

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 4TH JANUARY, 2023
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ahmed – Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

*D. Gallear
B. Newman*

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
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

Sergeant John Sutcliffe

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Stone).



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

<i>Sue Nike Tony Harmson Zeshan Ali</i>	<i>22/0372/FUL - Full: Demolition of existing garages and erection of seven dwellings on Garage Site South West of 28-54 Hamilton Road, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No. 98a</i>
<i>Antonio Torreiro</i>	<i>22/0717/HHO - Full: Retrospective application for retention of jacuzzi, pergola and associated hardstanding; and a gated access through boundary fence at 9 The Orchard, Barrowford</i>	



94.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

95. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Two residents spoke about planning application 21/0758/FUL which had been determined by this Committee at its meeting on 2nd February, 2022. They expressed concerns that not all of the conditions agreed at that meeting had been met, specifically the ones relating to access to the site, yet preparatory works had commenced. They further expressed concerns that their septic tank and its soakaway would not be sufficiently protected once the development works commenced.

The Chairman said that the matters would be raised with the appropriate Officers and asked the residents to provide their contact details so that they could be supplied with further information once it was available.

96. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 2nd November, 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

97. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for November and December, 2022 compared to the same periods in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

NOVEMBER	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	1	8
Burglary – Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	3	2
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	7	5
Theft	1	1
Criminal Damage	0	2
All Other Recordable Incidents	19	12
ALL CRIME	31	30
Anti-Social Behaviour	14	10

DECEMBER	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	1	0
Burglary – Commercial	0	0
Vehicle Crime	1	1
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	5	0
Theft	4	5
Criminal Damage	0	2
All Other Recordable Incidents	23	19
ALL CRIME	34	27
Anti-Social Behaviour	10	11

The crime figures for November were showing no increase with the exception of Residential Burglaries and Criminal Damage. Members were advised that the spike in Residential Burglaries during November had been the result of a spate of thefts of electric bikes and tools from sheds and garages in Barrowford and Fence specifically. Investigations were ongoing but there had been no reoccurrences. There was a 29% decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported during November. The crime figures for December were showing no increase with the exception of Theft and Criminal Damage. There was a 10% increase in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported during December.

Concerns were expressed about the amount of speeding still occurring on the A6068 and in the Carr Hall Road area of Barrowford. Sergeant J. Sutcliffe explained that tackling speeding and anti-social driving in this area and across the Borough was a priority for the Police. There were now more resources for this following the recruitment of new Officers and more staff were being trained on the use of speed measuring equipment. Members were also advised that operations were being run on a monthly basis to address issues of speeding and anti-social driving across the Borough and that the TAC Ops Team would now be asked to pay particular attention to the A6068 as an area of concern. Members and those present were then urged to report any incidents of speeding and anti-social driving they witness either by ringing 101 or online at www.doitonline.lancashire.police.uk to ensure the resources available could be deployed to where they were needed.

98. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

22/0372/FUL Full: Demolition of existing garages and erection of seven dwellings on Garage Site South West of 28-54 Hamilton Road, Barrowford for Mr. Z. Ali

That determination of the application be **deferred** to a future meeting to allow for the Applicant to submit a Ground Investigation Survey.

22/0575/CND Approval of Details Reserved by Condition: Discharge of Condition 7 (off-site traffic signalling) of Outline Planning Permission 17/0672/FUL and Condition 3 (landscaping) of Reserved Matters 19/0504/REM on Land to the South West of Churchill Way for Pendle Borough Council

RESOLVED

That Condition 7 (off-site traffic signalling) of Outline Planning Permission 17/0672/FUL and Condition 3 (landscaping) of Reserved Matters 19/0504/REM be **discharged**.

22/0627/FUL Full: Installation of a ground-mounted solar array and associated infrastructure at Douglas Hall Cottage, Spenbrook Road, Newchurch in Pendle for Mr. W. Lancaster

RESOLVED

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

The proposed development takes a prominent position upon a ridge which is directly adjacent to a public right of way running to the south. Views of the application site experienced by users of the public rights of way both in the short range and long range views would be dramatically different from the existing open field. This would result in unacceptable harm to the wider visual amenity of the area contrary to Policy ENV1 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy.

