

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER, 2021
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

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

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
C. Lioni
B. Newman*

Co-optees

*D. Heap – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council
R. Oliver – Barrowford 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. Robinson*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Principal Development Management Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies were received from N. McEvoy and A. Walker.)



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

<i>Daniel Cookson</i>	<i>21/0672/HHO - Full: Erection of a part two/single storey side extension and detached garage at 5 Mitton Avenue, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No. 78(a)</i>
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74. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

75. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A local resident asked what would happen with the Belgarth Nursing Home site now the Section 79 Notice served on it had expired. The resident further expressed frustration over the length of time the process had taken so far. Members empathised and said that the action they now wish to take would be debated later in the meeting following the exclusion of public and press. They further added that they wanted a long-term solution for the site.

76. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6th October, 2021, be approved as a correct record.

77. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for October 2021 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Police were not able to attend this meeting.

	2020	2021
Burglary – Residential	3	1
Burglary - Commercial	2	2
Vehicle Crime	3	4
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	4	7
Theft	0	4
Criminal Damage/Arson	1	4
Other Crime	14	25
ALL CRIME	27	47
Anti-Social Behaviour	29	21

Members expressed concern about the significant increase in All Crime particularly in Barrowford this year when compared to last and asked to be advised of the reasons for this by the Police. They also requested further information on an attempted murder committed in Barrowford last month in the interests of public safety.

The process for reporting crime urgently and how it can be unsatisfactory was discussed. Members said PC M. Dibb could also be contacted but that he would soon be retiring. Members then requested that the details for the Police Contact for the Barrowford and Western Parishes area who would replace PC M. Dibb be obtained.

RESOLVED

- (1) That PC M. Dibb be asked about the reasons for the significant increase in All Crime, particularly in Barrowford, when compared to last October.
- (2) That further information on an attempted murder committed in Barrowford last month be requested from PC M. Dibb in the interests of public safety.
- (3) That PC M. Dibb circulate the contact details for the Police Contact for the Barrowford and Western Parishes area who would replace him following his retirement.

78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning application for determination

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

21/0672/HHO Full: Erection of a part two/single storey side extension and detached garage at 5 Mitton Avenue, Barrowford for Mr. D Cookson

An update was circulated prior to the meeting stating that amended plans had been received which removed the proposed 1.8m timber fence and retained the hedge and that this was acceptable subject to an appropriate condition to ensure the hedge is retained.

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:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05A, 06A, 07C and 08B.

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

3. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the materials indicated on the application form and submitted plan unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development for the area.

4. The parking and turning areas shall be constructed in bound porous materials and laid out prior to the first use of the extension.

Reason: In order to ensure that appropriate parking facilities are provided within the site to serve the development.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 or any order amending or revoking and re-enacting that order the garage hereby approved shall not be used for any other use that would preclude the use for the parking of motor vehicles.

Reason: In order to ensure that sufficient parking is provided within the site to serve the development.

6. The existing hedge to the south and south west boundary shall be retained on the site unless a suitable alternative is otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure an appropriate form of development and adequate screening of the proposed development on this prominent corner plot.

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 scale, design and amenity, thereby complying with Local Plan policies. 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 15th October, 2021 there were no outstanding planning appeals.

79. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area and a verbal update was given at the meeting.

80. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2021/22 Capital Programme. Members noted that all the capital budget had been committed.

81. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 22nd September, 2021 were submitted for information.

**82. PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL/LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS FUNCTIONS: WHO DOES WHAT UPDATE**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report for information advising Members of the latest contact information for all highway/traffic/engineering/transport related functions and the new process for all requests for residents-only parking, which was noted.

**83. PARKING PROBLEMS FOR RESIDENTS OF PENDLE VIEW AND BECKSIDE,
BARLEY**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that Lancashire County Council would be carrying out a consultation with residents of Pendle View and Beckside, Barley as per the new process for residents-only parking schemes.

84. TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS ON WILTON STREET, BARROWFORD

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that this matter had been referred to Lancashire County Council as the highway authority and that consequently it would be discussed at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting on 24th November, 2021.

85. RE-OPENING OF BARROWFORD TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report with an update on the spending of Welcome Back Fund (WBF) grant funding on the re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre and suggested additional spending on a guide for Barrowford or Environmental Bags. The report also provided the further information requested at the last meeting of this Committee on the content of the guide for Barrowford and the timescale for

publishing it and details of three options for Environmental Bags bearing the message I Love Barrowford.

Barrowford had been allocated £8,119 from the WBF. This funding, combined with any outstanding spend from the Re-opening of the High Street Safely Fund (RHSSF) fund, provided a total of £8,666 for Barrowford. It was reported that £3,231 had been spent on additional planters and £2,351 on Christmas decorations as suggested by Barrowford Parish Council at a meeting on 19th August, 2021, leaving a remaining budget of £3,084.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the remaining budget of £3,084 be spent on the purchase of 1,550 Environmental Bags (Option 3) printed with I Love Barrowford on at the cost of £1.99 per bag for distribution to 31 retail stores in Barrowford.
- (2) That the Environmental Bags be ordered, printed and distributed to the 31 retail stores before Christmas.

REASON

To ensure spending is achieved for Barrowford under the Welcome Back Fund and to help promote retailers in Barrowford and the town in general.

86.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic Hazard at the Junction between Ingham Street and Gisburn Road, Barrowford

Members discussed the traffic hazard at the junction between Ingham Street and Gisburn Road, Barrowford. It was felt that this junction could not be considered to be a hazard for traffic.

Litter on Private Car Park by Lee Street, Barrowford

Members discussed the litter on the private car park by Lee Street, Barrowford. It was reported that the issue was already being dealt with by the Environmental Services Manager and that following an inspection of the car park they did not feel taking enforcement action would be warranted given the small amount of littering present. It was mentioned that pre-Pandemic the car park was litterpicked by Barrowford in Bloom and that it was felt this could now be resumed.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to monitor the litter situation in the car park by Lee Street, Barrowford.
- (2) That Barrowford in Bloom be asked to resume litterpicking in the car park.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

87. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- (a) Residents-Only Parking on Forest View, Barrowford (8/9/21)

88. 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.

89. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area for the period 1st July to 30th September, 2021, which was noted.

90. PROBLEM SITES

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

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be instructed to proceed with the prosecution of the Owner of the second site.
- (2) That the Owner of the second site be asked to undertake the site clean-up and the works to the first floor they had proposed.
- (3) That nothing further be supported in respect of the second site, at this stage.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity and public health and safety.

Chairman.....