

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024  
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

*PRESENT*

*Councillor N. Ahmed (Chair)*

**Councillors**

*D. Gallear  
B. Newman  
M. Stone*

**Co-optees**

*D. Goldsbrough - Barley with Wheatley Booth 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  
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*

**Police**

*PCSO A. Fielding*

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**56. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

The following Councillor declared a personal but non-pecuniary interest on the item indicated: –

<i>N. Ahmed</i>	<i>Public Question Time – Food waste dumping in Victoria Park, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No. 57</i>
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**57. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The resident of Fence and member of the CCTV Residents' Group who had also attended a meeting of this Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 reported that funding for the installation of CCTV cameras in Fence village had now been identified but that accessing that funding had not yet been possible as the support of Old Laund Booth Parish Council was required. The Parish Council had resolved not to provide support at its July meeting due to financial and logistical reasons. The resident asked for advice on how now to proceed. The Chair recommended that the resident and/or the Group this time make a formal written request to the Parish Council for assistance with applying for funding only and nothing further.

*(Councillor N. Ahmed declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item which was not a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.)*

A representative of Friends of Victoria Park reported that food waste dumping by the lake had recommenced in the last few days which was not suitable for the wildfowl and was causing rat infestations on the Carr Hall side of the park. This was a longstanding issue which had not improved in spite of; letters being sent to local residents from the Environmental Crime Team; the erection of multilingual signage; social media posts; and conversations with the local Imam. Further action, it was felt, was now needed. Suggested further actions included; erecting more effective signage similar to that used by Glasgow City Council; siting temporary CCTV cameras at usual dumping spots; more monitoring by the Environmental Crime Team; the delivery of a public education campaign on the issue; ensuring residents had sufficient grey bins; and contacting local takeaway outlets to reinforce an anti-dumping message. Members agreed that a solution to this issue was required as a matter of urgency and requested that a report from the Green Spaces Manager be submitted to the next meeting.

The Clerk of Barrowford Parish Council advised that there were some lime trees on Carr Hall Road, Barrowford that were in decline. It was likely that these trees were protected by TPOs as they were situated in the Conservation Area. A number of the trees had fallen during storms and had not been replaced and some would not withstand any further storms. Further information on these trees was requested. This information would be requested from the relevant Officer and their response would be shared with Members and the Clerk in due course.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Green Spaces Manager be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee on the food waste dumping issue at Victoria Park, Barrowford and possible solutions.

## **REASON**

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

## **58. MINUTES**

## **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **59. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

The crime statistics for August 2024 were not currently available.

PCSO Fielding advised Members that there had been three Residential Burglaries, two of which involved an actual and an attempted car break again perpetrated by offenders from West Yorkshire. There was a lot of cross border work ongoing and nighttime patrols in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area had been increased as a result.

There had been a recent spike in nuisance related to fireworks and anti-social driving. There was a plan in place for dealing with the nuisance caused by fireworks which would be rolled out

over the coming weeks in time for Bonfire Night. Anti-social driving was being dealt with as part of Op Centurion. Three drivers and vehicles had recently been issued with Section 59 warning notices. Logs for both types of nuisance were now noticeably reducing. There had been some incidences of youth anti-social behaviour which had been dealt with by way of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and referrals.

There had been a recent contact with 101 to report speeding and noisy vehicles on Carr Road, Barrowford and the person making the call had been informed that they were not Police matters and would not be logged. PCSO Fielding said false information had been given and that he would ask the new Inspector, Rob Grey to send an e-mail to the 101 Team Leaders about this. PCSO Fielding also recommended submitting dashcam footage or photographs of any witnessed driving offences by visiting <https://unitedkingdom1cpp-portal.digital-policing.co.uk/lancashire/appeal/public-dashcam-submission> (Op SNAP) as such evidence could be used to bring prosecutions.

## **60. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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

**24/0389/CEU Certificate of Lawful Use (S.191 Existing Development: Lawful start for the construction of 5 no. dwellings on land of Outline Planning Permission 13/15/0290P and 18/0598/REM at Barley House Farm, Barley Lane, Barley for Mr. A Atkinson**

### **RESOLVED**

That a Lawful Development Certificate be **approved**.

### **REASON FOR DECISION**

***It has been demonstrated that on the balance of probabilities the Planning Permission 13/15/0290P (Reserved Matters 18/0598/REM) was lawfully implemented prior to its expiry and is therefore extant.***

**24/0449/FUL Full: Installation of solar panels to existing roof structures at Ogden Hill Farm, Barley Lane, Barley for Mr. Paul Barlow**

The Assistant Director Planning Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update report prior to the meeting which advised that the Countryside Access Officer had provided some comments on the application, which were set out in the report. These comments, however, did not alter the recommendation which was to approve the application subject to conditions.

### **RESOLVED**

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

The proposed development takes a prominent position directly adjacent to a public right of way within the National Landscape. The scale of the solar panels upon the roofs of the buildings in question would result in an incongruous feature in the wider landscape and would cause harm to the experience by users of the public rights of way both in the short range and long range views. 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.

## **(b) Planning Appeals**

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

### **61. 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.

### **62. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024/25**

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the unallocated sum of the Committee's Budget was £311 and that a full report would be submitted in due course, which was noted.

### **63. 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](mailto:tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk)) with a brief description of the site and the problem along with contact details.

### **64. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS**

The following update was reported for information.

#### **Flooding Issue on Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee**

Lancashire County Council (LCC) had raised an order to undertake a CCTV inspection of its drainage infrastructure near Bradley's Barn/access into North Farm on Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee to ascertain exactly where the problem was. This job had been prioritised as 'Normal' and it might be some time until it was progressed, unless LCC had a need to review the priority i.e. surface water flooding or property flooding was being caused. Any such issues should be reported 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/>).

#### **Continuing Issues**

Members had expected an update on the continuing flooding issues on Clough Springs, Barrowford as they had been advised at the last meeting that investigatory works were due to be

undertaken by the end of August 2024 but one had not been provided. Members requested an update for the next meeting.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the update be noted.
- (2) That Lancashire County Council be requested to submit an update on the continuing flooding issues on Clough Springs, Barrowford to the next meeting of this Committee.

## **REASON**

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

### **65. 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.

### **66. PROBLEM SITES**

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

There appeared to have been some progress made at the only listed site, which was welcomed by Members.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_