

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9TH OCTOBER, 2024
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ahmed (Chair)

Councillors

*D. Gallear
M. Stone*

Co-optees

*R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
N. Hodgson - Blacko Parish Council
M. Schofield - Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
N. Watson*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory
Services
Committee Administrator*

J. Robinson

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Newman and D. Heap, Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council.)



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the following items:

<i>Iain Lord Zara Moon</i>	<i>24/0256/FUL - Full: Erection of a 4 bedroom 2- storey, detached eco-home dwelling with integral double garage on existing garden plot at Middleton Laithe Farm, Middleton Drive, Barrowford</i>	<i>Minute No. 71a</i>
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<i>Iain Lord</i>	<i>24/0366/FUL - Full: Demolition of existing mill building and the erection of a 2.5 storey apartment building to accommodate 6 no. apartments and associated site works at Sandy Lane Business Centre, Sandy Lane, Barrowford</i>
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<i>Neil Andrews</i>	<i>24/0545/FUL - Full: Demolition of existing farmhouse and several outbuildings and the erection of a 1 no. self build dwelling at Ing Ends Farm, Barley Lane, Barley</i>
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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests. There were no declarations of interest.

68.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Three residents of Church Street, Barrowford attended the meeting and spoke on the various traffic issues that were affecting them which included parking, pollution and weight and speed limits regularly being exceeded. The street was also being used as a 'rat run' by motorists seeking to avoid the congestion around Nelson and Colne College. The residents had raised their concerns with County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and he had attended a site visit and had said that a survey would be undertaken but had taken no further action since. The residents felt possible solutions to the issues included the introduction of a one-way traffic system on the street; the introduction of width restrictions; limited time parking outside of businesses on the street; residents' only parking on one side of the street only; and weight restriction enforcement and were seeking support from this Committee in making the relevant requests and/or applications to the relevant bodies. Lancashire County Council (LCC), in the main, were the responsible body as the highway authority for the area. Solutions were needed as the situation for residents was becoming increasingly dire and would only be exacerbated once construction works on a new housing development commenced.

The Chair sympathised with the residents and said LCC would now be asked to look into the possibility of introducing residents' only parking on one side of the street only and also to consider other possible solutions at its regular Pendle Traffic Liaison Meetings. Contact would also be made with the Police to request some weight restriction enforcement. This Committee would then monitor progress.

The more specific issue relating to heavy goods vehicles using Church Street to access the new housing development would be discussed later in this meeting as part of a separate item.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Lancashire County Council Highways be requested to consider the introduction of residents' only parking on one side of Church Street, Barrowford only.
- (2) That the highways and traffic issues raised at this meeting be discussed at a future Pendle Traffic Liaison meeting.
- (3) That the Police be requested to undertake weight restriction enforcement on the street.

REASONS

- (1) *In the interests of highway safety.*
- (2) *To find solutions to the longstanding highways and traffic issues on Church Street, Barrowford.*

69.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 4th September, 2024, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

70. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for September 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The figures did not include a comparison to the same period in the previous year and would not do so going forward. The Committee Administrator would have made the comparison themselves and updated the Police's report prior to its circulation but the figures for September, 2023 were not available for them to do so.

SEPTEMBER	2024
Burglary – Residential	2
Burglary – Other than Dwelling	3
Vehicle Crime	3
Assaults	10
Theft	3
Arson/Criminal Damage	3
Hate Crime	0
All Other Recordable Incidents	31
All Recordable Crime (Year to Date)	120
Anti-Social Behaviour	3

PCSO Fielding had sent his apologies for this meeting but had provided an update on anti-social driving around the Padiham Bypass (A6068) / Carr Hall Road area of Barrowford which was read by the Chair in his absence. The Pendle Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) had been tasked with patrolling these areas and had been successful in their efforts. The NHPT recognised that this was a longstanding and ongoing issue and urged all residents to keep logging their concerns on the Lancashire Safer Road Partnership's website (<https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern/>) and also on #OpCenturion (<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/lancashire-tackling-asb/>).

The ongoing issue with the misuse of fireworks had been raised at a Full Council meeting on 26th September, 2024 and a series of resolutions had been made (<https://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3349/council>). Going forward a multi-agency approach would be taken and a public awareness campaign would be actively promoted by the Council to tackle the issue.

71. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

24/0256/FUL Full: Erection of a 4 bedroom 2-storey, detached eco-home dwelling with integral double garage on existing garden plot at Middleton Laithe Farm, Middleton Drive, Barrowford for Mr. Colin Birchall

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: 01 Rev A, 03 Rev A, 04 Rev B, 05 Rev A, 528-P2-01 Rev B, 06, Material Samples, 2024-034-01, LTC248-TPP2.

