

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8TH MAY, 2024
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
D. Gallear
M. Stone*

Co-optees

*D. Goldsbrough – Barley Parish Council
R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
N. Hodgson - Blacko Parish Council
K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
R. Gadd - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
M. Schofield - 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

PCSO Alan Fielding



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

*Jamie Brady
Ali Siddique*

*24/0097/VAR - Variation of Condition: Vary
Condition 2 (Plans), Condition 9 (Materials) and
Condition 14 (Landscaping Scheme) of Planning
Permission 21/0758/FUL on Land to the North
West of Parrock Road, Barrowford*

Minute No. 8a



1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor N. Ahmed be appointed Chair of this Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

Councillor N. Ahmed – Chair (In the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Stone be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

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 2024/25: –

- 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

The Clerk of Barrowford Parish Council reported that a number of trees had been felled on two pieces of land on Factory Lane, Barrowford off Pasture Lane that had recently been sold and asked if any applications for the change of use of the land had been or would be submitted.

The Senior Planning Officer was not aware of any current or pending planning applications for the site.

The Chair said that this matter would be raised with the appropriate Officers and that the Clerk would be advised of their response in due course.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 27th March, 2024, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

7. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for March 2024 and April 2024 compared to the same periods in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

MARCH	2023	2024
Burglary – Residential	1	1
Burglary – Commercial	1	0
Vehicle Crime	3	3
Hate Crime	1	1
Assaults	9	15
Theft	2	5

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Criminal Damage	3	1
All Other Recordable Incidents	28	50
ALL CRIME	48	76
Anti-Social Behaviour	13	14

APRIL	2023	2024
Burglary – Residential	3	1
Burglary – Commercial	0	1
Vehicle Crime	3	1
Hate Crime	2	0
Assaults	6	7
Theft	3	3
Criminal Damage	4	4
All Other Recordable Incidents	84	104
ALL CRIME	105	121
Anti-Social Behaviour	14	7

The crime figures for March were showing no increase with the exception of Assaults, Theft and All Other Recordable Incidents. There had only been a 7% increase in the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents.

The crime figures for April were showing no increase with the exception of Commercial Burglaries, Assaults and All Other Recordable Incidents. There had been a 50% decrease in the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents.

PCSO A. Fielding wanted to offer reassurance to Members given the stark increase in the number of All Other Recordable Incidents reported. He explained that a new reporting system had been introduced in March in preparation for a HMIC inspection and now included such things as 999 miscalls and parking infringements as recordable incidents. Incidences of more serious crime remained low in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area particularly when compared to other parts of the Borough.

Two perpetrating vehicles of the recent donutting on Bullholme Playing Fields had been identified. Section 59 warnings would be issued and Section 172 requests would be made to identify the drivers so they could be held accountable for the criminal damage to the fields.

There had been more incidences of 'door-kicking' over the Bank Holiday weekend. Four offenders had been identified and would be dealt with by way of Youth Referral Orders.

An issue with speeding through Barley was reported. Vehicles were regularly travelling at between 45 and 50mph on 30mph limited roads. PCSO Fielding said he would make arrangements for a speed indicator device to be sited in Barley to ascertain approximate speeds and timings of offences. It was suggested that the device be sited near Barley Village Hall. It was asked if the device could also be sited in other villages as speeding was an issue across the whole Barrowford and Western Parishes area. This would be possible and there was also an anti-social behaviour driving car that had been patrolling and would continue to patrol known problem areas in the Borough including Cuckstool Lane, Fence.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

24/0097/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans), Condition 9 (Materials) and Condition 14 (Landscaping Scheme) of Planning Permission 21/0758/FUL on Land to the North West of Parrock Road, Barrowford for Mr. Mohammad

RESOLVED

That determination of this application be **deferred** to the next meeting of this Committee to allow for Growth Lancashire to be consulted on the application.

24/0173/CEA Certificate of Lawful Use (S.192 Proposed Development): Erection of an outbuilding which includes a indoor swimming pool, associated plant room, changing room and garage and the extension of the existing driveway at Hollin Hall Farm, 517 Gisburn Road, Blacko for Mr. Daniel Hall

RESOLVED

That the Lawful Development Certificate be **granted**.

REASON FOR DECISION

On the balance of probability, the proposed outbuilding and associated works does accord with the limits and conditions of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class E of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 and therefore would be permitted development.

(b) Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No.3 2023 – Entrance to Burnt House Farm, Blacko

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No.3 2023 at the Entrance to Burnt House Farm, Blacko.

RESOLVED

That Tree Preservation Order No.3 2023 at the Entrance to Burnt House Farm, Blacko be **confirmed**.

REASONS

- (1) The trees are an attractive group that line the driveway to the farm, the owner is concerned about impact due to potential development on land adjacent.***
- (2) The trees make a positive contribution to the character of the area and would be***

important for screening purposes in the event of any development on the land adjacent.

- (3) The tree evaluation system used to determine suitability for a Tree Preservation Order found the trees to be suitable for protection.**

(c) Planning Appeals

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

The appeal APP/E2340/W/23/3333395: 425 Gisburn Road, BB9 6LS had since been allowed with conditions.

9. 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.

10. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024/25

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submitted a report on the Area Committee's Budget for 2024/25.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this report be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.

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

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report, for information, to update Members on the options to resolve traffic problems experienced on Wilton Street, Barrowford.

