

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 13th MAY 2026
AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**

PRESENT

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
D. Gallear
M. Stone*

Co-optees

*J. Hartley – Old Laund Booth Parish Council
N. Hodgson – Blacko Parish Council
R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council
M. Schofield – Roughlee Booth Parish Council
K. Wilkinson – Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*E. Barker
R. Ferguson*

*Legal Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absences were given by Councillor B. Newman, D. Heap (Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council and J. Metcalf (Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council).



1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor N. Ahmed be appointed Chair of this Committee for the municipal year 2026/27.

Councillor N. Ahmed (In the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Stone be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the municipal year 2026/27.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED

That the following Parish Councils be invited to appoint a representative of their Council as Co-optee on this Committee for the municipal year 2026/27: –

- Barley with Wheatley Booth
- Barrowford
- Blacko
- Goldshaw Booth
- Higham with West Close Booth
- Old Laund Booth
- Roughlee Booth

4. 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.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was asked that at the next meeting of the Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee; an update be given on the installation of a ventilation system at a food establishment in Barrowford.

RESOLVED

That the Planning Officer would provide an update at the next meeting of the committee and confirm if planning permission had been obtained.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 1st April 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

7. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for April 2026 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Police were not able to send a representative to the meeting.

The committee discussed recent anti-social driving incidents that had occurred over the past weeks. It was reported that the Police had issued final warnings to those involved and had advised that vehicles could be seized should the disturbances continue. Village elders and Imams had also encouraged young people during Friday prayers not to engage in anti-social driving.

A request was made for consideration to be given to turning off police sirens during late night and early morning hours when vehicles were leaving the police station on Carr Road, Nelson, in order to minimise noise disturbance to local residents.

RESOLVED

- (1) That any anti-social driving incidents are continued to be reported to the police.
- (2) That the police be asked to consider turning off police sirens during late night and early morning hours when vehicles were leaving the police station on Carr Road, Nelson.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

8. PLANNING APPEALS

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

It was agreed that an update would be provided at the next meeting of the committee on the progress of the appeal made on behalf of the Forest Of Pendle Leisure Park, Pasture Lane Roughlee.

9. CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK CONSULTATION

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on proposals for Calderdale Energy Park for comment prior to formal submission via the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) process.

Members of the committee echoed the comments made in the report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive express concerns about the development at this stage due to lack of full detail and potential major impacts on, in particular but not exclusively, highway impacts; impacts on the landscape and the visual quality of the area; tourism; and biodiversity sand ecology including impacts on the peat environment.

Reason: *In the interests of noise, landscape, visual, highway, traffic, biodiversity and climate change impacts.*

10. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Legal and Democratic Services Manager submitted a report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

In a verbal update it was reported that further prosecution was being prepared in relation to The Bungalow, Dam Head Farm, Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee.

11. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2026/27 Budget

RESOLVED

That consideration of this report be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.

12. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Pendle Traffic Liaison Meeting (PTLM) held on 25th February 2026 were submitted for information.

Members discussed the recent premises licence application submitted in respect of Victoria Park, Barrowford, which sought the removal of the requirement for a traffic management plan.

Members requested that the Legal Services Manager provide further information on the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

13. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2026/27

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report to request that Members agree to a funding allocation of £3,081 for 2026/27 and also consider the appointment of two Grant Panel Members for the year. Consideration of this report had been deferred from the last meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) That consideration of this report be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.
- (2) That Councillors D. Gallear and M. Stone be appointed to the Grants Panel for 2026/27.

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

The Assistant Director Operational Services reported an update of the provision of litter / dog waste bins in quarter four.

Members queried the reported remaining balance of £575.60 and requested that the figure be verified by the Assistant Director of Operational Services.

Members also noted that a number of bins no longer displayed identification numbers, which made it difficult to report instances where bins had not been emptied.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Assistant Director of Operational Services verify and confirm the remaining balance of £575.60.
- (2) That any bins missing identification numbers be reported to the Assistant Director of Operational Services together with details of their location.

15. FLOODING/DRAINAGE ISSUES

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

Residents were asked to report any existing or new highway/flooding issues including blocked gulleys on the LCC Love Clean Streets App. This would allow LCC's Inspector to review issues and arrange remedial action as required in accordance with their Highway Safety Inspection Policy.

(b) Outstanding Flooding/Drainage Issues

It was noted that there was no progress with the following LCC drainage issues previously reported –

- At Park Avenue at the bottom of Lower Parrock Road, Barrowford

A member advised that the flow of water previously reported coming onto the A6068 from the field below Enty's Eats at Pendle Forest Sports Club had not flooded in recent weeks. Members agreed to continue monitoring.

It was reported that, at the meeting of the committee held on 3rd December 2025, Members had been advised that LCC would undertake safeguarding works in relation to the sinkhole located near the Stepping Stones, Roughlee. An update on the progress of the repairs was requested. A member further reported that young teenagers had been observed playing on and around the works already undertaken, giving rise to concerns that an accident could occur.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Lancashire County Council be requested to provide an update regarding progress on the repair and safeguarding of the sinkhole near the Stepping Stones, Roughlee.
- (2) That Lancashire County Council be informed of the concerns raised regarding young teenagers accessing the site and the associated risk of accident or injury.

16. 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.

17. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME – QUARTER 4

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on Environmental Crime in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area for quarter four which was noted.

Chair _____