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

3. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority the external materials of the development shall be in accordance with the submitted document Materials Samples.

Reason: To allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development in the interest of visual amenity.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 and part 1 of the second Schedule of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no new or altered openings shall be made in the south west gable elevation.

Reason: In order to preserve the privacy of the adjacent dwelling.

5. Prior to occupation of the dwelling hereby approved the screen fence shall be erected along the south west side of the terrace and maintained at all times thereafter.

Reason: In order to preserve the privacy of the adjacent dwelling.

6. The submitted Construction Method Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

7. Prior to the occupation of the dwelling hereby approved the parking and manoeuvring areas shall be constructed in a bound material, which shall either be porous or drained in accordance with details that have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and made available for use and they shall at all times thereafter be maintained free from obstruction and available for parking and manoeuvring purposes.

Reason: To ensure an adequate level of car parking provision and turning area in the interest of highway safety.

8. Prior to the occupation of the dwelling hereby approved it shall be fitted with an electric vehicle charging point with a minimum power rating output of 7kW fitted with a universal socket that can charge all types of electric vehicle currently.

Reason: To support sustainable transport.

9. The approved landscaping scheme (528-P2-01 Rev B) shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the commencement of the use 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.

10. No ground clearance, demolition, changes of level or development or development-related work shall commence until protective fencing, in full accordance with BS 5837 : 2012 has been erected in accordance with the submitted Tree Protection Plan. Within the areas so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered. Roots with a diameter of more than 25 millimetres shall be left unsevered. There shall be no construction work, development or development-related activity of any description, including the deposit of spoil or the storage of materials within the fenced areas. The protective fencing shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

All works involving excavation of soil, including foundations and the laying of services, within the recommended distance calculated under the BS 5837 (2012) of the trees to be retained on the site, shall be dug by hand and in accordance with a scheme of works which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of works.

Reason: To prevent trees on or adjacent to the site from being damaged during building works.

11. The development shall be carried out in accordance with and thereafter maintained in accordance with the recommendations of the Ecological Survey and Assessment June 2024.

Reason: In order to preserve the ecological value of the site.

12. Prior to the occupation of the dwelling hereby approved the drainage shall be installed and be fully operational and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved plans and Drainage Impact Assessment.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately drained to reduce the risk of flooding and pollution.

13. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 and part 2 of the second Schedule of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no gates shall be erected across the site access from Middleton Drive without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to prevent vehicles from waiting on Middleton Drive where they could cause an obstruction or hazard to other highway users.

14. No part of the development shall commence unless and until a Planning Obligation pursuant to section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (or any subsequent provision equivalent to that section) has been made with the Local Planning Authority. The said obligation shall provide for monitoring of Biodiversity Net Gain over a 30-year period.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development makes provision for 10% Biodiversity Net Gain and that this can be monitored for a period no less than 30 years following completion of the development.

Biodiversity Net Gain Condition:

1. The development may not be begun unless—
(i) a biodiversity gain plan has been submitted to the Planning Authority and
(ii) the Planning Authority has approved the plan

Phase plan

- (b) the first and each subsequent phase of development may not be begun unless—
(i) a biodiversity gain plan for that phase has been submitted to the Planning Authority and
(ii) the Planning Authority has approved that plan

Reason: In order to fulfil the obligations for Biodiversity Net Gain, in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Schedule 14

Notes:

If during any stage of the development any miscellaneous substances, made ground or potentially contaminated ground that has not been previously identified and planned for in a report is uncovered, work in the area must stop immediately and the Environmental Health Department at the Borough of Pendle should be made aware. No work should continue until a contingency plan has been developed, and agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Cadent Gas Ltd own and operate the gas infrastructure within the area of your development. There may be a legal interest (easements and other rights) in the land that restrict activity in proximity to Cadent assets in private land. The applicant must ensure that the proposed works do not infringe on legal rights of access and or restrictive covenants that exist. If buildings or structures are proposed directly above the apparatus the development may only take place following diversion of the apparatus. The applicant should apply online to have apparatus diverted in advance of any works, by visiting cadentgas.com/diversions. Prior to carrying out works, including the construction of access points, please register on www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk to submit details of the planned works for review, ensuring requirements are adhered to.

The setting of Public Footpath FP13-02-051 Barrowford may be affected by the proposed development. The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct a right of way. Any proposals for the temporary diversion or closure of the above footpath should be made to Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way team before any development works begin. They can be contacted by email at PROW@lancashire.gov.uk – the location, district and planning application number should be included in any correspondence.

