

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 5TH JUNE, 2024
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ahmed (Chair)

Councillors

*D. Gallear
B. Newman
M. Stone*

Co-optees

*D. Heap - Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council
R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
N. Hodgson - Blacko Parish Council
R. Murrell and K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
R. Gadd - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
D. Hall – Old Laund 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*

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

<i>Jamie Brady Iain Lord</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Minute No. 23a</i>
<i>Iain Lord</i>	<i>24/0162/FUL - Full: Erection of stable block and midden; construction of a menage and a change of use of the land for equestrian purposes at Higher Oaklands Farm, Pasture Lane, Barrowford</i>	
<i>Iain Lord Mark Yates</i>	<i>24/0204/FUL - Full: Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated infrastructure at 147 Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford</i>	
<i>Iain Lord</i>	<i>24/0247/VAR - Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 22/0197/FUL on Land to the North East of Saint Thomas Church, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford</i>	

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19. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

20. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident of Fence said they had recently attended a public meeting where the need for CCTV cameras in the village was discussed. A lack of available funding from Old Laund Booth Parish Council for the installation of cameras, however, was an issue so the resident asked if there might be other sources of funding available. Members were aware of some funding available through the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and felt the Council might also be able to assist. Further information would be requested from the Police and also relevant Council Officers and shared with the resident.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8th May, 2024, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

22. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for May 2024 compared to the same periods in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Police were not able to attend this meeting due to purdah.

MAY	2023	2024
Burglary – Residential	1	0
Burglary – Commercial	1	3
Vehicle Crime	4	7
Hate Crime	0	1
Assaults	8	15
Theft	3	6
Criminal Damage	6	10
All Other Recordable Incidents	37	44
ALL CRIME	60	86
Anti-Social Behaviour	11	19

The crime figures for May were showing increases in all types of crime with the exception of Residential Burglaries. There had been a 58% increase in the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents.

It was reported that there had been two incidences of minor vandalism in Victoria Park in the last three days. The park was already on a Police patrol plan but it was felt more patrols were needed. The Police would be asked to increase their patrols in the park for the foreseeable future.

23. 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

Determination of this application had been deferred from the last meeting of this Committee.

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update prior to the meeting which advised that there had been a change to the wording for Condition 2. There was, however, no change to the recommendation, which was to approve, subject to conditions.

RESOLVED

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from 17th February 2022.

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 accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan A007_P_001, Existing Site Plan A007_P_003A, Proposed Site Plan A007_P_100A, Proposed Site Plan A007_P_100A, Plot 1 Proposed Plans 1 of 2 A007_P_101, Plot 1 Proposed Plans 2 of 2 A007_P_102, Plot 2 Proposed Plans and Elevations A007_P_103, Proposed Site Sections A007_P_300, Plot 1 sections A007_P_301, General Arrangement Plan Sheet 1 of 2 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-001 Rev 05, Softworks Drawing Sheet 1 of 2 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0003 Rev 01, Softworks Drawing Sheet 2 of 2 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0004, Boundary Plan Sheet 1 of 2 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0006 Rev 01, Boundary Plan Sheet 2 of 2 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0006, Tree Protection Plan 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0007 Rev 01, Tree and Hedge Planting Plan 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-2000 Rev 01, Plot 1 – Proposed Lower Ground Floor Plan A007_L(00)01, Plot 1 - Proposed Ground Floor Plan A007_L(00)02, Plot 1 – Proposed First Floor Plan A007_L(00)03, Plot 1 - Proposed Elevation Plan A007_E(00)06 Rev H, Plot 1 – Proposed Elevations A007_E(00)07 Rev G, Arrival Entrance 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0015 Rev 01.

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

3. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the detailed method statement which sets out the method, standards and timing for the investigation and subsequent remediation of any contamination which may be present on site, which was approved as part of application 22/0446/CND.

Details of a comprehensive remediation scheme which included an implementation timetable, details of future monitoring and a verification methodology (which shall include a

sampling and analysis programme to confirm the adequacy of land decontamination) have been agreed under application 22/0446/CND.

All agreed remediation measures shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved implementation timetable under the supervision of a geotechnical professional and shall be completed in full accordance with the agreed measures and timings, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. which was approved as part of application 22/0446/CND.

