

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2023
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor – Councillor B. Newman

Councillor N. Ahmed (Chair)

Councillors

M. Stone

Co-optees

*D. Goldsbrough - Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish
R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
N. Hodgson - Blacko Parish Council
K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
M. Tetley - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
D. Hall - Old Laund Booth Parish Council
S. Cronshaw - Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
L. Barnes
J. Robinson*

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

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Gallear).

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The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the following item:

<i>Paul Hurley</i>	<i>23/0516/FUL - Full: Erection of 1 no. dwelling</i>	<i>Minute No. 90(a)</i>
<i>Richard Maudsley</i>	<i>with associated infrastructure (Amended scheme to approved planning permission 22/0417/FUL) at 147 Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford</i>	

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86. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

87. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A representative of Pick Up for Pendle (PUFP) spoke of littering issues in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area and identified Colne Road, Barrowford as a problem area. The representative requested further and more frequent enforcement particularly in known hotspots in the area and also across the Borough. The Chair recognised the excellent work of PUFP and agreed that enforcement was key to reducing the amount of litter as was education. The Chair said any available evidence such as CCTV footage should be shared with Council's Operational

Services Department to assist with enforcement. Reports of littering could also be made via the Council's website (https://www.pendle.gov.uk/homepage/61/new_environmental_waste) to further assist.

It was also mentioned that there had been recent liaison between Members of this Committee and the Assistant Director Operational Services who had agreed to erect anti-litter signage in specific locations in the Borough. The PUFPP representative agreed to provide a list of potential locations for such signs following this meeting.

88. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 4th October, 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

89. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

In the absence of the Police no issues were raised.

Members expressed disappointment that the Police were not in attendance again and hoped to see them at the next meeting.

90. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning application for determination

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted the following planning application for determination: -

**23/0516/FUL Full: Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated infrastructure
(Amended scheme to approved planning permission 22/0417/FUL) at
147 Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford for Mr. and Mrs. Yates**

Determination of this application had been deferred from the last meeting to allow for the information provided in an update report to be considered fully.

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning Officer advised that a decision to refuse the application would result in a significant risk of an adverse costs award against the Council. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **refuse** planning permission on the grounds of unacceptable and detrimental impact upon the Carr Hall and Wheatley Lane Conservation Area.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report, for information, on planning appeals, which was noted.

91. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

92. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submitted a report to advise Members on the Committee's 2023/24 Budget. Members noted that most of the Budget was now committed and that just £36 remained uncommitted.

93. WILTON STREET, BARROWFORD – CONGESTION AND PARKING ISSUES UPDATE

The Head of Economic Growth reported that Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) had advised that funding would need to be reapplied for once the planning application for the construction of a new car park opposite the Steven Burke Sports Hub in Barrowford was approved. LEF remained keen on the project and had indicated that the funding would most likely still be available to the Council.

94. LAND AT REAR OF 2-24 CHURCH STREET, BARROWFORD

The Director of Place submitted a report to update Members on the potential options available for the use of the Council owned land to the rear of 2-24 Church Street, Barrowford.

A site visit had been undertaken on 5th October, 2023 to inspect the land and to ascertain whether use by residents on a community or individual basis was viable without impacting upon the installed drainage scheme. Five potential options for use of the land were then identified and were detailed in the report.

Members felt the option preferred by the residents should be ascertained prior to any decision being made and determined that letters be sent to advise them of the five options available to them.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That letters be sent to residents to ascertain their preferred option, of the five proposed in the report, for the use of the Council owned land to the rear of 2-24 Church Street, Barrowford.
- (3) That an update following these correspondences be brought to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allow local residents to make use of the land whilst protecting the integrity of the drainage scheme installed on it and potentially off-set any maintenance liabilities.

95. PROVISION OF LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS AND SUBSTATION SITES

(a) New Bins

An allocation of £1,000 from this Committee's Budget 2023/24 had been approved at a previous meeting on 5th July, 2023 and two new bins had since been erected by Operational Services during Quarter 2 for the period 1st July, 2023 to 30th September, 2023, as follows:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN
Carr Hall Road, Barrowford	New F/S litter bin erected near wall mounted post box, on block below Wheatley Lane Road	LITTER	£230.73
Cuckstool Lane, Fence	New F/S litter bin erected on grassed verge at side of road above Forest Inn	LITTER	£290.73

The total spend was £521.46 which left a balance of £478.54 remaining.