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 accords with Local Planning Policy and the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. 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.

24/0366/FUL Full: Demolition of existing mill building and the erection of a 2.5 storey apartment building to accommodate 6 no. apartments and associated site works at Sandy Lane Business Centre, Sandy Lane, Barrowford for Premier Vue

The Assistant Director Planning Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update report prior to the meeting which advised that amended plans had since been received which satisfactorily addressed the design issues raised previously. The recommendation had, therefore, altered from refusal to approval subject to conditions.

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.

24/0545/FUL Full: Demolition of existing farmhouse and several outbuildings and the erection of a 1 no. self build dwelling at Ing Ends Farm, Barley Lane, Barley for Mr. Richmond

The Assistant Director Planning Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update report prior to the meeting which advised that amended conditions were required for the wording of Condition 6 (Landscaping Scheme) and Condition 14 (Bat Survey). This, however, did not alter the recommendation which was to approve the application 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 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 23.71 00B, Proposed Site Plan 23.71 20 REV A, Tree Survey 23.71 04 Rev A, Proposed Floor Plans 23.71 22 REV A, Proposed South and East Elevations 23.71 23 REV A, Proposed North and West Elevations 23.71 24 REV A.

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

3. Prior to any above ground works involved in the erection of the external walls of the development samples of all the external materials to be used in the proposed development shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, this shall include a 1m x 1m sample panel of the natural stone walling and its coursing to be provided on site, and samples for the stone dressings and architraves, the development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved materials.

Reason: To ensure the design and materials are appropriate to the locality and to control the external appearance.

4. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:
- i) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors
 - ii) The loading and unloading of plant and materials
 - iii) The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
 - iv) The erection and maintenance of security hoarding
 - v) Wheel washing facilities
 - vi) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction
 - vii) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works
 - viii) Details of working hours
 - ix) Details of hours of deliveries
 - x) Details of hours of work operation
 - xi) Measures to control site noise and vibration
 - xii) Routing of delivery vehicles to/from site

Reason: To ensure that adequate measures are in place to protect the environment and amenity during the construction phase(s).

5. Prior to first occupation the parking areas shall be constructed and maintained thereafter for that purpose.

Reason: To provide adequate car parking at the dwelling.

6. Prior to occupancy the development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be submitted at a scale of 1:200 and shall include the following:
- a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained; and the trees removed to be replaced;
 - b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;
 - 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 and long-term maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas;

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.

7. A scheme for the disposal of foul and surface water shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be constructed and completed in accordance with the approved plans before the dwelling is occupied.

Reason: To control foul and surface water flow disposal and prevent flooding.

8. Prior to the installation of the development hereby permitted, details of the design, materials and finishes and RAL colour of the windows and doors shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and shall not be varied without prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the design and materials are appropriate to the locality and to control the external appearance.

9. The detached garage including first floor annexe hereby approved shall only be used ancillary to the enjoyment of the existing dwelling and shall not be used by way of sale or sub-letting to form separate residential accommodation.

Reason: To avoid the creation of separate dwellings which may be sub-standard in terms of parking provision and/or vehicular manoeuvring area.

10. Prior to first occupation of the approved development an electric vehicle charging point shall be provided. 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 supports sustainable forms of transport.

11. The development hereby permitted shall be in strict accordance with the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment dated August 2024 and the submitted plan Tree Survey 23.71 04 REV A.

Reason: To protect the retained trees.

12. Unless approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority no ground clearance, demolition, or construction work shall commence until protective fencing, to BS 5837 : 2005 at least 1.25 metres high securely mounted on timber posts firmly driven into the ground has been erected around each tree/tree group or hedge to be preserved on the site or on immediately adjoining land, and no work shall be carried out on the site until the written

approval of the Local Planning Authority has been issued confirming that the protective fencing is erected in accordance with this condition. The fencing shall be located at least 1.00 metre beyond the protected area detailed in BS 5837. Within the areas so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered. Roots with a diameter of more than 25 millimetres shall be left unsevered. There shall be no construction work, development or development-related activity of any description, including the deposit of spoil or the storage of materials within the fenced areas. The protective fencing shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

Reason: To prevent trees from being damaged during building works.