Members noted that funding from the Lancashire Environment Fund (LEF) and Pendle Borough Council (PBC) to complete a scheme which had aimed to improve highway and parking issues on Wilton Street was no longer available. LEF had been asked if it would be possible to reapply to them for funding and their response was awaited.

Members also noted that, subject to securing LEF funding and the necessary permissions, the scheme would be delivered in phases, with the introduction of an event/training/parking area being the first phase. It was likely, however, that additional funding would be required from PBC and/or this Committee in order for the full scheme to be delivered in its entirety.

12. BARROWFORD CRICKET CLUB

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report, for information, which provided details of various funding sources that might be available to Barrowford Cricket Club (BCC).

Members noted that, though sympathetic to the Club's plight, Operational Services did not have the revenue available to directly support them. Members further noted that the Club had been

excluded from accessing funding opportunities from Lancashire Cricket, the English Cricket Board and the National Lottery due to a lack of diversity amongst their teams.

The Pendle Community Safety Partnership could not assist as they had no source of funding.

Funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner might be available to BCC. Applications for this fund would open in May, 2024.

BCC had been made aware of some community funding put together by Northstone to help worthy local causes in Barrowford and the surrounding areas near to their Keld neighbourhood. They had further been advised to contact Northstone to obtain further information about the fund.

It was suggested that this report be submitted to a future Executive meeting together with a recommendation that the Members of that Committee again consider allocating some level of financial support to the Club, as they had done on 20th July, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be recommended to consider allocating some level of financial support to Barrowford Cricket Club, as they had done on 20th July, 2023.

REASON

This Committee recognises Barrowford Cricket Club's need for financial support and assistance but would be unable to provide it given the level required whereas the Executive might be able to.

13. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME – SUMMARY 2023/24

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report to request that Members consider the appointment of two Grant Panel Members for 2024/25 and also a proposed amendment to the grant criteria in relation to quotes.

The grant criteria currently stipulated that applicants must obtain three quotes for each item of work. The report proposed that this be reduced to two quotes as difficulties in obtaining three quotes were resulting in delayed applications.

Members were advised that the unspent £3,000 allocated from this Committee's Budget to the Scheme in 2023/24 had been carried forward to fund the Scheme in 2024/25.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the appointment of two Grant Panel Members for 2024/25 be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.
- (3) That consideration of the proposed amendment to the grant criteria in relation to quotes be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASONS

- (1) *To allow Members of the Committee to see the outcomes of the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme in the 2023/24 financial year.*
- (2) *To allow the Premises Improvement Grant programme to fund future projects in 2024/25.*
- (3) *To allow for all existing approved Grants to be given to businesses within a reasonable timeframe.*
- (4) *To allow Grant Panel members to be decided by the Members of the Committee.*
- (5) *To allow Members to make decisions that support the ongoing regeneration of Barrowford town centre.*

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

(a) Replaced/Removed Bins

The Assistant Director Operational Services advised that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, four bins had been replaced/removed by Operational Services in Quarter 4 for the period 1st January, 2024 to 31st March, 2024, as follows:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN
Warren Drive, Barrowford	Fit new outer and inner cover of F/S litter bin, junction with Wheatley Lane Road	LITTER	£320.48
Barrowford Road, Fence	Replace a dog bin by 391 Wheatley Lane Road/junction with by-pass	DOG	£240.73
Noggarth Road, Fence	Fit a new post mounted litter bin at the junction with Croft Top Lane	LITTER	£237.41
Noggarth Road, Fence	Fit dog bin onto new post as fence collapsed at Harpers Wood	DOG	£50.00

(b) 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.

15. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

Flooding Issue on Red Lane, Blacko

Lancashire County Council (LCC) had attended Red Lane, Blacko and had identified a blocked private drainage ditch/culvert which was preventing the gully outfall pipe from working as it should. LCC had since written to the landowner highlighting the need to clear the outfall pipe to resolve the issue and would revisit to check they had made progress with this.

Flooding Issue on Stang Top Road, Roughlee

LCC needed to undertake a CCTV drainage survey to ascertain why some of the gullies on Stang Top Road, Roughlee were not running at the junction of Blacko Bar Road and would be programming this work in due course.

New Issues

Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee (at the Blacko end) - water was running persistently from blocked drains even on dry days. During the winter months the water would often freeze and make the road, which was on an important bus route, extremely dangerous for motorists. Furthermore, the road surface was in a very poor condition and it was felt this was being caused by groundwater flooding.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the updates be noted.
- (2) That the Committee's concerns regarding the continuing flooding issues on Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee be referred to Lancashire County Council.
- (3) That updates on the continuing flooding issues on Clough Springs, Barrowford and Beverley Road, Blacko be provided at the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

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

16. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Lack of Street Lighting on East Bank, Barrowford

It was reported that a bid to this Committee's 2024/25 Budget for the provision of a new street lighting column on East Bank, Barrowford had been prepared and would be submitted to the next meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred and dealt with as part of the Area Committee Budget 2024/25 item at the next meeting.

17. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- a. Flooding Issue on Clough Springs, Barrowford (27/3/2024)
- b. Flooding Issue on Beverley Road, Blacko (27/3/2024)

18. 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.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 4

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the

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Barrowford and Western Parishes area for the period 1st January to 31st March, 2024, along with the totals for 2023/24, which was noted.

Chair _____