

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2022
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ahmed – Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

*B. Newman
M. Stone*

Co-optees

*A. Vickerman – Barrowford Parish Council
K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
D. Perrin – Higham-with-West-Close Booth Parish Council
D. Hall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
L. Barnes
J. Robinson*

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Lioni, D. Heap, (Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council), N. Hodgson, (Blacko Parish Council) and A. Walker, (Roughlee Booth Parish Council).



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

<i>Gillian Chippendale</i>	<i>22/0156/FUL - Full: Formation of a 34m x 20m manège with a 1.2m high post and rail fence at Croft Top Lane Stables, Croft Top Lane, Higham</i>	<i>Minute No. 65(a)</i>
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61. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

62. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

63. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 3rd August, 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for August, 2022 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting. PC L. Bolton was not able to attend this meeting.

AUGUST	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	3	8
Burglary – Commercial	1	0
Vehicle Crime	4	3
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	9	10
Theft	6	4
Criminal Damage	6	3
All Other Recordable Incidents	27	23
ALL CRIME	56	51
Anti-Social Behaviour	27	9

The crime figures for August were showing no increase with the exception of Residential Burglaries and Assaults. There was a 67% decrease in the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents.

Members expressed disappointment that the Police were again unable to attend a meeting of this Committee to interpret the crime statistics and give information on current and future campaigns and operations to tackle the issues affecting the Barrowford and Western Parishes area. It was suggested that PC L. Bolton could provide some commentary on the monthly crime statistics when she was unable to attend future meetings.

Serious concerns were also expressed over the high number of road traffic collisions and associated fatalities in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area. The Chair mentioned that a second meeting would be held with appropriate representatives at which highway safety issues, maintenance issues and speeding cars on specific roads in the area would be discussed and possible interventions to improve road safety would be looked at. He urged those present to make him aware of any specific issues so they could be raised at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That PC L. Bolton be requested to provide some commentary on the monthly crime statistics for future meetings when she is unable to attend them.

65. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning application for determination

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

22/0156/FUL Full: Formation of a 34m x 20m manège with a 1.2m high post and rail fence at Croft Top Lane Stables, Croft Top Lane, Higham for Mrs. G. Chippendale

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:

Elevation plans, received 7th March 2022

Site plans, received 16th May 2022

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

3. Prior to the laying of any surface or surface base, details of the surfacing material of the manège, including its colour, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The manège surface and base shall be constructed in a material which is permeable. The development shall thereafter be carried out and maintained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

4. There shall be no external lighting erected to illuminate the manège hereby approved without the written approval of the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter any lighting used shall strictly comply with the approved details.

There shall be no external lighting of the development hereby permitted unless with the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority as to the type, size, location, intensity and direction of the lighting. Thereafter any lighting used shall strictly comply with the approved details.

Reason: In order to prevent light pollution and protect the amenity of the environment.

5. The manège hereby permitted shall be used solely for horses owned or leased by the owner of the site, and shall not be used for livery, equestrian events or any commercial purpose whatsoever at any time.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

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 manège would be acceptable in this location subject to appropriate conditions. 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 submitted a report, for information, on outstanding planning appeals, which was noted.

It was reported that the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager had agreed to including, in future reports, information as to whether or not costs had been awarded where Appeals had been allowed, as per the resolution of this Committee at the last meeting.

66. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report, for information, giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

Concerns were expressed that requiring the owner of the Land in Field 0049, Wheatley Lane Road, Fence to close up access by reinstating the stone wall would compromise both the safety of the cattle that use the openings still in place to safely cross Wheatley Lane Road to the field opposite and road users.

Members also enquired as to whether the owner of the Bungalow, Dam Head Farm, Blacko had now complied with the existing Enforcement Notice following the Hearing of 7th July, 2022 at which they were found guilty and fined and requested an update for the next meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Head of Legal Services be requested to reconsider requiring the owner of Land in Field 0049, Wheatley Lane Road, Fence to close up the access by reinstating the stone wall.
- (2) That the Head of Legal Services be requested to confirm, by the next meeting, whether the owner of the Bungalow, Dam Head Farm, Blacko had now complied with the existing Enforcement Notice following the Hearing of 7th July, 2022.

REASON

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

67. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the unallocated sum of the Committee's 2022/23 Capital Programme was £676 and that a full report would be submitted in due course.

68. TRAFFIC ISSUES ON WILTON STREET, BARROWFORD

It was reported that the Members of Barrowford Parish Council, at their meeting on 17th August, 2022, resolved that a contribution of £300 be made towards the cost of the proposed scheme to

encourage use of the car park off Cravendale Avenue, Nelson through the installation of directional signage, only.

It was also reported that the Members of Nelson Town Council had since been provided with the further information they requested at their meeting on 13th July, 2022 and that they would consider the request to make a contribution towards the cost of the proposed schemes at their September meeting.

69. REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING ON FOREST VIEW, BARROWFORD

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that a letter had been sent to the landowner of Forest View, Barrowford to ascertain whether they and/or the residents were still interested in pursuing a request for residents-only parking, as per the resolution of this Committee at the meeting on 8th June, 2022. Members noted that a further update would be given at the next meeting.

70. 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.

71. 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.

72. 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 _____