

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7TH JULY, 2021
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

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

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
B. Newman*

Co-optees

*R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
N. McEvoy – Blacko Parish Council
A. Macadam – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
R. Willoughby – Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
K. Hughes
J. Eccles
J. Doyle*

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

Police

PC M. Dibb

(Apologies were received from Councillor C. Lioni, D. Heap and A. Walker.)



The following people attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated –

<i>Janet Pilkington</i>	<i>21/0154/FUL- Full: Erection of 2no. semi-detached bungalows and 2no. semi-detached two storey dwellings, with associated parking and landscaping at Land adjacent 30 Dixon Street, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No. 22(a)</i>
<i>Nick Wild</i>	<i>21/0337/FUL - Full: (Major): Re-profiling and stabilisation of the embankment to allow water level and temporary storage of materials and vehicular access off Colne Road at Barrowford Reservoir, Colne Road, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No. 22(a)</i>
<i>Mick Waddington</i>	<i>Items for Discussion – Traffic and residents parking problems on Wilton Street, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No. 28</i>

18. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 9th June, 2021, be approved as a correct record.

21. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

	2020	2021
Burglary – Residential	4	0
Burglary - Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	2	1
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	5	7
Theft	4	4
Criminal Damage/Arson	5	5
Other Crime	17	7
ALL CRIME	37	24
Anti-Social Behaviour	20	17

Members again expressed concern about the increasing number of speeding vehicles on the Barrowford bypass (A6068) on Gisburn Road, Barrowford and through the villages. They said they were also seeing an increase in the number of road traffic accidents in the area. The situation on the A6068 was expected to worsen when the Lomeshaye Industrial Estate was extended.

PC M. Dibb gave an update on speed enforcement work being carried out by the police. He assured Members that speeding vehicles in the villages was on their monthly patrol plan and included evening surveillance work. Lancashire County Council had been asked to consider the introduction of average speed cameras and traffic calming measures along the A6068. He also suggested that funding be sought from the developer of Phase 2 of the Lomeshaye Industrial Estate Extension to improve road safety on the A6068 due to the anticipated increase in traffic associated with the development.

RESOLVED

- (1) That LCC be asked to provide appropriate signage on the approach to the Pendle Forest Sports Club to indicate the entrance on the right hand side, and that this was supported by the Police.
- (2) That the Parish Councils continue to take it in turns to use the Speed Indicator Device that had been purchased by this Committee.

- (3) That PC M. Dibb circulate the contact details for the Traffic Manager at Lancashire Police so that Members could report future highways incidents to him.

22. 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

(A site visit was undertaken prior to the meeting).

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that should the application be refused on the grounds proposed there would be a significant risk of costs in the event of an appeal. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.)

This application was deferred from the last meeting to allow for a site visit.

RECOMMENDATION

That permission be **refused** on the following grounds –

- **4 properties on this site would be too much in terms of highway impact.**

21/0337/FUL Full: (Major): Re-profiling and stabilisation of the embankment to allow water level and temporary storage of materials and vehicular access off Colne Road at Barrowford Reservoir, Colne Road, Barrowford for the Canal and River Trust

An update was circulated prior to the meeting stating that the two objections listed in the Public Responses section of the report had been included in error and that no objections had been received to this application.

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: 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9103, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9200, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9201, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9300, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9400, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9401, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9402, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9403, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9404, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9405, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9406, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9407, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9408, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9451, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9452, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9453, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9454, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9455, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9456, 411550-MM-RI-00-DR-LD-9102.

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

3. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations of the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal dated 29th January 2021 and Construction Environmental Management Plan - April 2021.

Reason: To ensure protected species are not harmed by the development.

4. No development shall commence unless and until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:

- The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors
- The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- Wheel washing facilities
- Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction
- Details of working hours
- Hours of deliveries
- Construction site noise and vibration
- Burning onsite

Reason: In the interest of highway safety and residential amenity.