Prior to occupation of the development hereby approved, the developer shall first submit to and obtain written approval from the Local Planning Authority a report to confirm that all the agreed remediation measures have been carried out fully in accordance with the agreed details, providing results of the verification programme of post-remediation sampling and monitoring and including future monitoring proposals for the site.

Advisory Notes:

- (i) Where land identified as having the potential to be contaminated is undergoing redevelopment, a copy of the leaflet entitled 'Information for Developers on the investigation and remediation of potentially contaminated sites' will be available to applicants/developers from the Council's Contaminated Land Officer. The leaflet will be sent to the developer by request.
- (ii) Three copies of all contaminated land reports should be sent to the Local Planning Authority.
- (iii) This condition is required to be fully complied with before development is commenced. Failure to comply with the condition prior to commencement of work may result in legal action being taken.

Reason: In order to protect the health of the occupants of the new development and/or in order to prevent contamination of the controlled waters.

4. The foul and surface water drainage shall be carried out in strict accordance with the details agreed under application 22/0446/CND.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development and to prevent an undue increase in surface water run off and to reduce the risk of flooding.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 there shall not at any time in connection with the development hereby permitted be erected or planted or allowed to remain upon the land hereinafter defined any building, wall, fence, hedge, tree, shrub or other device over 0.9m above road level. The visibility splays at both accesses to be the subject of this condition shall be that land in front of a line drawn from a point 2.4m measured along the centre line of the proposed site access road from the continuation of the nearer edge of the carriageway of the unnamed lane leading from Parrock Road to points measured 11m in each direction along the nearer edge of the carriageway of the unnamed lane, and shall be constructed and maintained at verge level in accordance with a scheme to be agreed by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure satisfactory visibility splays are provided in the interests of highway safety.

6. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Construction Code-of-Practice which has been approved under application 22/0446/CND.

Reason: To ensure that adequate measures are in place to protect the environment during the construction phases.

7. Before the access is used for vehicular purposes, the access and manoeuvring area shall be appropriately paved in bound porous material.

Reason: To prevent loose surface material from being carried on to the adjacent highway thus causing a potential source of danger to other road users.

8. The layout of the development shall include provisions to enable vehicles to enter and leave the highway in forward gear and such provisions shall be laid out in accordance with the approved plan and the vehicular turning space shall be laid out and be available for use before the development is brought into use and maintained thereafter.

Reason: Vehicles reversing to and from the highway are a hazard to other road users.

9. The external facing materials shall be carried out in strict accordance with the details in the material schedule dated 15th March 2024 and the plans referenced: A007_H(00)06 and A007_G(00)07 and there shall be no variation from the approved materials without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the open countryside.

10. Windows and doors shall be set back from the external face of the walls of the units by at least 75mm in depth.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development.

11. Notwithstanding the submitted plans the windows and doors shall be of aluminium construction in accordance with the Material Schedule dated 15th March 2024.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in this location.

12. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 and Parts 1 and 2 of the second schedule of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no development as specified in Classes A, B, C, D, E and F of Part 1 and Class B of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of that Order shall be carried out and Class A of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of that Order shall be carried out without express planning permission first being obtained from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to enable the Local Planning Authority to control any future development on the site, in order to safeguard the character and visual amenity of the conservation area and restrict any potential impact on protected trees.

13. The car parking and turning areas shall be surfaced or paved in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the Local Planning Authority and the car parking spaces and

manoeuvring areas marked out in accordance with the approved plan, before the use of the premises hereby permitted is occupied.

Reason: To allow for the effective use of the parking areas.

14. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in strict accordance with drawing numbers 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-2000 Rev 01 (Tree and Hedge Planting Plan sheet 1 of 2), 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-2000 Rev 01 (Tree and Hedge Planting Plan sheet 2 of 2), Tree Protection Plan 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0007 Rev 01 and Trees to be Retained, Removed and Proposed 1016-ASRI-XX-XX-DR-L-0008 Rev 01.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety approved form within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings.

15. All works are to be carried out in strict accordance with the Tree Protection Plans approved under application reference 22/0446/CND.

Reason: To prevent trees or hedgerows on site from being damaged during building works.

