

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9TH JUNE, 2021
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
L. M. Crossley
C. Lioni
B. Newman*

Co-optees

*N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council
R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
A. Macadam – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
R. Willoughby – Higham Parish Council
A. Walker – Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
K. Hughes
J. Eccles*

*Area Committee Co-ordinator
Principal Development Management Officer
Committee Administrator*

Also in Attendance

County Councillor H. Hartley

(Apologies were received from D. Heap.)



1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor L. M. Crossley be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2021/22.

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor C. Lioni be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2021/22.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTees

RESOLVED

That the following parish councils be invited to appoint a representative of their council as co-optee on this Committee for the municipal year 2021/22 –

- Old Laund Booth
- Roughlee Booth
- Barley with Wheatley Booth
- Barrowford
- Blacko
- Goldshaw Booth
- Higham with West Close Booth

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 31st March, 2021, be approved as a correct record.

7. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for April and May 2021 (set out below) compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting. The crime statistics for May are set out below -

	2020	2021
Burglary – Residential	2	0
Burglary - Commercial	1	0
Vehicle Crime	4	0
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	7	11
Theft	1	1
Criminal Damage/Arson	1	4
Other Crime	19	15
ALL CRIME	36	31
Anti-Social Behaviour	55	12

Members expressed a number of community safety concerns, in particular the increasing number of speeding cars along the bypass and through Barrowford.

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked to provide more resources into tackling speeding cars in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

21/0154/FUL Full: Erection of 2no. semi-detached bungalows and 2no. semi-detached storey dwellings, with associated parking and landscaping at Land adjacent 30 Dixon Street, Barrowford for MFH Projects

An update was circulated prior to the meeting proposing some additional highway conditions.

RESOLVED

That determination of the application be deferred to the next meeting to allow for a site visit.

21/0189/FUL Full: Demolition of existing conservatory and attached garage and erection of side extension and detached garage, alterations to convert roof space to form two bedrooms and bathrooms including installation of dormer windows and rooflights, and french doors to the ground floor level at 43 Carr Hall Road, Barrowford for Mr and Mrs Parker

RESOLVED

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

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 265_LAP_001 Rev A, 265_GAP_001 Rev D, 265_GAP_002 Rev D, 265_GAP_003 Rev D, 265_GAE_001 Rev D, 265_GAE_002 Rev D, 265_GAE_003 Rev D, 265_GAS_001 Rev D.

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

3. All materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. Unless otherwise 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 on or adjacent to the site from being damaged during building works.

Note: Cadent Gas has a MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARD PIPELINE in the vicinity of this development. From the information provided, it does not appear the proposed works will directly affect the above pipeline. However, should you/the applicant require the pipeline locating 'on Site', or wish to discuss technical information regarding Cadent Gas apparatus at this location, please telephone me on 07870856098, and arrangements will be made for a Cadent Gas representative to attend site.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Cadent Gas prior to any works commencing on site. As you will appreciate, we are unable to provide specific guidance based on the information provided. It is therefore essential that the applicant should contact Cadent Gas at the earliest convenience providing detailed site plans, method statements and risk assessments. Correspondence should be forwarded to the above address and marked for the attention of 'The Plant Protection Team'. This will enable us to provide the relevant documentation for safe working in the vicinity of our pipeline, and to arrange appropriate site supervision.

For ALL other works/enquiries it is essential that you contact our Plant Protection Team on 0800 688 588 at the earliest available opportunity prior to ANY work commencing on site. This will ensure that the Operations Engineer responsible for this area is informed of your potential works and is able to make the necessary arrangements to provide appropriate supervision. Plant Protection Team, 3rd Party Enquiries, Cadent Gas Block 1 floor 2 Brick Kiln Street Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 ONA.

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 design, residential amenity, highway safety, green belt and heritage impacts. 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 submitted a report on planning appeals for information.

9. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area. An update on Spenbrook Mill was given at the meeting. The development was under new ownership, and would be visited once work resumed.

The Principle Development Management Officer agreed to look into what could be done with regard to the appearance and condition of land at Pendle Caravan Park now that work had stopped.

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2021/22 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to inform officers and Parish Councils to submit any new bids to the 2021/22 Capital Programme by 15th July to enable them to be considered at the meeting on 4th August.

REASON

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

11. RE-OPENING OF BARROWFORD TOWN CENTRE

Members were not clear how much funding remained from their allocation of the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund. It was noted that the Council had been given additional funding through the Welcome Back Fund, which could be used to continue support for the high street in various ways, including marketing and the purchase of street furniture.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to submit a report to the next meeting on the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund and the Welcome Back Fund with the exact allocation for Barrowford.

REASON

To help provide a safe environment for shoppers and traders in Barrowford.

12. 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.

13. PENDLE DISTRICT (B) PAYPHONE CONSULTATION

BT had identified the public payphone opposite the entrance to the Fence Gate Hotel on Wheatley Lane Road as not being used enough and proposing to remove it under the 90 day consultation process. The Council had been asked to report back on whether it was still needed.

Members felt that although there was no record of calls being made at this payphone, there might be a need for its use in the future, particularly since it was sited at the bus terminus, which was used by a number of school buses.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be requested to report back to BT that the Committee wished to retain the public payphone in Fence, in view of its important location.

REASON

To keep a payphone in operation for the benefit of local residents and bus users.

14. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on Barrowford Premises Improvement Grants in 2020/21.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the £3,000 allocated from the 2020/21 Capital Programme for Premises Improvement Grants that had not been spent be brought forward to 2021/22.
- (2) That Councillors L. M. Crossley and B. Newman be appointed Grant Panel Members for Barrowford in 2021/22.
- (3) That the Barrowford traders' working group be reminded of the funding available from the Premises Improvement Grants Scheme and what it could be used for.

REASON

To assist new and existing businesses with physical and aesthetic improvements, creating a more attractive town centre.

15. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/22

At the Annual meeting of the Council the responsibility for appointing representatives to some outside bodies was referred to Area Committees. Members were asked to consider the

appointment of a second representative on the Reuben Burton Foundation Trust to join Councillor C. Lioni.

RESOLVED

That A. Macadam be appointed as a representative on the Reuben Burton Foundation Trust until such time as she resigned or was no longer co-opted onto this Committee.

REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

16. 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.

17. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area for the period 1st January to 31st March 2021, which was noted.

Chairman.....