

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER, 2024
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillor M. Stone (Vice-Chair in the Chair)

Councillors

*D. Gallear
B. Newman*

Co-optees

*R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
N. Hodgson - Blacko Parish Council
K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
A. Pickering - Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
D. Hall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
S. Cronshaw - Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

<i>W. Forrest N. Watson J. Robinson</i>	<i>Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator) Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services Committee Administrator</i>
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Also in Attendance

County Councillor H. Hartley

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



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

<i>Iain Lord Tony Titchiner</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>	<i>Minute No. 81a</i>
<i>Jackie Heaps</i>	<i>24/0484/FUL- Full: Demolition of existing vacant shop and the erection of 6 no. dwellings with associated infrastructure at Roaming Roosters, Barrowford Road, Higham</i>	



77. 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.

78. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

79. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 9th October, 2024, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

80. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for October 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Committee Administrator had been unable to compare the figures with the same period in the previous year prior to the report's circulation as the figures for October, 2023 were not available for them to do so. The Police were not able to attend this meeting as was hoped.

OCTOBER	2024
Burglary – Residential	3
Burglary – Other than Dwelling	0
Vehicle Crime	3
Assaults	14
Theft	3
Arson/Criminal Damage	2
Hate Crime	1
All Other Recordable Incidents	30
All Other Recordable Incidents (Year to Date)	321
Anti-Social Behaviour	4

81. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

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

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

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

RESOLVED

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

The Assistant Director Planning Building Control and Regulatory Services had circulated an update report prior to the meeting which advised that an amended plan altering the layout, comments from United Utilities in relation to drainage and comments from members of the public in relation to the publicity period not yet having expired had since been received. The recommendation to delegate grant consent remained but was now subject to the expiry of the publicity period.

That determination of this application be **deferred** to the next meeting of this Committee to allow for the expiry of the publicity period.

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported, for information, that there was one outstanding appeal:

23/0775/FUL Appeal against refusal of planning permission for erection of an
24/0007/AP/REFUSE agricultural building at Land to the South of Heights House,
Heights Lane, Fence, Burnley

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 evidence that the shipping containers at Moorcock House, Gisburn Road, Blacko (Case 5) might have in situ for over 4 years had since been provided. The content of the Enforcement Notice would now have to be reconsidered due to potential immunity.

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83. 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 a bid from Blacko Parish Council for £1,265 for New Allotment Fencing. As Members were aware that the Recreational Grounds Improvements Scheme (Scheme no.11, Appendix 1) would not be completed in 2024/25, they determined to make a deallocation of £1,265 from that Scheme in order to be in a position to approve the bid for the New Allotment Fencing.

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 £1,265 from the Recreational Grounds Improvements Scheme (Scheme no.11, Appendix 1).
- (3) That the Head of Housing and Environmental Health be requested to allocate £1,265 to Blacko Parish Council for New Allotment Fencing.
- (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) *The Recreational Grounds Improvements Scheme would not be completed in 2024/25 whereas the New Allotment Fencing project would.*

84. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Pendle Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 3rd September, 2024 were submitted for information.

It was reported that there was an issue with parked vehicles blocking roads in the vicinity of Spring Mill Court, Fence due to inadequate parking at the development. This would be raised with Lancashire County Council Highways.

85. HIGHWAYS/TRAFFIC ISSUES ON CHURCH STREET, BARROWFORD

Members noted that Lancashire County Council were aware of the concerns raised by the residents who attended the last meeting of this Committee and were currently considering if there were any effective measures that could be implemented. The matter would be discussed further at the next Pendle Traffic Liaison meeting which was expected to take place in late November 2024.

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

- (a) New Bins

An allocation of £1,000 from this Committee's Budget 2024/25 was approved at a previous meeting on 5th June, 2024. A further allocation of £311 from this Committee's Budget 2024/25 was then approved at the last meeting and three new bins had since been erected during Quarter 2 for the period 1st July, 2024 to 30th September, 2024, as follows:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN £
Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee	New F/s litter bin erected by Bradleys Barn where the road widens	LITTER	£326.12
Riverside Way, Barrowford	New F/S litter bin erected at the entrance to the new housing estate/Vantage Business Park	LITTER	£326.12
Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee	New F/S litter bin erected in layby, opposite Roughlee School	LITTER	£326.12

The total spend was £978.36 which left a balance of £6.52.

(b) Replaced/Removed Bins

The Assistant Director Operational Services advised that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, one bin had been replaced / removed by Operational Services in Quarter 2 for the period 1st July, 2024 to 30th September, 2024, as follows:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN £
Wellhead Road, Newchurch	Replace damaged post mounted litter bin with a larger F/S litter bin for more capacity	LITTER	£326.12

(c) Substation Sites

Members of the Committee were encouraged to report if there were any 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.

87. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

The following updates were reported for information.

Flooding Issue on Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford

Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) Cyclic Gully cleaning schedule had been checked and all the gullies on Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford were due to be cleaned imminently.

Should there be a repeat of the issue following this scheduled cleaning LCC should be made aware of it via either the Love Clean Streets webpage (<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads->

[parking-and-travel/report-it/flooding-and-drainage/](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/>).

It was reported that there was also a need for the gullies on Wheatley Lane Road, Fence to be cleaned as water was running onto the A6068 during heavy rainfall events. LCC would be made aware of this. County Councillor H. Hartley would also raise this issue when he next visited County Hall.

Drainage Issue outside Bay Horse Pub, Roughlee

An Officer from Pendle Borough Council's Commercial Environmental Health Team was currently investigating this issue and would report their findings at a future meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the updates be noted.
- (2) That Lancashire County Council be requested to clean the blocked gullies on Wheatley Lane Road, Fence.

REASON

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

88. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The following items had been considered by the Committee and further action or information requested. Updates would be provided at future meetings.

- a. Food Waste Dumping in Victoria Park, Barrowford (04.09.2024)
- b. Sinkhole (Void) near Stepping Stones, Roughlee (09.10.2024)

89. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following items of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

90. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 2

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area in Quarter 2, for the period 1st July to 30th September, 2024, along with the totals for 2024/25, which was noted.

91. 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, which was noted.

Chair _____