16. The recommendations for biodiversity enhancement outlined in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal compiled by Pennine ecological Dated August 2021 shall be carried out in accordance with the mitigation measures proposed prior to first occupation of any dwelling on the site.

Reason: To ensure adequate provision of habitats in the interests of biodiversity on the site.

17. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in strict accordance with the tree clearance, removal and protection plans previously approved under 22/0446/CND.

Reason: To ensure that existing vegetation remains on the site in the interests of protecting habitats and biodiversity.

18. Before each dwelling unit is occupied waste containers shall be provided within the curtilage.

Reason: To ensure adequate provision for the storage and disposal of waste.

19. Before each dwelling unit is occupied electric vehicle charging points shall be provided with the curtilage.

Reason: To provide for sustainable modes of transport.

REASON FOR DECISION

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. The proposed development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework. 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.

24/0162/FUL Full: Erection of stable block and midden; construction of a menage and a change of use of the land for equestrian purposes at Higher Oaklands Farm, Pasture Lane, Barrowford for Mr. and Mrs. Hines

RESOLVED

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

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 accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan, 702/2, 702/3, 702/4, 702/5.

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

3. All external materials to be used in the elevations and roof of 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.

4. The floodlights hereby permitted shall be installed and operated in strict accordance with details of the submitted Lighting Design Report and the flood lights shall be not be illuminated at any time between 21:00 and 08:00.

Reason: To protect the amenities of adjoining land users and the character and visual amenity of the area.

5. The equine use of the land shall not commence unless and until a pasture management plan and details of management and disposal of manure have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The use shall at all times thereafter be managed in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To protect the character and visual amenity of the area, controlled waters from pollution and the amenity of neighbouring residential properties from odours and flying insects.

6. The development hereby permitted shall be used solely for horses owned or leased by the owner/occupier of Higher Oakland Farm, and shall not be used for livery, equestrian events or any commercial purpose whatsoever at any time.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety and residential amenity.

7. The formation of the menage shall not commence unless and until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include the following:

- a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained;
- b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities (this shall include native species planting to the south east and south west of the menage);
- c. an outline specification for ground preparation;
- d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
- e. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;
- f. the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings and to protect the landscape character and visual amenity of the area.

REASON FOR DECISION

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. The proposed development is in accordance with the policies of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and the saved policies of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan and the Barrowford Neighbourhood Development Plan. 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.

24/0204/FUL Full: Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated infrastructure at 147 Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford for Mr. and Mrs. Yates

RESOLVED

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

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 accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan 6200-E41 Rev -, Existing and Proposed site Sections 6200-P52 Rev -, Proposed Site Plan 6200-P50 Rev A, Proposed Elevation Plans and Floor Plans 6200-51 Rev -, Tree Protection Plan 6200-P53 Rev -.

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

3. Prior to any external works commencing, samples of all the external materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter times be carried out in strict accordance with the approved materials.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

4. Prior to any above ground works, details of the proposed boundary wall and entrance gates shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The gates and walls shall be installed in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory form of development within the Conservation Area.

5. Prior to commencement of works on site, a foul and surface water drainage scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and has been fully installed and completed in accordance with the approved details.

The drainage scheme must include:

- (i) An investigation of the hierarchy of drainage options in the National Planning Practice Guidance (or any subsequent amendment thereof). This investigation shall include evidence of an assessment of ground conditions and the potential for infiltration of surface water;
- (ii) A restricted rate of discharge of surface water agreed with the local planning authority (if it is agreed that infiltration is discounted by the investigations); and
- (iii) A timetable for its implementation.
- (iv) Details of how foul and surface water will be disposed of.

The approved scheme shall also be in accordance with the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (March 2015) or any subsequent replacement national standards.

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out only in accordance with the approved drainage scheme.

Reason: To promote sustainable development, secure proper drainage and to manage the risk of flooding and pollution.

6. All windows shall be set back from the external face of the walls by a minimum of 70mm.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development in the interest of visual amenity.

7. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal dated September 2023.

Reason: In order to safeguard protected species.

8. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment dated March 2024, including the proposed landscaping scheme set out within the Tree Planting Plan.

Reason: In order that the trees are adequately protected during the construction phase.

9. Prior to occupation of the dwelling, details of the bird boxes (in accordance with the Ecology Technical Note dated 21/09/2023), shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to mitigate the ecological impacts of the development.

