



**3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES**

**RESOLVED**

That the following Parish Councils be invited to appoint a representative of their Council as Co-optee on this Committee for the municipal year 2023/24 –

- Barley with Wheatley Booth
- Barrowford
- Blacko
- Goldshaw Booth
- Higham with West Close Booth
- Old Laund Booth
- Roughlee Booth

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**6. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

The Police were not able to attend this meeting as planned. The crime statistics for April, 2023 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting. The crime statistics for March, 2023 had also been circulated prior to the meeting but could not be compared to the same period in the previous year as the Police had not submitted any for March, 2022.

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2023</b>
Burglary – Residential	1
Burglary – Commercial	3
Vehicle Crime	4
Hate Crime	0
Assaults	2
Theft	1
Criminal Damage	2
All Other Recordable Incidents	24
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>37</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	9

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Burglary – Residential	1	7
Burglary – Commercial	2	0
Vehicle Crime	1	3
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	8	6
Theft	2	6
Criminal Damage	1	0
All Other Recordable Incidents	12	36
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>58</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	7	7

The crime figures for April were showing no increase with the exception of Residential Burglaries, Vehicle Crime, Theft and All Other Recordable Incidents. The number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents remained the same.

Members had been advised prior to the meeting that the speed monitoring operation reported on at the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 meeting of this Committee was currently still ongoing and that when the enforcement period had ended a general overview of any penalties given to Offenders would be reported accordingly.

It was mentioned that it was possible to subscribe to Neighbourhood Alert e-mails, details of how to subscribe would be shared with Members by the Clerk of Roughlee Booth Parish Council.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Planning application for determination**

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

#### **22/0573/OUT Outline: Erection of 9 residential dwellings with attached/detached garages (re-submission) at 425 Gisburn Road, Blacko for Mrs. J Cox**

An update was circulated prior to the meeting reporting that Blacko Parish Council had since made some further comments but that the overall recommendation to approve the application, subject to conditions, remained.

### **RESOLVED**

That determination of the application be **deferred** to the next meeting to allow for further information to be requested from Lancashire County Council Highways including the following:

- Their understanding of traffic flows on the A682 (Gisburn Road, Blacko);
- Whether traffic lights had been in use when the Applicant's survey was undertaken;
- Details of the dates and times of day any surveys had been undertaken;
- Whether they were aware of the serious accident that occurred on the A682 in 2019;
- Whether they were aware of the existing and persistent issue with vehicles parking on pavements along the A682.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

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

Members had asked for information about costs at the last meeting of this Committee. It was reported, in response, that costs had been awarded against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for 79 dwellings to the North of St. Thomas's Church. The Council had acted unreasonably in refusing permission on highway grounds and costs were awarded of £16,699.

In a verbal update it was reported that a new appeal against refusal of planning permission for the construction of 3no. self-build family eco-homes on Field to the South East of Pasture House, Pasture Lane, Barrowford had been received today.

**9. ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

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

In a verbal update on Belgarth Nursing Home, Barrowford it was reported that a planning application (23/0187/CND) to discharge some of the conditions on the planning permission granted by the Council as its extraordinary meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 had been received. Once the conditions were discharged works on the site could commence.

Members felt it would be beneficial to include approximate timescales within which enforcement action would be taken in future reports.

**RESOLVED**

That the Head of Legal Services be requested to consider including approximate timescales within which enforcement action would be taken in future reports submitted to this Committee.

**REASON**

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

**10. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24**

The Director of Place reported that the unspent funds carried forward from the Committee's Budget for 2022/23 was £20,317 which was £2,467 over the amount allowed to be carried forward and consequently was deducted from the £17,850 allocation for 2023/24 leaving a balance of £15,383. Therefore, the total funds available for 2023/24 were £35,700 of which £11,513 was committed and £24,187 was uncommitted.

Parish Councils were invited to submit any new bids no later than 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 so they could be considered at the July meeting of this Committee. An appeal was made to the Parish Councils to ensure there was a reasonable expectation that funds would be spent in this financial year prior to submitting bids to the 2023/24 Budget.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That it be noted that the unspent funds carried forward from the Committee's Budget for 2022/23 was £20,317 which was £2,467 over the amount allowed to be carried forward and consequently was deducted from the £17,850 allocation for 2023/24 leaving a balance of £15,383. Therefore, the total funds available for 2023/24 were £35,700 of which £11,513 was committed and £24,187 was uncommitted.
- (2) That consideration of the following bids be deferred to the July meeting of this Committee to give all Parish Councils in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area and other organisations the opportunity to submit bids, no later than 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, to the 2023/24 Budget:-

Higham with West Close Booth PC - Tarmac on Kiln Hill	£1,500
Barrowford PC – River Wall Repairs Barrowford Memorial Park	£3,000
St. Anne's Church, Fence – The Refectory Walled Garden	£1,500
Barley with Wheatley Booth PC – Barley Village Green	£2,500

**REASON**

***To allocate the Committee's Budget effectively.***

**11. BARROWFORD PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS SCHEME: BOUNDARY CHANGE**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report to seek this Committee's approval to change the boundary criteria for the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme within Barrowford. A current boundary map was shown in Appendix 1 attached to the report and a map showing the proposed boundary was in Appendix 2. Members noted that the map in Appendix 2 was a draft only and was not to be used for anything further. Subject to approval, a final map would be drawn up and used by the Economic Development Team for the purposes of the Barrowford Premises Improvement Grant Scheme only.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the proposed boundary change, as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report, be approved and implemented in Barrowford by the Economic Development Team in 2023/24.

**REASON**

***To have a positive impact on take up of the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme within Barrowford.***

**12. 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 4, for the period January to March, 2023.

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TYPE OF BIN</b>	<b>COST PER BIN</b>
Gisburn Road, Barrowford	Replace dog bin with F/S Litter bin on grassed area above Dicky Nook, bus turnaround area	LITTER	£261.65
Barley Green, Barley	Replace old cast iron litter bin by Barley Mow with new F/S bin	LITTER	£261.65
Gisburn Road, Blacko	Top of private road down to water meetings, next to electric substation and dog bin, Nr 306	LITTER	£221.65

Francis Avenue, Higherford was put forward as a substation site that needed tidying up.

### **13. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Providing assistance to Barrowford Cricket Club**

It was reported that Barrowford Cricket Club had not yet been contacted to ascertain the exact type of assistance they required but that they would be contacted ahead of the next meeting of this Committee.

#### **RESOLVED**

That this item be deferred until the next meeting to allow for the exact type of assistance required by Barrowford Cricket Club to be ascertained.

### **14. OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- (a) Residents-Only Parking on Forest View, Barrowford (7/9/22)
- (b) Traffic Issues on Wilton Street, Barrowford (4/1/23)

### **15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following items 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.

### **16. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 4**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, along with the totals for 2022/23, which was noted.

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**PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area, which was noted.

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