

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER, 2022
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ahmed – Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

*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 Council
R. Willoughby – Higham-with-West-Close Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
L. Barnes
J. Watson*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Senior Planning Officer
Head of Democratic Services*

Police

*Sergeant John Sutcliffe
PCSO Alan Fielding*

Also in Attendance

County Councillor H. Hartley

(Apologies for absence were received from A. Walker (Roughlee Booth Parish Council) and D. Hall (Old Laund Booth Parish Council)).

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

<i>Mr. Hughes</i>	<i>22/0424/FUL - Full: Major: Demolition of existing</i>	<i>Minute No. 87</i>
<i>Jackie Heaps</i>	<i>buildings and erection of 12 dwellinghouses with</i>	
<i>Stephen Heaps</i>	<i>associated infrastructure at Former Roaming</i>	
<i>Cty Cllr Howard Hartley</i>	<i>Roosters, Fence</i>	
<i>Mrs. Thompson</i>		
<i>Ed Morgan</i>		

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83.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

84. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

85. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 12th October, 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

86. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

OCTOBER	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	1	4
Burglary – Commercial	2	0
Vehicle Crime	4	3
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	7	9
Theft	4	3
Criminal Damage	4	4
All Other Recordable Incidents	25	22
ALL CRIME	47	45
Anti-Social Behaviour	21	16

The crime figures for October were showing no increase with the exception of Residential Burglaries and Assaults. There was a 24% decrease in the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents. The Committee were advised that this had been the result of a dedicated Anti-Social Behaviour Police car patrolling hotspots in the area which was currently being carried out on a daily basis.

On the run up to bonfire night the Committee were advised that Operation Bright Sparks had been running over the past month. This included education on the dangers of fireworks with schools, youth clubs and colleges by the Police and Lancashire Fires Service. The Operation would continue to be run over the coming weekend on a multi-agency basis.

The Committee were also advised of an operation that was currently being run to address issues of speeding and anti-social driving across the Borough.

Recruitment was discussed and a number of new officers had been appointed to the Pendle area. PCSO Fielding introduced himself to the Committee. He was the new PCSO for the Barrowford and Western Parishes area and he advised Members that he would be holding regular drop in surgeries for members of the public to come and meet him and to have a chat or report issues which he would follow up. He would rotate the surgeries around the area.

The Committee were reminded that the best way to report incidents was by ringing 101 or on line via Lancashire Talk.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee was advised that a decision of the Council at its meeting on the 19th May meant that Area Committees no longer had the power to decide the outcome of planning applications and enforcement issues.

As yet, there was no agreed scheme of delegation and terms of reference for the Committee which would assume the powers to determine planning applications, therefore decisions would be taken by Council until the remit of the new Committee was constitutionally defined.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning applications for consideration and invited the Committee to forward its recommendations to Council: -

22/0167/CEU Certificate of Lawful Use (S.191 Existing Development): Use of agricultural building for livestock at Tower Farm, Gisburn Road, Blacko for Mr. J Kay

RECOMMENDATION

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

22/0280/HHO Full: Proposed front and rear dormer, and rear extension at 22 Stone Edge Road, Barrowford for Jane Davies

RECOMMENDATION

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

22/0282/HHO Full: Proposed part two storey and single storey side extension at Harpers House, Harpers Lane, Fence for Mr. Wiles

RECOMMENDATION

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

22/0417/FUL Full: Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to create a single dwelling at 147 Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford for Mr. and Mrs. Yates

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 Former Roaming Roosters, Fence for Mr. Charles McDermott

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to **refuse** this application for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would not preserve the openness of the Green Belt and would amount to inappropriate development. The development does not accord with any exceptions set out in the Framework or with Policy ENV2 which requires new development to maintain openness.
2. The development would create an urbanizing feature which would erode the visual qualities of rural character and open countryside contrary to Policy ENV1.
3. The proposed layout, use of materials and overall design approach is not appropriate to the surrounding area contrary to Policy ENV2.

22/0693/CEA Certificate of Lawfulness (S. 192 Proposed Development): Installation of 15 replacement UPVC windows at Pinfold Cottage, Fence for Miss. Siobhan Murphy

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to **issue the Certificate of Development**.

88. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on the Committee's 2022/23 Budget. Members noted that the unallocated sum was £176.

89. TRAFFIC ISSUES ON WILTON STREET, BARROWFORD

The Members of Nelson Town Council, at their meeting on 12th October, 2022, resolved that a contribution of £500 be made towards the cost of providing formalised parking bays on the car park off Cravendale Avenue, Nelson and that a further contribution of £150 be made towards the cost of installing directional signage to encourage its use.

A report outlining the next steps would be submitted to the next meeting.

90. PROVISION OF LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS

The Environmental Services Manager reported that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, 3 bins had been replaced/removed by Environmental Services in Quarter 2, for the period 1st July to 30th September, 2022.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN
Gorrell Close, Spenbrook	Replace dog bin and post on playing fields	DOG	£140.16

Osbourne Terrace, Spenbrook	Replace dog bin and post on playing fields	DOG	£140.16
Pasture Lane, Barrowford	Replace post and re-erect dog bin, on bend, near the allotments	DOG	£40.00

91. OUTSTANDING ISSUE

Residents-Only Parking on Forest View, Barrowford (7/9/22)

92. 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.

93. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area in Quarter 2, for the period 1st July to 30th September, 2022, which was noted.

Chairman _____