10. No part of the development hereby approved shall be occupied or brought into use until all the highway works have been constructed and completed in accordance with a scheme that shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the Highway Authority. Works shall include, but not be exclusive to, the reinstatement of a section of footway approximately 6m to the West of the existing access, to an appropriate standard, including full height kerbs, and minor amendments to the dropped vehicle crossing to the East of the access.

Reason: In order that the traffic generated by the development does not exacerbate unsatisfactory highway conditions in advance of the completion of the highway scheme/works.

11. Prior to first occupation of the approved development secure, covered cycle storage for at least two cycles shall be provided in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the Local Planning Authority and permanently maintained thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development provides the infrastructure to support sustainable forms of transport.

12. Prior to first occupation the approved dwelling shall have an electric vehicle charging point. Charge points must have a minimum power rating output of 7kW and be fitted with a universal socket that can charge all types of electric vehicle currently available.

Reason: To ensure that the development provides the infrastructure for sustainable forms of transport.

13. The proposed development should not be brought into use unless and until the parking and manoeuvring areas shown on the approved plans have been constructed and laid out. The parking areas shall thereafter always remain available for the parking of domestic vehicles associated with the dwellings and the manoeuvring areas kept free from obstructions for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: In order to ensure satisfactory levels of off-street parking are achieved within the site to prevent parking on the highway to the detriment of highway safety.

Informative Note

The grant of planning permission will require the applicant to enter into an appropriate legal agreement (short form Section 278), with Lancashire County Council as the Highway Authority prior to the start of any development. For the avoidance of doubt works shall include, but not be exclusive to, the reinstatement of a section of redundant.

REASON FOR DECISION

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. The proposed development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework. 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.

24/0247/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 22/0197/FUL on Land to the North East of Saint Thomas Church, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford for McDermott Homes Ltd.

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update report prior to the meeting which advised that additional and revised comments had been received from three consultees. The comments were summarised in the report. Also, amended plans had been submitted and had satisfactorily addressed Lancashire County Council Highways' concerns. The recommendation to delegate grant consent had, therefore, altered to approval.

RESOLVED

That determination of this application be **deferred** to the next meeting of this Committee to allow for the information provided in the update report and the amended plans to be fully considered.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

24. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

In a verbal update on Land South of Heights House, Heights Lane, Fence it was reported that, since the report was published, a Hearing had taken place at which the owner had pleaded guilty and had been fined £891.50.

25. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024/25

Consideration of this report had been deferred from the last meeting.

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the unspent funds carried forward from the Committee's Budget for 2023/24 were £10,291 and that the allocation for 2024/25 was £17,850. Therefore, the total funds available for 2024/25 were £28,141 of which £10,255 was committed and £17,886 was uncommitted.

In paragraph 4 of the report it had been stipulated that Budget carry forward was and would continue to be capped at a maximum of 1 year's Budget i.e. £17,850. It was further stipulated that if the Committee had more than £17,850 unspent at the end of any year it would need to use the following year's Budget to make good the difference. The Committee had £10,291 unspent at the end of 2023/24 and therefore would not be required to use any of the 2024/25 Budget to make good the difference.

Members were asked to consider the following bids totaling £47,075: -

Pendle Borough Council (PBC) – Street Light at East Bank Street, Barrowford	£1,500
PBC – Litter and Dog Waste Bins	£1,000
PBC - Pendle Way Improvements at Brown House Farm	£2,500
Higherford Residents' Action Group – Higherford Globes Project	£1,500
Friends of Victoria Park - Public Liability Insurance for Victoria Park Events	£75
Barley with Wheatley Booth PC – Barley Village Playground Fence Replacement	£2,500
Barrowford PC – Centenary Memorial Garden Renovation	£4,000
Blacko PC – Recreation Ground Improvements	£2,500
Higham with West Close Booth PC – Historic Threepenny Bit	£6,000
Higham with West Close Booth PC – Playground Project	£6,000
Higham with West Close Booth PC – Village Hall Roof	£10,000
Old Laund Booth PC – Community Cohesion	£5,000
Roughlee Booth PC – Replacement Benches Project	£2,000
Roughlee Booth PC – Replacement Door	£2,500

