

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE  
HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE  
ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

*PRESENT*

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

**Councillors**

*N. McEvoy  
B. Newman  
K. Turner*

**Police**

*PC M. Dibb*

**Co-optees**

*A. Stringer - Barrowford and  
M. Tetley - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council  
R. Donovan – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council  
D. Heap – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council  
A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council  
N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council*

**Officers in Attendance**

*S. Guinness  
J. Eccles*

*Chief Financial Officer  
Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies were received from Councillor C. Wakeford and C. Lioni.)*



**90. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**91. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A resident of Barrowford asked what could be done to prevent HGVs driving up Sandy Lane in Barrowford, as the road was narrow and often parked with cars.

He also asked if the markings at the Booths roundabout on the junction of Halstead Lane and Gisburn Road could be repainted in the interests of highway safety. It was suggested that the eye level sign on the approach to the junction be made clearer and possibly illuminated. Cars were speeding on the approach to this busy junction. There were 2 pedestrian crossings on either side of the roundabout and visibility was an issue. There was also an issue with road markings on Gisburn Road in Higherford, before and after the bridge, where the lines in the middle and the side of the road had faded. PC M. Dibb commented that improving the line markings made it easier for the Police to enforce parking restrictions.

The Chairman said that she would ask County Councillor C. Wakeford to raise these issues with County Council.

A second resident of Barrowford said that he had concerns about the design of the Trough Laithe housing development. On Northstone's website the plans showed 3 houses at the bottom corner of the site in close proximity to the neighbouring properties, including his own, whereas in the plans submitted for the outline permission, this area was shown as green land. Northstone

had not responded to his concerns and he wondered what he could do to be heard. He had contacted the Council's Planning Team with his concerns and submitted them in writing.

The Chairman said that she was aware of residents' concerns. However, at present, the company had only outline planning permission for the site. The Reserved Matters application for the first part of the housing development, which would include detail of house types and layout etc, was expected shortly and would come to this Committee for determination in the next couple of months. In the meantime, she encouraged residents to submit any comments or concerns about the future development to Northstone and the Council's Planning Department.

## 92. MINUTES

### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, be approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of A. Walker in the attendance, and signed by the Chairman.

## 93. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

PC M. Dibbs presented the following crime statistics for November and December 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 –

	NOV		DEC	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	11	3	0	3
Burglary - Commercial	4	1	1	1
Vehicle Crime	6	2	5	5
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0
Assaults	7	7	8	3
Theft	5	2	5	4
Criminal Damage/Arson	7	0	2	1
Other Crime	9	22	21	17
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	7	13	13	11

PC M. Dibb reported on recent crimes which included a spate of domestic burglaries in November, vehicle crime and flytipping and warned the meeting about a recent scam where fraudsters were phoning people pretending to be from the Inland Revenue in an attempt to get them to hand over money. He asked for the public to be vigilant and said that further details were on the Police Facebook page.

## 94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals for information.

**95. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Enforcement Action**

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action for information. It was reported that there were some deliveries occurring outside the agreed hours. There had also been an incident where roof nails had been dropped and caused punctures on a number of cars. The Parish Council were going to speak to the Site Manager about these issues and if not resolved would contact Planning.

**96. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2019/20 Capital Programme. Members considered a bid from the Barrowford Bowling Club seeking £500 for some bowling equipment and training aid equipment to increase participation in local Crown Green Bowling.

Barley Parish Council had also submitted a further bid for Barley Car Park Improvements to provide longer term drainage improvements.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That £500 be allocated to the Barrowford Bowling Club for some bowling and training aid equipment.
- (2) That the request from Barley Parish Council for funding be declined, as the drainage improvement works at Barley Car Park had already been carried out.

**REASON**

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

**97. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING**

The Minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 were submitted for information.

**RESOLVED**

That, in relation to Minute 25(ii), County Council be asked to arrange for the Traffic Regulation Order to be made on Riverside Way as soon as possible in preparation for work starting at Trough Laithe.

**REASON**

***In the interests of highway safety.***

**98. PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in Barrowford and the Western Parishes, which was noted.

**99. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in Barrowford and the Western Parishes for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, which was noted.

**100. 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 the trees and shrubs overhanging the footway at the garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway had been cut back, so were no longer causing an obstruction.

**RESOLVED**

That the garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway be taken off the list of environmental blight sites.

**REASON**

*The required works had been carried out, and no longer caused an obstruction.*

**101. EXCESS SURFACE WATER NEAR CLOUGH SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the Engineering Team were in discussions with the County Council over a scheme to by-pass the blocked culvert if the entrance could not be cleared. They were trying to contact the land owners regarding an access route to the watercourse to conduct further investigations. Any progress would be reported back to the Committee in due course.