13. Prior to the commencement of development a survey shall be carried out to identify the presence of any asbestos on the site, either bonded with cement or unbonded. Where any asbestos cement is found it shall be dismantled carefully or otherwise collected without generation of dust, it shall be dampened down with water and removed from site in secure, sealed, air-tight containment. If unbonded asbestos is found the Health and Safety Executive shall be contacted and the asbestos shall be removed by a specialist licensed contractor.

Reason: To protect the health and amenity of people in the vicinity, including those working on the development.

14. Prior to the commencement of development, the scheme for the protection and enhancement of the bat and barn owl habitat shall be implemented in accordance with the submitted Bat Survey Report and Method Statement (5th August 2024). The scheme shall be implemented in its entirety prior to any works commencing on site.

Reason: To ensure protection of the habitat of bats and barn owls which are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1981.

15. No site preparation, clearance or demolition works shall take place until the applicant or their agent or successors in title has secured the implementation of a programme of building recording, analysis and reporting work. This must be carried out in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which shall first have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The programme of works should comprise the creation of a Level 2-3 record as set out in "Understanding Historic Buildings" (Historic England 2016). The work must be undertaken by an appropriately qualified and experienced professional contractor to the standards and guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. A copy of this record shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and the Lancashire Historic Environment Record.

Reason: To ensure and safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological/historical importance associated with the site.

Informatives:

1. A new duty now exists to manage the risk from asbestos in buildings. If you own, occupy or manage a building which may contain asbestos you will either have:
 - a legal duty to manage the risk from this material, or
 - a duty to co-operate with whoever manages that risk

It is now illegal to use asbestos-containing materials in the construction or refurbishment of buildings. However it was in common use up until the 1980's and is likely to exist in many buildings. Further advice on your duty is available from the Health & Safety Executive.

2. Contaminated Land Informative: If during any stage of the development any miscellaneous substances, made ground or potentially contaminated ground that has not been previously identified and planned for in a report is uncovered, work in the area must stop immediately and the Environmental Health Department at the Borough of Pendle should be made aware. No work should continue until a contingency plan has been developed, and agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Note:

1. The contractor shall have regard to the relevant parts of BS 5228 1997 "Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites" during the planning and implementation of site activities and operations.

2. The Local Planning Authority expects that the best practical means available in accordance with British Standard Codes of practise 5228:1997 Parts 1 to 4 shall be employed at all times to minimise the emission of noise from the site.

Reference should be made to the Council's 'Code of Practice for Construction and Demolition Sites'.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory standard of amenity for neighbouring properties.

Control of Dust

Details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development for the suppression of dust from the site; all agreed details shall be implemented throughout the course of the development.

Note 1.

The details of dust control measures for Haul Roads, the use of suitable wheel cleaning facilities and proposals for the sheeting of vehicles carrying dusty materials shall be included by the applicant.

2. Reference should be made to the Council's 'Code of Practice for Construction and Demolition Sites'.

Reason: To protect human health and the environment from adverse effects of air pollution.

Burning on site

The Borough of Pendle Council has announced a climate emergency, therefore to help improve air quality there should be no burning of any materials on site. Pendle Borough Council receives many complaints about smoke from bonfires, which are inappropriate in any area of the borough. The practice of burning wastes on site is an old-fashioned practice, which normally constitutes an offence under the Duty of Care provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The applicant is cautioned against permitting any bonfire to take place during demolition, site clearance or construction. For further information contact Environmental Health at Pendle Borough Council by telephoning (01282) 661199.

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 housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. 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.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

72. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

In a verbal update it was reported that the owner of The Bungalow, Dam Head Farm, Roughlee (Case 1) did not attend the Hearing listed for 2nd October, 2024 and that a warrant had since been issued for their arrest. It was also reported that the owner of Field No 9346, Jinny Lane, Roughlee (Case 4) had pleaded guilty at the Hearing on 24th September, 2024 and had been fined a total of £555.50. The owner had also been given two months to arrange for the rest of the items to be removed from the land and the Council's Planning Enforcement Officer would monitor their compliance.

73. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024/25

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

Members were asked to consider two bids from Pendle Borough Council, one for £833 for the repair of fencing on Deepdale Court / Pendle Street, Barrowford and one for £311 for Litter and Dog Waste Bins (Top-Up), whilst taking into consideration that only £311 of the Committee's Budget remained uncommitted. Following some discussion Members determined to make a deallocation of £833 from the Barrowford Memorial Park River Wall Scheme (Scheme no.1, Appendix 1) in order to be in a position to approve the bid for the repair of fencing to ensure public safety adjacent to a watercourse, reduce further deterioration and improve the aesthetics of the neighbourhood.

