

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2025
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
R. Fewster - Blacko Parish Council
K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
D. Hall - Old Laund Booth Parish Council
M. Schofield - Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
J. Robinson*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Committee Administrator*



116. 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.

117. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident, who had attended the previous two meetings to speak about the same matter, was in attendance again to provide Members with an update on a fence on some land in Higham as one had not been provided in the Enforcement Action report that would be considered later in this meeting.

The resident advised that the fence height still continued to cause a serious hazard for vehicles entering the A6068 owing to visibility splay obstruction but that it was due to be reduced to its original height by 1st March, 2025. The resident gave thanks to Members for allowing him the opportunity to raise his concerns, which were related to safety only, and said he hoped he would not need to attend the next meeting of this Committee to speak on this matter again.

The Chair apologised to the resident for having to attend three meetings to speak on the same matter but said Officers were aware of the seriousness of the issue in relation to safety and were responding to it as quickly as possible within the powers they had.

118. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8th January, 2025, be approved as a

correct record and signed by the Chair.

119. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The Police were not able to attend this meeting and disappointingly formal crime figures for January 2025 were not available to consider.

It was reported that cars were parking on double yellow lines on the bridge on Carr Road, Nelson and were impacting on highway safety. There was a similar issue on Pendle Street, Nelson. These issues would be raised with the Police following this meeting. The issue on Carr Road had been raised with the Police previously but the situation had not improved.

RESOLVED

That the Police be requested to investigate incidences of dangerous parking on the bridges on Carr Road and Pendle Street, Nelson.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

120. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeals

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

121. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted an update on enforcement matters.

Members expressed disappointment that the report submitted did not contain any updates and also that it was not dissimilar to the report submitted to the last meeting of this Committee. They had expected to have received an update on Case 4 – Field No 9346 Jinny Lane, Roughlee given that the owner had been given until the end of January 2024 to comply and it was now 5th February, 2025. Members requested that more up to date information be provided at future meetings for their consideration.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be requested to ensure the most up to date information on enforcement matters be made available for Members' consideration at all future meetings of this Committee.

REASON

To ensure the Committee are fully apprised of the latest position on enforcement matters.

122. 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 deallocating funding from the following underspent completed Schemes so that it could be used elsewhere:

Pendle Way Improvements – Brown House Farm (Appendix 1, Scheme 6)	£50
Roughlee PC Scheme - Replacement Benches (Appendix 1, Scheme 12)	£237
Roughlee PC Scheme - Replacement Door (Appendix 1, Scheme 13)	£76

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 the following amounts from the 2024/25 Budget: –

Pendle Way Improvements – Brown House Farm (Appendix 1, Scheme 6)	£50
Roughlee PC Scheme - Replacement Benches (Appendix 1, Scheme 12)	£237
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- (3) That the financial requirements stipulated in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.

REASON

To enable the Budget to be allocated effectively and in line with financial regulations.

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

(a) New Bins

No new bins had been erected during Quarter 3 for the period 1st October, 2024 to 31st December, 2024.

(b) Replaced/Removed Bins

The Assistant Director Operational Services advised that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, two bins had been replaced / removed by Operational Services in Quarter 3 for the period 1st October, 2024 to 31st December, 2024, as follows:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN
Cross Lane, Barley	Replace missing dog bin at passing place, just coming down into Barley village on left	DOG	£165.68
Spenbrook Road, Newchurch	Replace dog bin and post	DOG	£165.68

(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.

124. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

The following updates were reported for information.

Drainage Issues Outside Bay Horse Pub, Roughlee

United Utilities had accepted that there was a problem within the area and were going to re-line the drain outside the Bay Horse Pub, Roughlee. They had identified a fault near the substation further downstream, which they would fix. They had also installed new monitors in the area so they could better track what was happening, and they were trying to identify illegal connections. Works were still ongoing, and further updates would be provided at a future meeting.

It was reported that the drain had not leaked following the recent snow melt, so it appeared that progress had been made with this issue.

Flooding Issue on Harpers Lane, Fence

This issue was reported to Lancashire County Council (LCC) via the Love Clean Streets website following the last meeting of this Committee. LCC had since advised that, following assessment by their Inspector, works had been programmed to be undertaken.

In a verbal update it was reported that LCC had since carried out the required work. Any further concerns should be reported via Love Clean Streets (<https://www.lovecleanstreets.com/reports/add>) as a new report.

Flooding Issue on Wheatley Lane Road, Fence

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RESOLVED

- (1) That the updates be noted.
- (2) That a further update on the drainage issues outside the Bay Horse Pub, Roughlee be provided at a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

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

125. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Decision by ELHT to scrap the free hospital bus shuttle

In a verbal update it was reported that the hospital bus shuttle service between Burnley and Royal Blackburn Hospital had been reinstated but would now be a charged rather than a free service. Exact fare details were not known but were thought to be less than the fares charged on standard bus services. In view of this, no further action by this Committee was required, at this stage.

126. 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.

127. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 3

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area in Quarter 3, for the period 1st October, 2024 to 31st December, 2024, along with the totals for 2024/25, which was noted.

Chair _____