

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2020
VIA TEAMS**

PRESENT

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

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
M. Tetley– Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*D. Walker
K. Hughes
J. Eccles*

*Environmental Services Manager & Area Co-ordinator
Principal Development Management Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies were received from R. Donovan and A. Walker.)



26. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 30th July, 2020, be approved as a correct record.

29. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for August 2020 compared to the same period in the previous year, set out below, had been circulated prior to the meeting -

	2019	2020
Burglary – Residential	4	1
Burglary - Commercial	2	2
Vehicle Crime	6	2
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	7	11
Theft	5	4

Criminal Damage/Arson	1	7
Other Crime	23	25
ALL CRIME	48	52
Anti-Social Behaviour	15	33

Members had also received the crime statistics for July.

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked for their comments on the recent spike in crime, particularly the rise in assaults and anti-social behaviour.

30. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications for determination

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

20/0031/FUL Full: Formation of a Haul Road and construction compound associated with the development at Trough Laithe for residential development for a temporary period of two years only at Land at Trough Laithe, Barrowford Road, Barrowford for Northstone Developments Ltd

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting with additional comments from Barrowford Parish Council which had been sent in on 20th February but omitted from the officer's report.

RESOLVED

That authority to grant planning permission be delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager subject to there being no adverse comments from the Lead Local Flood Authority and Environment Agency, any additional conditions required to address the flood and drainage issues, and the following conditions -

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended).

2. The development must be removed in its entirety and the land returned to its original condition not later than two years after completion or within five years of commencement, whichever occurs first.

Reason: In order to ensure that the haul road is not permanent feature and that the land can be used for employment land in accordance with its designation in Saved Policy 22 of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001 – 2016.

3. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

30077-SUT-ZZ-00-C-616-0002, 30077-SUT-ZZ-00-C-626-0001, 30077-SUT-ZZ-00-C-616-0003, 30077-SUT-ZZ-00-C-616-0004 and BFTL\CCHR) – BS-001.

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

4. No part of the development hereby permitted shall be commenced unless and until a Construction Code-of-Practice proposal has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The code shall include details of the measures to be implemented during construction to manage and mitigate the main environmental effects of the relevant phase of the development. The submitted details shall include within its scope but not be limited to:

- a) The hours of operation and measures for the control of traffic to and from the site, and within the site, during construction.
- c) The areas for the storage of plant and materials.
- e) Details of wheel-washing facilities including location
- i) Soil resource management including stock-pile management
- j) Compliance with BS5228: Part 1 1997 to minimise noise
- q) Noise-monitoring to be carried out for the construction period.

The Construction Code-of-Practice should be compiled in a coherent and integrated document and should be accessible to the site manager(s), all contractors and sub-contractors working on site. As a single point of reference for site environment management, the CCP should incorporate all agreed method statements, such as the Site Waste Management Plan and Demolition Method Statement. All works agreed as part of the plan shall be implemented during an agreed timescale and where appropriate maintained as such thereafter unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that adequate measures are in place to protect the environment during the construction phase.

5. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations set out in Section 7 of the Ecological Assessment dated January 2020 by ESL (Ecological Services) Ltd.

Reason: To ensure no net loss of biodiversity as a result of this development.

6. Prior to the commencement of development a scheme for the replacement of the trees removed to facilitate the development indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety approved form within the first planting season following the removal of the haul road or within five years whichever is the sooner. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure appropriate mitigation for the loss of trees on the site.

7. Prior to the commencement of development an Invasive Species Management Plan will have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority to address the control of Himalayan Balsam within the site.

All agreed remediation measures shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme and shall be completed in full accordance with the agreed measures and timings, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the effective control of the contamination within the site.

8. Unless approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority no ground clearance, demolition, changes of level or development or development-related work shall commence until protective fencing, in full accordance with BS 5837 : 2012 has been erected around each tree/tree group or hedge to be preserved on the site or on immediately adjoining land, and no work shall be carried out on the site until the written approval of the Local Planning Authority has been issued confirming that the protective fencing is erected in accordance with this condition. Within the areas so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered. Roots with a diameter of more than 25 millimetres shall be left unsevered. There shall be no construction work, development or development-related activity of any description, including the deposit of spoil or the storage of materials within the fenced areas. The protective fencing shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

All works involving excavation of soil, including foundations and the laying of services, within the recommended distance calculated under the BS 5837 (2012) of the trees to be retained on the site, shall be dug by hand and in accordance with a scheme of works which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of works.