The representative for Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council asked why all three of their bids had been refused and no partial allocations had been made. All of the bids were very large and not considered realistic for the Committee's Budget, even one of the two comparatively smaller bids if approved would have taken over one third of the total allocation for the year. However, in recognition of the urgent need for the replacement of the village hall roof, the

Council's Executive would be asked to consider agreeing a supplementary estimate of the amount requested (£10,000) in the bid attached to the report at Appendix 12.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that £10,255 of the Area Committee's 2024/25 Budget was committed and that £17,886 was uncommitted.
- (3) That the financial requirements stipulated in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.
- (4) That the Head of Housing and Environmental Health be requested to allocate the following amounts from the 2024/25 Budget: –

Pendle Borough Council (PBC) – Litter and Dog Waste Bins	£1,000
PBC - Pendle Way Improvements at Brown House Farm	£2,500
Higherford Residents' Action Group – Higherford Globes Project	£1,500
Friends of Victoria Park - Public Liability Insurance for Victoria Park Events	£75
Barley with Wheatley Booth PC – Barley Village Playground Fence Replacement	£2,500
Barrowford PC – Centenary Memorial Garden Renovation	£4,000
Blacko PC – Recreation Ground Improvements	£2,500
Roughlee Booth PC – Replacement Benches Project	£1,500
Roughlee Booth PC – Replacement Door	£2,000
Total	£17,575

- (5) That the following bids be refused: -

Pendle Borough Council – Street Light at East Bank Street, Barrowford	£1,500
Higham with West Close Booth PC – Historic Threepenny Bit	£6,000
Higham with West Close Booth PC – Playground Project	£6,000
Higham with West Close Booth PC – Village Hall Roof	£10,000
Old Laund Booth PC – Community Cohesion	£5,000

- (6) That the Executive be recommended to agree a supplementary estimate of £10,000 to Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council for Village Hall Roof (Appendix 12).

REASONS

- (1) ***To enable the Committee's Budget to be allocated effectively.***
- (2) ***The Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee deem the Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council bid to have considerable merit but do not have sufficient funding in their Budget to approve it.***

26. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2024/25

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report to request that Members considered the appointment of two Grant Panel Members for 2024/25 and also a proposed amendment to the

grant criteria in relation to quotes. Consideration of this report had been deferred from the last meeting.

The report also advised Members that £3,000 had been carried forward from the Committee's 2023/24 Budget to fund the Scheme in 2024/25. No further funding for the Scheme was required.

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.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that £3,000 had been carried forward from this Committee's 2023/24 Budget to fund the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme in 2024/25.
- (3) That Councillors D. Gallear and M. Stone be appointed Grant Panel Members for Barrowford in 2024/25.
- (4) That the proposed amendment to the grant criteria to allow two quotes for items of work rather than three be agreed.

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.*

27. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

At the Annual Council meeting held on 16th May, 2024, the responsibility for appointing representatives to some outside bodies was referred to this Committee.

Members were asked to consider an appointment to the Reuben Burton Foundation Trust to fill the vacancy which had resulted from the resignation of Goldshaw Booth Parish Councillor Ainsley Macadam.

RESOLVED

That Roughlee Booth Parish Councillor Martin Schofield be appointed as a representative on the Reuben Burton Foundation Trust until such time as he resigned or was no longer a Member of this Committee.

REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

28.

ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

Members were advised that there were currently no Environmental Blight sites in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.

Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson (tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk) with a brief description of the site and the problem along with contact details.

29.

FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

New Issues

Noggarth Road, Fence – five out of seven drains on the highway were blocked and following rainfall events water was running down the road and onto the A6068 causing issues.

Sinkhole near the Stepping Stones, Roughlee – a sinkhole had appeared on a patch of land between the river and the highway and was increasing in size. Concerns were expressed that the issue could cause the road to collapse if not addressed.

RESOLVED

That the Committee's concerns regarding the flooding issues on Noggarth Road, Fence and the sinkhole near the Stepping Stones in Roughlee be referred to Lancashire County Council.

REASON

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

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OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- a. Flooding Issue on Clough Springs, Barrowford (27/3/2024)
- b. Flooding Issue on Beverley Road, Blacko (27/3/2024)
- c. Flooding Issue on Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee (8/5/2024)

Chair _____