

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE
ON 4TH APRIL, 2019**

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
N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
M. Tetley - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
C. Burt – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council
N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council*

Officers in attendance

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

(Apologies were received from Mr D. Heap.)



98. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

99. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

100. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March were submitted for approval.

With reference to Minute 97 on problem buildings, the Principle Development Management Officer reported that she had taken photos of the Spen Brook Mill site and asked the owners to secure and tidy the site within 7 days. If there was no improvement then potential enforcement action could be taken.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7th March, 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

101. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Members considered the following crime statistics for March which had been circulated prior to the meeting –

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	3	7
Burglary - Commercial	3	4
Vehicle Crime	0	5
Assaults	3	5
Theft	5	5
Criminal Damage/Arson	6	2
Other Crime	2	19
ALL CRIME	22	47
Anti-Social Behaviour	10	17

There was concern over the overall increase in crime and the recent discovery of a knife in Barrowford Park. These would be passed on to the Police and discussed at the next meeting.

102. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning application for determination -

19/0140/FUL Full: Alterations to raise roof to create a first floor, single storey extension to side (south) and replacement front porch at 11, Thorneyholme Square, Barley New Road, Roughlee for Mr and Mrs T. Simpson

The Principal Development Management Officer submitted an update at the meeting reporting amended plans altering the materials of the walls of the proposed first floor extension to natural stone to match the existing. This acceptably resolved the reason given for refusal and so the recommendation had been changed to approve.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 1:2500 Location Plan, 1:500 Site Plan, 219-2A.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. No above ground works shall commence unless and until details of stone coursing and sample panel of the external materials to be used in the construction of the development hereby approved (notwithstanding any indication in the approved plans, forms or supporting information) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In order to ensure the materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. Prior to the commencement of the use of the first floor extension hereby approved the first floor window in the north facing elevation shall be glazed in obscure glazing of an obscurity level of, or equivalent to, Pilkington Level 3 or greater and the window shall be hung in such a way so as to prevent the effect of obscure glazing being negated by way of opening. The window shall at all times thereafter be maintained in accordance with the above requirements.

Reason: To preserve the privacy of the adjacent dwelling.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The development is acceptable in terms of design, amenity and highway safety. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that at 20th March, 2019 there were no new or outstanding appeals. Appeal 18/0268/OUT 18/0015/AP/ REFUSE had been dismissed.

103. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area for information. There had been an issue with a lot of surface water recently around the Clough Springs development on Wheatley Lane Road in close proximity to the electricity substation. The Environment Agency, Electricity North West and Lancashire County Council had all been contacted. Following investigations it had been revealed that the excess water was due to a broken/blocked culvert under the road which County Council would attend to once the electrics on site had been completed.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to raise the issue of the culvert at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting to ensure that the necessary repairs were carried out by County Council as soon as they could.

104. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 & 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2018/19 and 2019/20 Capital Programmes. Included at Appendix 2 was a bid from the Planning Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager seeking £4,500 for Premises Improvement Grants in Barrowford.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the £544 underspend on the Blacko Recreation Ground Playing Field surface improvements scheme be deallocated from the Capital Programme.
- (2) That Parish Councils be invited to submit their bids to the 2019/20 Capital Programme in time for consideration at the July meeting.
- (3) That the bid seeking £4,500 for Barrowford Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants be considered along with other bids in July.

REASON

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

105. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

Members noted the allocations from the Community Investment Fund detailed on the agenda and, in particular, a bid from Councillor N. McEvoy to use £500 of his individual £2,040 Community Investment Fund allocation for the purchase and installation of additional globe lights in Higherford.

Councillors were encouraged to submit their allocations as soon as possible, although they could be carried forward to the next financial year.

106. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight in Barrowford and Western Parishes area which was noted.

107. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: 2018/19 SUMMARY

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the Barrowford Premises Improvement Grants scheme and requested that two Members be nominated to a Premises Improvement Grants Panel.

RESOLVED

That the appointments to the Premises Improvement Grants Panel for Barrowford applications be considered in July alongside the bid to the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

REASON

To allow Members to have involvement in the allocation of Premises Improvement Grants.

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