

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

PRESENT

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*A. Stringer – Barrowford Parish Council
N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
M. Tetley - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Also present

Y. Tennant

Officers in Attendance

<i>S. Guinness</i>	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>
<i>A. Cameron</i>	<i>Senior Planning Officer</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies were received from N. Hodgson.)



The following people attended and spoke at the meeting on the items indicated –

<i>Julie McGee</i>	<i>19/0140/FUL Full: Change of use of dog</i>	<i>Minute No.28(a)</i>
<i>Robbie Atilgan</i>	<i>breeding kennels to a mixed use of dog</i>	
<i>Deborah Shaw</i>	<i>breeding and dog sales (Retrospective) at</i>	
<i>Barbara Robert-</i>	<i>Douglas Hall Kennels, Spenbrook Road,</i>	
<i>Hornby</i>	<i>Newchurch in Pendle</i>	
<i>Joanne Place</i>		
<i>County Cllr Azhar Ali</i>		

24. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

25. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

26. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6th June, 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	5	1
Burglary - Commercial	2	1
Vehicle Crime	9	5
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	5	6
Theft	6	4
Criminal Damage/Arson	1	0
Other Crime	8	20
ALL CRIME	37	37
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	13

PC Dibb reported that Inspector A. Winter retired later this month and would be replaced by Inspector A. Cartwright, who had worked in Pendle as a Sergeant and was familiar with the area.

In terms of staffing, a request from Lancashire's Police and Crime Commission for additional funding had been raised from a Council Tax precept increase which would fund a 40-strong neighbourhood policing task force. Initially 4 officers would work in Pendle and the Ribble Valley, managed by Sgt Boast. They would work as a team and tasked to deal with specific problem areas. If need be, all 40 officers could be brought in to work on particular operations. Their shift patterns could also be changed depending on the work required.

In the last few days there had been a spate of daytime burglaries in the area from masked men gaining entrance by smashing patio doors, including a couple of properties in Barrowford. It was thought that they had travelled from the Yorkshire area and were working their way over to the Ribble Valley. The Police were following some leads on a vehicle which could link it to the crimes.

PC Dibb said he would speak to the developers at Clough Springs, Wheatley Lane Road about their workers parking their vehicles more considerately whilst the traffic signals were in place.

28. 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: Change of use of dog breeding kennels to a mixed use of dog breeding and dog sales (Retrospective) at Douglas Hall Kennels, Spenbrook Road, Newchurch in Pendle for Mr W. Lancaster

((Before the vote was taken, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that should the application be refused there would be a significant risk of costs in the event of an appeal. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.))

RECOMMENDATION

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

- Highway safety impacts resulting from inadequate car parking provision

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that at 25th June, 2019 there were no new or outstanding appeals.

29. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services reported that there were no outstanding enforcement items.

30. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that £22,526 of the Committee's 2019/20 Capital Programme was unallocated. The following bids were considered from Parish Councils (PCs) and Pendle Borough Council (PBC) -

Barley with Wheatley Booth PC – Barley Car Park Improvements	£2,500
Barrowford PC – Festive Lighting at Fountain Square	£3,000
Blacko PC – Basket/Netball Court Extension	£1,000
Goldshaw Booth PC – Towards Installation of CCTV System	£500
Goldshaw Booth PC – Replacement Notice Board at Sabden Fold	£1,000
Goldshaw Booth PC – Refurbishment of footpath at Spenbrook	£2,000
Higham with West Close Booth PC – New windows for Village Hall	£3,500
Old Laund Booth PC – Boosting Fence's Community Spirit	£1,750
Roughlee PC – Greenhouse Project	£2,195
PBC – Barrowford Premises Improvement Grants	£4,500
Total	£21,945

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to allocate the following amounts from the 2019/20 Capital Programme –

Barley with Wheatley Booth PC – Barley Car Park Improvements	£1,000
Barrowford PC – Festive Lighting at Fountain Square	£3,000
Blacko PC – Basket/Netball Court Extension	£1,000
Goldshaw Booth PC – Towards Installation of CCTV System	£500
Goldshaw Booth PC – Replacement Notice Board at Sabden Fold	£500
Goldshaw Booth PC – Refurbishment of footpath at Spenbrook	£1,500
Higham with West Close Booth PC – New windows for Village Hall	£3,500
Old Laund Booth PC – Boosting Fence’s Community Spirit	£1,750
Roughlee PC – Greenhouse Project	£2,000
PBC – Barrowford Premises Improvement Grants	£3,000
Total	£17,750

- (2) That the allocation for Premises Improvement Grants in Barrowford be reviewed in December and if the grant has not been spent then consideration be given to viring the money to another scheme.

REASON

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

31. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

Members noted the allocations made from the Community Investment Fund detailed on the agenda.

32. RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING ON FOREST VIEW, BARROWFORD

A petition had been received from residents of Forest View, Barrowford seeking to make the angled parking spaces behind Forest View, Barrowford for residents only. The land in question was privately owned. Lancashire County Council had said they would need to undertake a survey to provide evidence to confirm it met their criteria. LCC would also need an assurance that the land owner agreed to the parking controls being placed, for charges to be applied to residents and enforcement undertaken. It was estimated that the costs of the Traffic Regulation Order, the signs and lines would be in the region of £4,000.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to request Lancashire County Council to undertake the necessary survey for residents only parking on the angled parking spaces behind Forest View, Barrowford.

REASON

To try to ease parking for local residents.

33. HIGHWAYS SAFETY ISSUES ON SANDY LANE, BARROWFORD

A local businessman had complained about inconsiderate parking on Sandy Lane which was causing obstructions and problems for other highway users. There were also reports of near collisions at the junction of Nora Street/Sandy Lane/Gisburn Road. Members discussed the various highways issues in this busy location and agreed that improvements such as better signage and introducing a “no right turn” when exiting Sandy Lane onto Nora Street/Gisburn Road might be beneficial.

RESOLVED

That Lancashire County Council be asked to undertake a site visit to look at possible solutions for improving road safety at the junction of Nora Street/Sandy Lane/Gisburn Road.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

34. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in Barrowford and the Western Parishes. It was noted that work was expected to start shortly at Spen Brook Mill.

Residents of Higherford were beginning to complain again about the state of the Corn Mill, which had been on the problem sites list for many years, but had been removed last year, when it was felt that all possible action had been undertaken to improve the property. Members agreed that the physical appearance of the site continued to deteriorate and was unsightly.

RESOLVED

That Policy and Resources Committee be asked to consider the compulsory purchase of the Corn Mill in Higherford and in the meantime, that the site be put back on the problem site list and the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked for an update on any discussions he had had with the owner regarding possible planning applications.

REASON

In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

35. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in Barrowford and the Western Parishes. It was noted that whilst some work had been done to cut back the shrubs on the garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway, the site still looked overgrown and foliage from the trees was encroaching onto the footpath.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Legal Services be authorised and instructed to issue a Section 215 notice instructing the owner of the garage site at Nora Street to cut back the trees and shrubs.

REASON

To clear the public footpath and improve the appearance of the site.

36. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PANEL

The Committee was asked to nominate two members to be on a Premises Improvement Grants Panel for Barrowford. The PIG Panel would make decisions prior to a grant being formally offered to a business.

RESOLVED

That Councillors L. Crossley and C. Wakeford be appointed to a Premises Improvement Grants Panel for Barrowford.

REASON

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

Chairman.....