22/0717/HHO Full: Retrospective application for retention of jacuzzi, pergola and associated hardstanding; and a gated access through boundary fence at 9 The Orchard, Barrowford for Mr. A. Torriero

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 strict accordance with the following approved plans: 002A, 003

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

3. The external materials used in the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

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. Subject to appropriate conditions, the development would be acceptable in terms of design and residential amenity. 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.

99.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

Members requested details of the fine that had been issued to the owner of the Bungalow, Dam Head Farm, Blacko following the Hearing of 7th July, 2022 and further requested updates on the two Hearings scheduled for 12th January, 2023, for the next meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Legal Services be requested to provide details of the fine that had been issued to the owner of the Bungalow, Dam Head Farm, Blacko following the Hearing of 7th July, 2022 and updates on the two Hearings scheduled for 12th January, 2023, for the next meeting.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

100.

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that £176 of the Committee's 2022/23 Budget was unallocated.

Members had been asked to consider a request to deallocate a £50 underspend from the completed Heritage Trust scheme 'A walk around Pendle, then and now' but it was reported that, to the contrary, the scheme had not yet been completed. Therefore, the request could not be considered and the unallocated sum could not be brought to £226.

The following bid was then considered:

Pendle Council – New litter bin for Barrowford Road, Barrowford	£202
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Members felt that it would be beneficial to review historical Budget allocations to identify any unspent ones that could potentially be deallocated at future meetings.

RESOLVED

- (1) That it be noted that £176 of the Committee's 2022/23 Budget was unallocated.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be advised that £50 could not be deallocated from the Heritage Trust scheme 'A walk around Pendle, then and now' as it had not yet been completed.
- (3) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to allocate £176 from the Committee's 2022/23 Budget to Pendle Council - New litter bin for Barrowford Road, Barrowford.

- (4) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to review historical allocations of the Committee's Budget to identify any unspent ones that could potentially be deallocated at future meetings.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's Budget effectively.

101. TRAFFIC ISSUES ON WILTON STREET, BARROWFORD

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report outlining the current position on resolving the traffic problems being experienced on Wilton Street, Barrowford.

Members noted that various funding sources had been explored to try to secure the funding required to construct a car park at Location B, as shown in Appendix A attached to the report but that a shortfall of approximately £8,000 remained.

Members further noted that lining and signage works at the car park at Cravendale Avenue, Nelson were due to be undertaken imminently, with the construction of a new Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) funded car park at Location A, as shown in Appendix A attached to the report, due to follow in early 2023, subject to planning consent. The report recommended that the impact on Wilton Street be monitored over the subsequent months following the completion of these works with a view to considering further provision and/or the re-configuration of access and parking, if necessary.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to monitor the impact on Wilton Street, Barrowford over the subsequent months following the completion of the lining and signage works at the car park at Cravendale Avenue, Nelson and the construction of the Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) funded car park at Location A, as shown in Appendix A attached to the report, with a view to considering further provision and/or the re-configuration of access and parking, if necessary.

REASON

To try to improve highway and parking issues on Wilton Street, Barrowford for the benefit of residents.

102. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on Environmental Blight sites in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.

Members noted that a new site, a triangle of privately owned land at Higherford Methodist Chapel, Gisburn Road, Barrowford, had been reported. Members further noted that the landowners, in response to a letter sent from the Planning Enforcement Officer, had since confirmed that they had removed the pallets that were being used as a fence and that they would replace these with wire fencing to match the fencing on the rest of the site to prevent fly

tipping. Although the land was overgrown Members accepted that this was its natural agricultural state.

103. PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Members received a verbal update on the work and many achievements of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board (PHLPB) from Sue Nike, who had been recommended to be appointed to it by this Committee in 2017. It was explained that the final PHLPB would meet in January, 2023 but that two of its most successful projects, Forest Schools and People Enjoying Nature, had been granted a one year extension. Members were then recommended to visit the PHLPB's website at www.pendlehillproject.com.

A copy of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership's Quarterly Progress Report would be circulated to Members, for their information.

104. OUTSTANDING ISSUE

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

Chairman _____