Blacko Parish Council would only be spending approximately £1,300 of the £2,500 that had been allocated to it for the Recreational Grounds Improvements Scheme (Scheme no.11, Appendix 1) but had asked if the monies that wouldn't be spent could be used towards another Scheme, replacing allotment fencing, to ensure that its full allocation could be spent in this financial year. The Parish Council's representative in attendance was advised to submit a bid for the allotment fencing to the next meeting in order for the matter to be formally considered.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Budget as committed and shown in Appendix 1 attached to the report be noted.
- (2) That the Head of Housing and Environmental Health be requested to deallocate £833 from the Barrowford Memorial Park River Wall Scheme (Scheme no.1, Appendix 1).
- (3) That the Head of Housing and Environmental Health be requested to allocate the following amounts from the 2024/25 Budget: –

Pendle Borough Council (PBC) – Repair of fencing Deepdale Court / Pendle Street, Barrowford	£833
PBC - Litter and Dog Waste Bins (Top-Up)	£311
Total	£1,144

- (4) That the financial requirements stipulated in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.

REASONS

- (1) *To enable the Budget to be allocated effectively.*
- (2) *To ensure public safety adjacent to a watercourse, reduce further deterioration and improve the aesthetics of the neighbourhood in the Deepdale Court / Pendle Street area of Barrowford.*

74.

FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

The following update was reported for information.

Flooding Issue on Clough Springs, Barrowford

Lancashire County Council (LCC) served Notice on the landowner and Pendle Borough Council (PBC) then employed a Contractor who had cleared the culvert causing the flooding issue on Clough Springs, Barrowford.

LCC and PBC were also futureproofing the scheme by maintaining access through a gate and installing a new external screen which would prevent the screen from blocking internally in the future.

It was reported that although LCC had recently cleared debris from the gullies at this location they were blocked again and water had been running down the road like a stream. LCC would be asked to arrange for the blocked gullies to be cleared again.

Continuing Issues

There had been no feedback on the sinkhole (void) near Stepping Stones, Roughlee issue since the matter had been referred to LCC and the Environment Agency for further investigation, as reported at a meeting of this Committee on 10th July, 2024. Members requested that an update on this be provided at a future meeting.

New Issues

It was reported that effluent had been discharging from drains outside the Bay Horse Pub, Roughlee during heavy rainfall events. Roughlee Booth Parish Council (RBPC) had reported the issue to United Utilities but they had not taken any action to date. RBPC were now seeking help and guidance from other sources. Members felt that the Head of Housing and Environmental Health might be able to assist.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the update be noted.
- (2) That Lancashire County Council (LCC) be requested to arrange for the debris blocking gullies near Clough Springs, Barrowford to be cleared again.
- (3) That LCC be requested to submit an update on the sinkhole (void) near Stepping Stones, Roughlee to a future meeting of this Committee.
- (4) That advice be sought from the Head of Housing and Environmental Health on the issue raised at this meeting relating to effluent discharging from drains outside the Bay Horse Pub, Roughlee.

REASONS

- (1) *To reduce the risk of flooding in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.*
- (2) *In the interests of public health and safety.*

75.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Heavy goods vehicles using Church Street, Barrowford to access the new housing development on Land to the North East of Saint Thomas Church, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford

The three residents of Church Street, Barrowford in attendance at this meeting reported that there was also an issue with heavy goods vehicles using the street as a short cut, in spite of a designated route being in place, to access the new housing development and also in spite of reassurances from the Developers, McDermott Homes (MH).

The residents were advised that the vehicles were not associated with MH as they had not yet commenced any works on site. The vehicles were instead associated with Utility Providers who had been on site to alter their infrastructure. MH did not have any control over these Providers, nor did the Council, but MH had since written to them to ask them to use the agreed route.

If the issue was to persist once MH commenced their development works, the Council could serve a Breach of Condition Notice if it had evidence suggesting that a breach had occurred.

RESOLVED

That serving a Breach of Condition Notice on McDermott Homes be considered by the Assistant Director Planning Building Control and Regulatory Services should construction vehicles be

found not to be using the agreed designated route upon the commencement of development works on Land to the North East of Saint Thomas Church, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford.

REASONS

- (1) *In the interests of highway safety.***
- (2) *In order to not exacerbate existing highways and traffic issues on Church Street, Barrowford.***
- (3) *To ensure compliance with planning conditions.***

76.

OUTSTANDING ISSUE

The following item had been considered by the Committee and further action or information requested. An update would be provided at a future meeting.

- Food Waste Dumping in Victoria Park, Barrowford (04.09.2024)

Chair _____