

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER, 2020
VIA TEAMS**

PRESENT

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

Councillors

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

Police

*PC M. Dibb
PCSO K. Wisniowska*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
K. Hughes
J. Eccles*

*Localities and Policy Manager (temporary)
Principal Development Management Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies were received from A. Stringer, N. Hodgson and A. Walker.)



37. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

38. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3rd September, 2020, be approved as a correct record.

40. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for September 2020 compared to the same period in the previous year, were not available yet but would be circulated to Members in due course.

PC M. Dibb reported on anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Barrowford. ASB had continued to be a problem at the former Belgarth Nursing Home. However, the Police now had the names of some of the offenders and were doing some preventative work with them. The owners had installed a security camera and since then the Police had received very few complaints from neighbours about ASB or people being on site.

He had been working with the Council's Community Protection Co-ordinator over an incident at Holmefield House. The Police were also working with Nelson and Colne College over students congregating in groups and carrying out joint patrols.

41. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Planning Applications for determination

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

20/0463/OUT Outline: Erection of one detached dwelling with detached garage (Access only) at 425 Gisburn Road, Blacko for Mrs J. Cox

RESOLVED

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

1. An application for approval of the reserved matters (namely the appearance, scale and landscaping of the development) shall be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission and the development hereby permitted must be begun two years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved.

Reason: This condition is required to be imposed by the provisions of Article 3 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015 and Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Details of the layout, appearance, scale and landscaping (hereinafter called the 'reserved matters') shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority before any development begins and the development shall be carried out as approved.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 92 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

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

1:1250 Location Plan & CAL 2020 010 001.

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

4. The scheme shall provide for separate systems for foul and surface waters and be constructed and completed in accordance with the approved plans before the dwelling is occupied.

Reason: To ensure proper drainage and manage risk of flooding and pollution.

5. No development shall commence until a surface water drainage scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage scheme must include:

- (i) An investigation of the hierarchy of drainage options in the National Planning Practice Guidance (or any subsequent amendment thereof). This investigation shall include evidence of an assessment of ground conditions and the potential for infiltration of surface water;
- (ii) A restricted rate of discharge of surface water agreed with the local planning authority (if it is agreed that infiltration is discounted by the investigations); and
- (iii) A timetable for its implementation.

The approved scheme shall also be in accordance with the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (March 2015) or any subsequent replacement national standards.

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out only in accordance with the approved drainage scheme.

Reason: To promote sustainable development, secure proper drainage and to manage the risk of flooding and pollution.

6. Prior to the commencement of development, facilities shall be provided within the site for the cleaning of wheels of construction vehicles before leaving the site. These shall remain available for use during the full period of construction.

Reason: In order to prevent stones and mud being carried onto the public highway at the detriment of highway safety.

7. No hedgerow shall be removed from the site without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority. Any hedgerow removed shall be replaced in the next planting season in accordance with details to be submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure an appropriate boundary is retained to the Open Countryside.

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 development is acceptable in terms of policy. 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 there was one outstanding planning appeal at 17th September 2020.

42. 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 an update at the meeting on Spenbrook Mill. She said she would check to see whether the stone wall in the field at Wheatley Lane Road had been reinstated and provide an update before the next meeting on the works required at Dabs House.

43. NATIONAL PLANNING REFORMS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for information on reforms to the General Permitted Development Order (2015) and Use Class Order (1987) made by the Government in July 2020.

44. 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 £2,016.

At the last meeting Members had considered a bid from Pendle Scouts Club requesting £4,000 for an outdoor shelter. The bid was deferred to allow for discussions to take place on the possibility of one of Blacko Parish Council's marquees being used by Pendle Scouts Club as an outdoor shelter. This had not proved suitable and the Scouts were now looking at acquiring a 12 man tent.

RESOLVED

That £2,000 be granted to Pendle Scouts Club towards the outdoor shelter allowing the beavers, cubs and scouts to meet.

REASON

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

45. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 9th September, 2020 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager request an update from LCC on the TRO relating to Gisburn Road in Higherford and LCC be asked for the proposed toucan crossing on Barrowford Road to be situated near the junction with Riverway, if possible.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

46. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

At the last meeting it was agreed that Barrowford Parish Council would 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 those discussions. Unfortunately, it had not been possible to hold this meeting yet.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman contact Barrowford Parish Council and request that meeting with Pendle Heritage Centre to discuss a promotional booklet for Barrowford be arranged at the earliest opportunity.

REASON

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

47. TACKLING CONTAMINATION IN RECYCLING BINS

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report for information on plans to tackle the issue of contamination within the recycling materials collected via household and commercial schemes, which was noted.

48. TREE PLANTING ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND

At Policy and Resources Committee on 17th September it was agreed that a report submitted by the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager on tree planting on Council owned land be referred to area committees for comment.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be informed that the Committee agree with the approach to the tree planting on Council owned land and that once planted, they should be looked after whilst they grow.

REASON

To increase the amount and quality of woodland and tree cover in the borough.

49. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

It was reported that there were no existing environmental blight sites in Barrowford. Members were reminded that any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson or Julie Whittaker including a contact name and contact details with a brief description of the site and the problem.

50. REMOVAL OF PAY PHONES

At the last meeting Members considered the removal of pay phones at locations in Barrowford and Barley. It was agreed that Barrowford Parish Council and Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council be consulted on the proposals and their comments reported back to this meeting.

The Chairman said that given the lack of use and the fact that it was a more modern type of phone box, Barrowford Parish Council had no problems with the phone box on Gisburn Road/Higher Causeway being removed. Barley Parish Council wanted to retain their phone box. The main reason was that there was no mobile phone reception in Barley and so the phone box could be the only communication link supporting the health, safety and welfare of over 50,000 visitors to the village each year.

RESOLVED

That the views of Barley and Barrowford Parish Councils be conveyed to BT concerning the pay phones in their villages.

REASON

- 1. To remove a pay phone in Barrowford that was no longer needed.**
- 2. To try to ensure that a pay phone was available to visitors in Barley in case of an emergency.**

51. 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.

52. FORMER BELGARTH NURSING HOME

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager gave an update on action that had been taken to secure the site. The Planning Department would be working with the owners looking at its future use.

Chairman.....