

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022  
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

*PRESENT*

*Councillor N. Ahmed – Chairman (in the Chair)*

**Councillors**

*B. Newman  
M. Stone*

**Co-optees**

*D. Heap - Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council  
R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council  
N. Hodgson - Blacko Parish Council  
A. Macadam – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council  
R. Willoughby – 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*

**Also in Attendance**

*County Councillor H. Hartley*

*(Apologies for absence were received from A. Walker, (Roughlee Booth Parish Council).*



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

<i>Zara Moon</i>	<i>22/0516/FUL - Full: Erection of a dwelling with a detached annex on Land to the North East of Water Meetings, Gisburn Road, Blacko</i>	<i>Minute No. 78</i>
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**73. COUNCILLOR CARLO LIONTI**

Members paid tribute to Councillor Carlo Lioni following his recent death and the meeting stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect.

**74. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**75. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**76. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**77. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

The following crime statistics for September, 2022 compared to the same period in the previous year were submitted, for information. The Police were not able to attend this meeting.

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Burglary – Residential	1	1
Burglary – Commercial	1	0
Vehicle Crime	2	1
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	7	5
Theft	6	3
Criminal Damage	1	1
All Other Recordable Incidents	24	20
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	28	13

The crime figures for September were showing no increase. PC L. Bolton had circulated some commentary on the crime figures prior to the meeting, as per the resolution of this Committee at its last meeting. This commentary stated that the 54% decrease in the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents had specifically been the result of a multi-agency approach to tackle the issues around Belgarth Nursing Home. It further stated that the priority for October would be addressing anti-social behaviour on and around Wilton Street and Holmefield Gardens, Barrowford.

Members raised various issues affecting the area and specifically the Parishes including; older youths behaving anti-socially and taking drugs in the children's playground in Fence; the lack of meetings now held between communities and the Police which had been very useful in the past; a vulnerable Lady who had been residing in the shelter on Barley Car Park for the past month; and Members of Goldshaw Booth Parish Council being threatened by and subjected to verbal abuse from Constituents of their Parish. The Chairman said all the issues raised would be referred to the relevant bodies for the appropriate action to be taken to resolve them.

**RESOLVED**

That the various issues raised by Members at the meeting be referred to the relevant bodies for the appropriate action to be taken to resolve them.

**78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was reported that the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer had advised that on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 the Council resolved:

“That with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September Area Committees no longer be responsible for planning matters and that a Planning Committee be established to take on this function and that the Corporate Director be requested to report to the next meeting on this and consequential changes to the terms of reference and operations of Area Committees.”

Area Committees therefore no longer had the power to decide the outcome of planning applications and enforcement issues.

There was, as yet, no agreed scheme of delegation and terms of reference for the Planning Committee which would assume the powers to determine planning applications previously allocated to Area Committees. With no scheme of delegation in place all applications would need to be determined by a Committee.

Planning applications would therefore be reported to Area Committees for consideration. With no other Committee able to deal with applications decisions on all matters would need to be taken by Council until the remit of the Planning Committee was constitutionally defined.

This Committee was therefore asked to consider the applications and forward their recommendations to Council.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted the following planning applications for consideration prior to them being determined by Council on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022:-

**21/0994/FUL Full: Major: Demolition of rear extensions and conversion of care home (Use Class C2) to 12 No. apartments (Use Class C3), reconfigure part of roof and two storey extensions to the rear at Belgarth Nursing Home, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford for Mr. O Ahmad**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council be recommended to **approve** this application.

**22/0424/FUL Full: Major: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 12 dwellinghouses with associated infrastructure at Roaming Roosters, Barrowford Road, Higham for Mr. C McDermott**

The Chairman advised, that due to outstanding information, this application could not be considered at this meeting. The application would be submitted to a future meeting for consideration.

**22/0516/FUL Full: Erection of a dwelling with a detached annex on Land to the North East of Water Meetings, Gisburn Road, Blacko for Mr. and Mrs. Marsh**

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting that the Applicant had since submitted some amended plans to accommodate a different hard surfacing material for the driveway and a different soft landscaping scheme but that the overall recommendation for approval remained.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council be recommended to **approve** this application.

### **79. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Members were advised that at the Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 Councillors resolved to move the Area Committee Capital Programme budgets to revenue. Awards could now be made for schemes which were either revenue or capital in nature.

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the unallocated sum of the Committee's 2022/23 Budget was £676.

Members then considered the following bid:

Heritage Trust for the North West - "A walk around Pendle, then and now" - £500

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That it be noted that £676 of the Committee's 2022/23 Budget was unallocated.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to allocate £500 from the Committee's 2022/23 Budget to Heritage Trust for the North West - "A walk around Pendle, then and now".

## **REASON**

*To allocate the Committee's Budget effectively.*

### **80. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING**

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 were submitted, for information.

### **81. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Condition of Road Surface on Wheatcroft Avenue, Fence**

It was reported that a petition had been received from the residents of Wheatcroft Avenue, Fence regarding the condition of their road surface. It was further reported that the issue had been referred to Lancashire County Council (LCC) who had since responded. In their response LCC said they had recently inspected the whole of Wheatcroft Avenue and although the road surface was unsightly in places these defects were not likely to create a safety issue or cause any serious inconvenience and, as such, did not warrant urgent attention. Members did not share LCC's view and said that they would monitor the situation, which they expected to worsen over the winter months and would report any further deterioration immediately to LCC.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the situation be monitored by Members.

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- (2) That any further deterioration of the road surface on Wheatcroft Avenue, Fence be reported immediately to Lancashire County Council.

**REASON**

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

**82. OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- (a) Traffic Issues on Wilton Street, Barrowford (7/9/22)  
(b) Residents-Only Parking on Forest View, Barrowford (7/9/22)

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