

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025  
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

*PRESENT*

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

**Councillors**

*B. Newman*

**Co-optees**

*D. Goldsbrough, Co-optee for Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council*

*R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council*

*N. Hodgson - Blacko Parish Council*

*K. Wilkinson – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council*

*S. Cronshaw - Roughlee Booth Parish Council*

*D. Perrin – Higham with West Booth Parish Council*

*J. Hartley – Old Laund Booth Parish Council*

**Officers in Attendance**

*W. Forrest*

*A. Pushparagan*

*J. Eccles*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator)*

*Planning Officer*

*Committee Administrator*

**Police**

*PCSO A. Fielding*

**Also in Attendance**

*County Councillor H. Hartley*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Ahmed and D. Gallear.)*



**59.**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. Members' attention was also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

**60.**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A resident of Fence asked about a planning application at Croft Top Lane that had been approved under the delegation process and why it had not been determined by this Committee. She also asked about the statutory advertisement/publication process for planning applications and whether the proper procedure had been followed.

A. Pushparagan said that planning applications did not automatically come to Committee to be determined. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had delegated authority to determine some planning applications in consultation with the Chair of the area committee in which the application was situated. Local planning authorities had discretion about how they informed communities and other interested parties about planning applications, although there were minimum statutory requirements.

A. Pushparagan agreed to look into the specifics of this particular planning application and respond to the resident in due course, copying her reply to Members of the Committee.

**61. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**62. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

The crime statistics for August 2025 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Burglary – Residential	0	2
Burglary – Other than Dwelling	0	0
Vehicle Crime	3	3
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	8	7
Theft	3	6
Arson/Criminal Damage	2	2
All Recordable Crime	20	23
<b>All Recordable Crime (Year to Date)</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>267</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	13	27

PCSO A. Fielding attended the meeting and gave a brief summary of police priorities and actions being taken to address these, for Barrowford and each of the villages. These included speeding cars, anti-social behaviour and parking issues. Fireworks were a constant source of complaint, but difficult to respond to unless a specific location was given at the time and provided no other crime had been reported that required a more urgent response. The Police were doing more educational work now that schools and colleges had opened again. The following week PCSO A. Fielding was attending Nelson and Colne College and engaging with students on road safety issues.

Concerns were raised about the parking situation at schools at drop off/pick up times causing serious risk to pedestrians and other road users. PCSO A. Fielding agreed to visit when he could over the next couple of weeks and have a word with people if necessary. He would also liaise with LCC Parking Services to let them know of the issues raised.

He agreed to give further information on the assaults in August by email.

**63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Planning applications for determination**

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

**25/0449/PIP**

***Permission in Principle: Erection of up to 2 no. dwellings at Land to the North East of Ing Farm, Colne Road, Barrowford***

**RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The development would represent inappropriate development in the green belt. Housing on the land would significantly and demonstrably harm the green belt contrary to Section 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

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

**64. ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report, for information, giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions. A verbal update was given at the meeting reporting that the mobile home at Land south of Heights House, Heights Lane, Fence had been removed.

**RESOLVED**

That the removal of the mobile home at Land South of Heights House, Heights Lane, Fence be welcomed but the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be informed that some of the wall had collapsed and needed to be reinstated.

**65. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025/26**

The Legal Services Manager reported that the Committee's budget had all been allocated. An update report would be submitted to a future meeting.

**66. CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER TPO/NO2/2025  
142 GISBURN ROAD, BARROWFORD**

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report recommending confirmation of Tree Preservation Order TPO No2/2025 at 142 Gisburn Road, Barrowford. This was a copper beech tree that added value to the area and could be pruned rather than it being removed.

**RESOLVED**

That TPO/No2/2025 – 142 Gisburn Road, Barrowford be confirmed.

**REASON**

***The tree adds value to the area's overall character, supports biodiversity, and contributes to the environment.***

**67. 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.

**68. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS**

**(a) Flooding/Drainage Issue in the Vicinity of the Forest Pub**

At the April meeting the possible presence of foul water was reported in the watercourse in the vicinity of the Forest pub in Fence. It was noted that Environmental Health officers had subsequently made several visits to this location and confirmed that there was no evidence of sewage in the watercourse.

**(b) An opportunity for new flooding/drainage issues to be raised**

It was reported that there was a problem with water coming from the field over the wall on Heights Lane at the top of Harpers Lane which was flooding onto the highway.

**RESOLVED**

That the Engineering Manager be asked to look at the issue of water flooding the highway at the top of Harpers Lane to see if there was something that could be done to either divert the water away from the field at the back of the wall or improve the drainage in situ to prevent it from coming onto the highway.

**REASON**

*In the interests of highway safety.*

**69. OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- a. Flooding/Drainage Issue in the Vicinity of the Public Toilets in Newchurch-in-Pendle (02.04.2025)

**RESOLVED**

That an update be brought to the next meeting on the monitoring work LCC were doing at the sink hole near the Stepping Stones at Roughlee, which appeared to be getting bigger.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_