(b) Replaced/Removed Bins

The Assistant Director Operational Services advised that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, three bins had been replaced/removed by Operational Services in Quarter 2 for the period 1st July, 2023 to 30th September, 2023, as follows:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN
Wilton Street, Barrowford	Reinstate dog bin into ground, at side of Barrowford Nursery	DOG	£40.00
Lucy Street, Barrowford	Remove pm litter bin outside No 1	LITTER	£40.00
Lee Street, Barrowford	Replace post and re-attach dog bin to it on grassed area	DOG	£50.00

(c) Substation Sites

The Committee were encouraged to report if there were any new substations within their area that might need tidying up. Members were asked to provide location details of any substations that were causing a problem with litter and/or fly tipping to Operational Services.

96. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

Various Flooding Issues in Blacko

The highway flooding issues on Barnoldswick Road, Blacko, Beverley Road, Blacko and at the top of Red Lane, Blacko raised at the last meeting of this Committee had been reported to Lancashire County Council (LCC). LCC were already aware of these issues and had discussed them at their regular Making Space for Water meetings and would continue to do so.

Any further reports of highway flooding at these or any other locations should be made via the Love Clean Streets webpage (<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/flooding-and-drainage/>) or app (<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/>) so that LCC could take action.

It was reported that LCC had this week undertaken works on Red Lane, Blacko to alleviate the flooding issues. The issues on Beverley Road, Blacko, however, had not improved. It was suggested that road surface erosion was causing the issues at this location which could only be successfully addressed by a repair of the road.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the update and advice from Lancashire County Council (LCC) in relation to reporting further issues at any location be noted.
- (2) That LCC be requested to investigate the road surface erosion on Beverley Road, Blacko.

REASON

To reduce the risk of flooding in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.

97.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Repairs to Stone Wall, Barley Village Green

It was reported that two residents of Barley, supported by volunteers from the Dry Stone Walling Association and representatives from Barley Parish Council had recently rebuilt a Council owned wall on Barley Village Green. Members felt that this work deserved recognition and determined that a letter of thanks be sent from this Committee to all involved parties.

It was further reported that Barley Parish Council had been unable to progress a scheme they had funding for to repair another wall on Barley Village Green as they were awaiting input from the Council's Engineering Department. The wall in question was posing a significant safety hazard due to its dilapidated condition. Members agreed that this issue needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency given the level of risk to users of the Village Green.

RESOLVED

- (1) That letters of thanks be sent from this Committee to the volunteers from the Dry Stone Walling Association and the representatives from Barley Parish Council who had rebuilt and improved a stone wall on Barley Village Green which was one of the Council's assets.
- (2) That an urgent meeting be convened between Barley Parish Council, Members of this Committee and the Head of Economic Growth in order for the scheme to repair a dilapidated wall on Barley Village Green to be progressed as soon as possible.

REASONS

- (1) *To recognise the efforts of the volunteers from the Dry Stone Walling Association and representatives from Barley Parish Council for rebuilding and improving one of the Council's assets.***
- (2) *To address a significant risk to the health and safety of the users of Barley Village Green.***

98. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- (a) Highway Safety Issues on Church Street, Barrowford (5/7/23)
- (b) Flooding Issue on Barley New Road, Barley (6/9/2023)
- (c) Flooding Issue on Park Avenue, Barrowford (4/10/2023)

RESOLVED

That the Highway Safety Issues on Church Street, Barrowford issue be removed from the Outstanding Issues list as the responsible Authority, Lancashire County Council, had not acknowledged this Committee's safety concerns and had declined its requests for meetings to discuss the matter and possible solutions.

99. 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.

100. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 2

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area in Quarter 2, for the period 1st July, 2023 to 30th September, 2023, which was noted.

101. PROBLEM SITES

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area, which was noted.

Chair _____