5. The development shall not commence unless and until a scheme for the formation of construction traffic access, including visibility splays, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The use of the access shall not commence unless and until the works to the access have been completed in accordance with the approved scheme and the access shall be maintained as such thereafter while in use.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

6. The compounds and access hereby approved shall be removed, the land reinstated to its previous condition and seeded within three months of the completion of the works to the reservoir hereby approved, or an alternative timescale that has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to preserve the openness of the Green Belt.

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 is acceptable in all relevant regards in accordance with the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: 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.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that as at 22nd June, 2021 there were no outstanding planning appeals.

23. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area, which was noted. An update on Spenbrook Mill was given at the meeting. A site visit was to be arranged with the new developers to discuss a number of outstanding issues.

24. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance on the Committee's 2021/22 Capital Programme was £18,396. The Chair reminded Parish Councils that the deadline for bid submissions was 15th July 2021.

25. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 19th May 2021 were submitted for information.

26. RE-OPENING OF BARROWFORD TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report with an update on the funding available for the re-opening of Barrowford town centre for consideration.

The report also provided details of the Welcome Back Fund which was a continuation of RHSSF and the Council had been allocated a further £81,200 for 2021/22 to ensure the safe re-opening of its town centres.

Barrowford had been allocated £8,119 from the Welcome Back Fund. This funding combined with any outstanding spend from the RHSSF fund provided a total of £8,666 for Barrowford.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.

- (2) That the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund and the Welcome Back Fund be discussed at Parish Council meetings and any suggestions for spending the funding be fed back to the Economic Development Team.

REASON

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

27. PSPO VARIATION FOR NEWCHURCH PLAY AREA

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking authority to add a children's play area in Newchurch to the Council's Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order.

RESOLVED

That the request from Goldshaw Booth Parish Council to include a children's play area in Newchurch as a variation to the Council's Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order, be agreed.

REASON

To address the concerns of local residents and the Parish Council about dog control in the play area.

28. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Traffic and Residents Parking Problems on Wilton Street, Barrowford

Members discussed a number of issues with traffic and residents parking on Wilton Street, Barrowford including –

- Heavy traffic and congestion on Wilton Street particularly on a Saturday morning
- Increased use due to the Steven Burke Cycle Track as well as access to the park and the pump track
- Lack of access for Emergency Services
- Residents' parking bays being used by non-residents
- No parking enforcement
- Residents becoming increasingly frustrated
- No signage for Cravendale Car Park

It was suggested that a one-way system be considered taking traffic away from the cycle track to Swinden Hall Playing Fields going out by North Valley Forge.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Lancashire County Council be asked if it was possible to carry out enforcement of residents-only parking on Wilton Street on Saturday mornings.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to report back with any recommendations for easing the problems.

REASON

To try to improve highway and parking issues in this location for the benefit of residents.

(b) Speeding Vehicles on the Bypass and Gisburn Road, Barrowford

Members discussed this issue under Police Matters and Community Safety issues.

(c) Traffic Problems around Barrowford School

Members discussed traffic problems around Barrowford Primary School at drop off and pick up times.

RESOLVED

That the Head Teacher at Barrowford Primary School be asked for their views on the traffic problems being caused by children being driven to and from school, and details of any action they were taking or plans to improve the situation, and for this to be reported back to the Committee in due course for further consideration.

REASON

In the interests of public and highway safety.

(d) Toilet Provision in Barrowford

It was reported that there had been some complaints about the lack of toilet provision in Barrowford.

The Chairman pointed out that Barrowford Parish Council owned the public toilets in Barrowford; that they were being refurbished; and would be reopened once Covid restrictions were lifted. Hopefully, this would alleviate the problem.

29. 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.

30. PROBLEM SITES

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

RESOLVED

That the plan of action discussed at the meeting in respect of the second site, including delegating authority to the Principal Development Management Officer to issue a Section 215 notice if no progress was forthcoming, be agreed.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

Chairman.....