Reason: To prevent trees or hedgerows on site from being damaged during building works.

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 proposed housing development is acceptable in terms of highway capacity and improvements, education contributions, impact on landscape, adjacent conservation areas, and nearby listed building and protected trees. Appropriate provision for open space and sustainable drainage systems can be accommodated on the site. The site is designated as the Strategic Housing site in the adopted Core Strategy. 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.

20/0457/FUL Reserved Matters: Major: Erection of a single industrial building with access from approved spine road (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of Outline Planning Permission 17/0672/FUL for the extension to industrial land to accommodate up to ten industrial units with open space, access roads, landscaping and infrastructure with means of

access off Churchill Way including details to discharge conditions 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 pursuant to application 17/062/FUL at Land to the South West of Churchill Way, Brierfield for PEARL and ELE Advanced Technologies

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update at the meeting reporting receipt of amended plans which had addressed the issues raised in the officer's report and were acceptable.

RESOLVED

That authority to grant planning permission be delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager subject to appropriate conditions.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that there was one outstanding planning appeal at 20th August 2020.

31. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area which was noted. The Principal Development Management Officer gave a further update on Spenbrook Mill at the meeting.

32. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2020/21 Capital Programme. The remaining balance of the Committee's 2020/21 Capital Programme was £4,326.

Members considered two bids as follows –

- Pendle Scouts Club requesting £4,000 for an outdoor shelter
- St Thomas' Church requesting £5,000 for CCTV

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to allocate £2,360 from the 2020/21 Capital Programme to St Thomas' Church towards the purchase of CCTV.
- (2) That a decision on the remaining £2,000 in the Committee's Capital Programme be deferred to the next meeting to allow for discussions to take place regarding the possibility of Blacko Parish Council's marquees, currently in storage, being used by Pendle Scouts Club as an outdoor shelter.

REASON

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

33. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE’S TOWN CENTRES

Members considered how they might best use their share of ERDF funding to support the re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre and help its recovery following the Covid-19 outbreak. A number of ideas were discussed including a new shopping/entertainment guide and looking at possible events on the lead up to Christmas.

RESOLVED

That Barrowford Parish Council discuss with Pendle Heritage Centre the possibility of commissioning a promotional booklet/guide on Barrowford using ERDF funding from this Committee and to report back on the outcome of these discussions at the next meeting.

REASON

To help Barrowford Town Centre’s recovery following the Covid-19 outbreak.

34. REMOVAL OF PAY PHONES

BT had identified the following public payphones in Barrowford and Barley as not being used enough and proposing to remove them under the 90 day consultation process.

Telephone Number	Address	Average calls per month	Posting Completed Date
01282614101	JCN GISBURN RD PCO1 HIGHER CAUSEWAY BARROWFORD	20	25/06/2020
01282616300	ADJ CAR PARK BARLEYMOW REST PCO1 BARLEY	0	25/06/2020

The Committee felt that the views of the Parish Councils were important and should be sought prior to any decisions being taken.

RESOLVED

That, subject to agreement by BT to extend the consultation period, Barrowford Parish Council and Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council be consulted on the proposals to remove the pay phones in Barrowford and Barley and the option of purchasing them as a community asset, and for their views to be reported back to the next meeting.

REASON

To determine the best future use of pay phones situated in Barrowford and Barley.

35. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following item of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the

business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

36. PROBLEM SITES

(a) Former Belgarth Nursing Home

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the former Belgarth Nursing Home site and what the Council was doing to try to get the site secured to prevent unauthorised access, and further incidents of damage and anti-social behaviour. A further verbal update was given at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the actions being taken by officers to try to secure the site be noted and the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to report back to the next meeting following further discussions with the owner.

REASON

In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

(b) Problem Sites List

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

Chairman.....