with the proposed transfer of Barrowford Memorial Park and Pendle Heritage Centre to Barrowford Parish Council.

Members had expressed concern at the lack of progress in achieving the transfer of the Memorial Park and Heritage Centre and the potential implications for the Transfer of Facilities Programme. Initial meetings had been held to discuss what each party would like to see included/excluded and a draft lease was prepared and sent to the parties in October, 2017. The transfer was scheduled for completion by April 2018 but unfortunately it had proved impossible to convene a joint meeting to agree the terms of the proposed new lease.

More recently a counter proposal had been received from the newly established Pendle Heritage Centre Trust (PHCT) requesting the transfer of the freehold of both the Heritage Centre and the Memorial Park to PHCT instead of the Parish Council.

It was noted that the disposal to PHCT of the park would be a departure from the existing policy underpinning the Transfer of Facilities Programme.

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor L. M. Crossley and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Council proceed with the transfer to Barrowford Parish Council of the freehold of the Memorial Park and the Heritage Centre subject to the existing lease having been varied prior to the transfer along the following lines:
 - That the term be extended to 100 years.
 - That the permitted use be extended to permit the supply of alcohol both in the tearoom and in conjunction with the holding of events and functions organised or managed by the Heritage Trust on the site subject to the Heritage Trust giving an indemnity in respect of this.
 - That the permitted use be extended to permit short stay lettings of the two cottages and the franchising of catering and hospitality facilities.
 - That the Heritage Trust for the North West be permitted with the consent of the landlord to grant a sublease to the Pendle Heritage Centre Trust.
 - That the Heritage Trust continue to be responsible for the maintenance, repair and removal of obstructions from all drains, sewers, pipes, cables and parts of streams as pass through the premises.
 - That the Heritage Trust may seek voluntary contributions for the parking of vehicles on the car park but may not impose charges.
- (2) That the Corporate Director seek further advice on the position concerning mortgaging the land and forfeiture of the lease.
- (3) That the Corporate Director report to the December meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on progress with the variation of the lease.

45. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – TERMS OF REFERENCE OF LICENSING AND TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEES

The Corporate Director submitted a report which reviewed the terms of reference of the Licensing and Taxi and Other Licensing Committees.

As part of the Conservative Administration's Manifesto commitment of "taking taxi licensing out of political control" a suggestion had been made to combine the two committees.

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Following a review of the delegation arrangements for determining applications for taxi licenses officers felt that more determinations could be made by the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager rather than by the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor J. Cooney –

- (1) That the Licensing and Taxi and Other Licensing Committees be combined with effect from today's date.
- (2) That the terms of reference of the new Licensing Committee be as set out in paragraph 8 in the report be approved.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves –

That this item be deferred pending clarification on the legal issues referred to in the report and details of the amended Officer Scheme of Delegation.

Upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Licensing and Taxi and Other Licensing Committees be combined with effect from today's date.
- (2) That the terms of reference of the new Licensing Committee be as set out in paragraph 8 in the report be approved.

46. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Barrowford Memorial Park and Pendle Heritage Centre

In view of the earlier decision (minute 44 above) this motion was withdrawn at the meeting.

(b) Leisure Facilities in Pendle and the Pendle Leisure Trust

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp and seconded by Councillor T. Whipp –

Pendle Council notes the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee of 28th August, 2018 “that a strategic review of delivery of sports/leisure provision be undertaken as set out in the report.”

It also notes and where still appropriate, reaffirms the decisions of the Council on 26th December, 2017 and 22nd February, 2018.

It resolves that the strategic review of services by consultants and the development of options by the Pendle Leisure Trust must, while taking account of the financial position of the Council, be based on the following principles:

- (1) The provision of services for everyone not just better-off people.

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- (2) The provision of public services on the basis of public needs not private profit.
- (3) Keeping the ownership of public assets in the public and community sectors, not selling them off or donating them to private interests.
- (4) The provision of services in all parts of Pendle, including keeping the three main leisure centres/swimming pools in Barnoldswick, Colne and Nelson.
- (5) Overall policy decision to remain under local democratic control.
- (6) The involvement of users in the management of facilities.

RESOLVED

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was **LOST**.

In accordance with rule 17.4 of the constitution and at the request of two Councillors a recorded vote was taken.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, M. Ammer, Mohammed Arshad, W. Blackburn, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, M. Sakib, K. E. Shore, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp and S. Wicks.

Those Members voting against the Motion were Councillors:

Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carrol, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, J. Nixon, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.

(c) Fracking

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor Y. Iqbal –

Pendle council notes and reaffirms, where still appropriate, the Council resolutions of 15th October, 2015 and 19th May, 2016 and restates its opposition to the development of fracking in Pendle.

It notes that while Lancashire County Council was the local planning authority for mineral developments, Pendle Council was a statutory consultee and had the responsibility of representing the views of local people.

It notes:

- (1) The Government consultation to seek views on the principle of whether non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration development should be granted planning permission through a permitted development right and in particular the circumstances in which it would be appropriate.
- (2) The Government consultation “Inclusion of Shale Gas Production Projects in the Nationally

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Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) Regime.”

Council believes that these two proposals represent a threat to local democracy and to the rights of local people and local communities.

It resolves to respond to these consultations by opposing their implementation. In the second case, should the Government decide, in spite of widespread opposition, to go ahead with the proposal, they must restrict its application to very large scale operations (and not to the development of relatively smaller numbers of fracking sites and wells on a scale that could be implemented in Pendle); such large-scale developments to be determined only after a full public inquiry followed by a vote of Parliament.

It further resolves to ask the Member of Parliament for Pendle:

- (1) Will he oppose fracking in Pendle?
- (2) Will he support the rights of his constituents by opposing the proposals being put forward in these consultations?

RESOLVED

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was **CARRIED** accordingly.

(d) New Parliamentary Constituencies

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor W. Blackburn –

Pendle Council notes with dismay the publication by the Boundary Commission of their final recommendations for the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies in England. It notes that in spite of widespread local opposition and indeed ridicule, it had persisted in its proposals to split Pendle in two between Burnley and the Ribble Valley.

In particular, it notes that Nelson and Brierfield and Reedley were to be included in a new constituency just called “Burnley” and that the other half of Pendle, including Barrowford and Pendleside, Colne and District and West Craven would be included in a sausage-shaped constituency known as “Pendle and Ribble Valley” which would extend for more than 30 miles from Salmesbury on the edge of Preston to the Yorkshire border beyond Laneshaw Bridge.

It continues to oppose this geographical and political nonsense and calls on the Member of Parliament for Pendle to oppose this proposal within the Government and to vote against it when it is placed before the House of Commons.

RESOLVED

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was **CARRIED** accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor _____