

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE  
HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE  
ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

*PRESENT*

*His Worship the Mayor Councillor J. K. Starkie  
Councillor L. M. Crossley – Chairman (in the Chair)*

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

*R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council  
R. Willoughby- Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council  
N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council  
K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council  
A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

**Police**

*PC M. Dibb*

**Officers in attendance**

*S. Guinness  
J. Eccles*

*Chief Financial Officer  
Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies were received from N. Goodall.)*



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

<i>Eric Nutter</i>	<i>Public footpath 38 at the Fence Gate Lodge (formerly the Bay Horse)</i>	<i>Minute No .79</i>
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**70. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**71. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Local residents and a representative from Pendle Dogs in Need attended the meeting and raised a number of concerns about the sale of puppies at Douglas Hall Farm. It was understood that Pendle Council had licensed the establishment and so the Committee was asked if it could ensure that the puppies were not coming from puppy farms; that they were in good health; and had all the correct paperwork.

The Chairman said that she would request an urgent meeting of the Licensing Committee to look at the licensing arrangements, and to ensure that everything was in order.

**72. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**73. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

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

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Burglary - Residential	1	11
Burglary - Commercial	3	4
Vehicle Crime	5	6
Hate crime	0	0
Assaults	3	7
Theft	5	5
Criminal Damage/Arson	5	7
Other Crime	3	5
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	7	7

The person thought to be responsible for the spike in Barrowford burglaries had been arrested and sent straight to prison, as he was on remand. Since then, there had been no issues.

**74. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Planning Appeals**

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

18/0270/OUT

18/0010/AP/REFUSE

*Appeal against refusal of outline permission for erection of a detached dwelling for use as a holiday let (Access and Layout only) at Land to Rear of 1 Bank Fold, Bankhouse Mews, Barrowford*

**75. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Enforcement Action**

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area which was noted.

**76. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2018/19 Capital Programme was £162. It was noted that Roughlee Booth Parish Council might have a bid to come to the following meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to check if there had been any bids to the Premises Improvement Grants this year, and if not, that the £3,500 allocation be put back in the pot.

**REASON**

*To spend the 2018/19 Capital Programme efficiently and effectively.*

**77. PREPARING FOR WINTER**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted advice notes from County Council and the Government's Met Office on preparing for winter. It was noted that County Council was being more proactive this year in the treatment of roads and had asked for a change to the grit and sand mix for this part of the County. There was also a discussion on the benefit of having winter tyres.

**78. VACANT HOUSES**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on vacant houses in Barrowford and Western Parishes.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted and the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be asked to provide comparative figures with the next report to see if the trend was improving or getting worse.

**REASON**

*To monitor progress.*

**79. PUBLIC FOOTPATH 38 AT THE FENCE GATE LODGE (FORMERLY THE BAY HORSE)**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report about an application to divert public footpath 38 which ran through the site of the Fence Gate Lodge.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to proceed with the application to divert part of footpath 38 at Fence Gate Lodge.

**REASON**

***After considering all the circumstances of the case it would not be expedient to pursue enforcement action on this occasion.***

*Chairman.....*