

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 4TH MARCH, 2021
VIA TEAMS**

PRESENT

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

Councillors

*B. Newman
K. Turner*

Co-optees

*N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council
R. Willoughby - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*D. Walker
J. Eccles*

*Environmental Services Manager & Area Committee Co-ordinator
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies were received from R. Donovan, A. Walker, R. Oliver and Councillor N. McEvoy.)



93. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

94. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

95. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 28th January, 2021, be approved as a correct record.

96. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for February 2021 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

	2020	2021
Burglary – Residential	2	1
Burglary - Commercial	3	1
Vehicle Crime	0	3
Hate Crime	1	1
Assaults	6	4
Theft	5	4
Criminal Damage/Arson	3	3
Other Crime	18	16
ALL CRIME	38	33
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	41

The January crime statistics, which were not available at the last meeting, had also been circulated to Members for information. The Police were not able to attend this meeting.

97. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals for information. A question was raised on an appeal regarding Stump Fold Farm and whether the area committee might submit a letter to the Planning Inspectorate to clarify its position on highway safety. However, with no planning officer present at the meeting, it was felt that further advice was needed on this matter.

RESOLVED

That delegated authority be given to the Chairman to discuss the Stump Fold Farm appeal with the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager and, if appropriate, to write to the Planning Inspectorate.

98. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area which was noted.

99. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2020/21 Capital Programme was £546.

100. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

An update was given on the recent marketing initiatives commissioned to promote Barrowford. All 57 businesses and shops within Barrowford Town Centre had now been contacted about the proposals. 31 businesses had responded, and 21 had indicated that they would like to feature on the website. It was hoped that the website would be launched in the coming month. Agreement had been reached on publication of a leaflet to promote the launch. A further leaflet would be distributed when the town centre was open. Posters announcing the opening of the town centre were also ready to be distributed.

101. 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.

102. PROBLEM SITES

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