

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 6TH JULY, 2022
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ahmed – Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

*C. Lioni
B. Newman
M. Stone*

Co-optees

*D. Goldsbrough – Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council
R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council
A. Macadam - Goldshaw Booth Parish
R. Willoughby – Higham-with-West-Close Booth Parish Council
D. Hall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
A. Walker - Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
L. Barnes
J. Robinson*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Senior Planning Officer
Committee Administrator*

Police

PC. L. Bolton



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

<i>William Lancaster</i>	<i>22/0012/HHO - Full: Demolition of existing single storey outriggers and erection of single storey extension to the front elevation at Cross Lane Farm, Cross Lane, Barley</i>	<i>Minute No. 37(a)</i>
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<i>Gary Hoerty</i>	<i>Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath 25 Goldshaw Booth at Cappers Farm, Newchurch-in-Pendle</i>	<i>Minute No. 43</i>
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33. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

34. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8th June, 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for June, 2022 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

JUNE	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	0	0
Burglary – Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	1	4
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	7	3
Theft	4	3
Criminal Damage	5	4
Other Crime	7	20
ALL CRIME	24	34
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	14

The crime figures for June were showing no increase with the exception of Vehicle Crime and Other and All Crime. There was an 18% decrease in the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents.

PC L. Bolton reported that there had been a concerning increase in crime in the Parishes and that she had undertaken some analysis work which found that the increase was in one-off domestic incidents. She specifically mentioned the reduction in anti-social behaviour around Belgarth Nursing Home and that there had been no reports made during June at all.

PC L. Bolton was asked to clarify what was meant by All Crime in the crime figures. She replied that it was incidents that had generated reports but that were not technically crimes and gave the example of missing from home investigations. She said the Police would look at ways at getting more accurate figures once resources allowed as she accepted that they were not representative of what was actually happening. It was suggested that the All Crime label should be changed to Other Crime/Incidences and should be a net figure and not the sum of all crimes reported in that month.

PC L. Bolton was asked about what was being done to tackle rural crime. She replied that there was a designated Rural Task Force of four Officers covering Pendle and the Ribble Valley based at Clitheroe Police Station. She added that their work was entirely intelligence-led and urged those present to report any incidences of rural crime or concerns to them by either contacting 101 or raising an incident on the Lancashire Constabulary website [Lancashire Constabulary - Lancashire Police Rural Task Force Team](#). She also mentioned the pop-up Police Surgery she was hosting at Roughlee Community Centre on Friday 8th July, 2022 and said she would also be arranging them in Fence and Higham in the near future.

PC L. Bolton was then asked if there would be any special measures put in place for the upcoming school holidays. She replied that there would be no additional resources but that there would be events hosted in Parks in the Borough to encourage young people and their parents to interact with the Police. She also said there would be an anti-social vehicle patrolling the hotspot areas in Pendle but again urged those present to report any incidences of anti-social behaviour and other problem areas so this resource could be targeted where it was needed.

RESOLVED

That PC L. Bolton put to her Inspector the suggestions of changing, for future months, the All Crime label to Other Crime/Incidences and of reporting the net figure of such incidences rather than the sum of all types of crime reported.

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

21/0885/FUL Full: Major: Erection of 3 No. Industrial Buildings forming 8 units (3,577sq.m.) (Mixed Use Classes E/B2/B8) at Land North East of Vantage Court, Riverside Way, Barrowford for Barnfield Contractors UK Ltd.

This application was deferred from the last meeting to allow for the receipt of acceptable details in response to Lancashire County Council Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority comments.

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting that the Lead Local Flood Authority had withdrawn their objection, subject to five conditions but that the overall recommendation to Delegate Grant Consent remained.

RESOLVED

That determination of the application be **deferred** to a future meeting to allow for the receipt of acceptable details in response to Lancashire County Council Highway comments.

22/0012/HHO Full: Demolition of existing single storey outriggers and erection of single storey extension to the front elevation at Cross Lane Farm, Cross Lane, Barley for Sarah Spencer

This item was deferred prior to the meeting on 11th May, 2022 at the request of the Applicant.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason: -

The proposed development would result in a modern bulky extension to the front elevation of the existing traditional two storey dwelling which does not result in a development which would be sympathetic to the character and appearance of the wider visual amenity within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It takes a prominent position within the surrounding context and views of the proposed development can be seen from key public rights of way

across the area. By virtue of the positioning of the extension to the front elevation, resulting in a new building being sat in front of the existing original dwelling, combined with the scale, massing and choice of glazed fenestration to the rear, the proposed development would be uncharacteristically modern in its design and would not relate well to the position in which it is located, contrary to paragraph 134 of the Framework. The proposed development would result in a development which is out of character with the area, contrary to Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, the Design Principles SPD and the Open Countryside SPG.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding planning appeals, for information.

In a verbal update it was reported that the appeal against refusal of Planning Permission for the erection of 2no. semi-detached bungalows and 2no. semi-detached two storey dwellings, with associated parking at land adjacent Number 30 Dixon Street, Barrowford had been allowed, with costs. It was further reported that the appeal against refusal of Planning Permission for the erection of fence along southern boundary at 2 Hoarstones Avenue, Fence had also been allowed but with no costs.

38. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report, for information, giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions and a verbal update was given at the meeting on Belgarth Nursing Home.

It was reported that the second Community Protection Notice served on the owner of Belgarth Nursing Home had been required because the first was time limited and had expired. Prosecution had not been warranted until the issues, specifically the nature of the damage being caused and the risk taking behaviour of the young people involved, began to escalate in Spring, 2022.

39. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that £23,910 of the Committee's 2022/23 Capital Programme was unallocated. The following bids totaling £30,899 were considered from Parish Councils (PCs), the Armed Forces Support Group and Pendle Council -

Barley PC – Barley Toilets Upgrade	£1,500
Goldshaw Booth PC – CCTV for Spenbrook and Sabden Fold	£3,243
Higham-with-West Close Booth PC – CCTV	£7,000
Old Laund Booth PC – Easy Access	£3,500
Armed Forces Support Group – Reinstatement of Derelict Building – Annex	£5,000
Pendle Council – Higher Causeway to Dalesway Footpath Improvements	£5,000
Roughlee Booth PC – Safety Fencing and Handrail	£2,656
Blacko PC – Memorial Finch Tree	£3,000
Total	£30,899

Members were reminded that at the last meeting it was agreed to make a contribution of £6,000 from the Committee's Capital Programme towards the cost of schemes proposed to try to improve traffic issues on Wilton Street, Barrowford should the Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee and Nelson Town Council make, between them, a contribution of £6,000 also.

RESOLVED

- (1) That it be noted that £23,910 of the Committee's 2022/23 Capital Programme was unallocated.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to allocate the following amounts from the 2022/23 Capital Programme –

Barley PC – Barley Toilets Upgrade	£1,500
Goldshaw Booth PC – CCTV for Spenbrook and Sabden Fold	£3,243
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Total	£20,899

- (3) That the bid of £5,000 from Pendle Council for Higher Causeway to Dalesway Footpath Improvements be refused.
- (4) That the £3,011 unspent funds be set aside for the schemes proposed to try to improve traffic issues on Wilton Street, Barrowford, if viable or the Higher Causeway to Dalesway Footpath Improvements scheme.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's Capital Programme effectively.

40. TRAFFIC ISSUES ON WILTON STREET, BARROWFORD

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported; that the signage and lining works to the car park off Cravendale Avenue, Nelson were ready to be ordered once funding had been allocated; that a Planning Application would be submitted imminently for the Lancashire Environmental Fund funded car park next to the Steven Burke Sports Hub with works to be commenced directly afterwards, subject to planning consent being granted; that quotes were being sought for the new parking area at Location B, identified in the report submitted to the last meeting and that a price would be reported at the next meeting.

It was further reported that the Members of the Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee, Nelson Town Council and Barrowford Parish Council had since been requested to consider making a contribution towards the cost of the proposed schemes and would do so at their next meetings.

41. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – DOG CONTROL

The Chief Executive submitted a report to update Members on proposals and options for renewal of the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

Members considered the comments from members of the public in Appendix 1 attached to the report and determined to approve the renewal of the Dog Control PSPO generally.

Members also considered Old Laund Booth Parish Council's proposal for the children's play area on Old Laund Street, Fence to be included in Schedule 4 of the PSPO and noted that the children's play areas in Higham Park and Blacko Park could be removed as they were now included in the Parks PSPO.

The representative from Blacko Parish Council reported that the necessary signage had not been erected in the children's play area in Blacko Park since its inclusion in the Parks PSPO and asked that this be followed up.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the renewal of the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) generally be approved.
- (3) That Schedule 4 of the PSPO be amended to include the children's play area at Old Laund Street, Fence and remove the children's play areas in Higham Park and Blacko Park as they were now included in the Parks PSPO.
- (4) That the Community Protection Co-ordinator be requested to arrange for the necessary signage to be erected in the children's play area in Blacko Park now it was included in the Parks PSPO.

REASON

To enable the Council and its partners to respond to concerns regarding behaviour that is detrimental to the quality of life in public spaces in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area specifically and Pendle generally, including enforcement action.

42. BARROWFORD PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS SCHEME – 2021/22 SUMMARY

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on Barrowford Premises Improvement Grants in 2021/22.

Members considered a request to agree to slipping the funding allocation of £3,000 for Premises Improvement Grants from the 2021/22 Capital Programme into the 2022/23 financial year. They also considered a request to appoint two Grant Panel Members for Barrowford in 2022/23.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.

- (2) That the £3,000 allocated from the 2021/22 Capital Programme for Premises Improvement Grants that had not been spent be brought forward to 2022/23.
- (3) That Councillors B. Newman and M. Stone be appointed Grant Panel Members for Barrowford in 2022/23.

REASON

To allow the Premises Improvement Grants Scheme to continue assisting new and existing businesses with physical and aesthetic improvements to create a more attractive town centre.

43. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 25 GOLDSHAW BOOTH AT CAPPERS FARM, NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report for Members' consideration.

Members considered whether to approve or refuse an application to make a Diversion Order for part of Footpath 25, Goldshaw Booth at Cappers Farm, Newchurch-in-Pendle, as illustrated in Appendix 2 attached to the report, following the receipt of an objection from Goldshaw Booth Parish Council at the informal consultation stage.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report and the objection from Goldshaw Booth Parish Council received at the informal consultation stage be noted.
- (2) That the application to make a Diversion Order for part of Footpath 25, Goldshaw Booth at Cappers Farm, Newchurch-in-Pendle be **refused**.

REASON

The Committee agreed with the objection from Goldshaw Booth Parish Council and felt it gave adequate grounds for refusal of the application.

44. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

Members were advised that there were currently no Environmental Blight sites in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.

Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson (tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk) or Julie Whittaker (julie.whittaker@pendle.gov.uk) with a brief description of the site and the problem along with contact details.

45. OUTSTANDING ISSUE

- Residents-Only Parking on Forest View, Barrowford (2/3/22)

46. 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.

47. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area and a verbal update was given at the meeting.

Chairman _____