

A question was raised regarding the installation of a ventilation system at a food establishment in Barrowford. It was reported that the matter remained ongoing, with no further update available at the time of the meeting.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21.

POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for May 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Information had also been circulated by PCSO A. Fielding regarding recent youth-related anti-social behaviour in Barrowford Park. It was noted that this had been addressed and that young people had received education and advice on open water swimming from Lancashire Constabulary and Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

It was further reported that operations in relation to speeding on the bypass and anti-social behaviour at the Forest Pub car park were being planned.

Members raised concerns regarding parking on double yellow lines, particularly during the recent Eid in the Park event in Barrowford. Although this was noted not to be a police matter, Members expressed concern regarding the lack of enforcement presence from Lancashire County Council.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications to be determined

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

26/0216/FUL Full: Change of use of land to residential curtilage and the erection of a summerhouse and boundary fencing at 28 Parrock Road, Barrowford for Mr and Mrs Cotterill.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** based on its visual amenity and landscape impact.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

A verbal update was provided in relation to the Cross Gaits Inn appeal:

1. It was reported that the appeal concerning viability was progressing.
2. It was noted that the appeal relating to the change of use of a listed building could not proceed due to the Council being unable to provide an expert witness.

Members noted the update with concern.

22. PLANNING REFORMS

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report to inform Members of the forthcoming changes to how planning applications would be dealt with under Regulations that would come into force on 30/09/2026 which was noted.

23. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted an update on enforcement matters, which was noted.

A request was made for an update on enforcement progress at land forming part of Forest of Pendle Leisure Park. This was noted by the Area Co-ordinator.

24. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report advising Members that consideration of the budget had been deferred from the previous meeting.

Members were asked to consider whether the £1,750 allocation to Fence Village Hall for 2025/26 should remain in place, as concerns had been raised regarding a lack of clarity in the original funding bid. This included uncertainty regarding the proposed activities and intended outcomes, notwithstanding references to youth engagement and partnership working.

Further concerns were expressed regarding the absence of evidence demonstrating collaboration with Fence Methodist Church.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £1750 be **deallocated** from the Fence Village Hall Committee.
- (2) That £165 be **deallocated** from the notice board scheme at Higham Parish Council as the works had been completed.

25. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report to request that Members agree to a funding allocation of £3,081 for 2026/27. It was noted that no funding bids had been received to date.

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FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

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

This is an opportunity for Members to report any new flooding/drainage issues.

Members are also asked to report these and all highway issues including blocked gulleys on the LCC Love Clean Streets App. This allows LCC's Inspector to review issues and arrange remedial action as required in accordance with their Highway Safety Inspection Policy.

[Report It on the go with Love Clean Streets - Lancashire County Council](#)

(b) Outstanding flooding/drainage issues

The following issues have been reported to LCC –

- Excess water reported on several occasions at Park Avenue at the bottom of Lower Parrock Road, Barrowford
- Flow of water onto the A6068 from the field below Enty's Eats at Pendle Forest Sports Club

Members highlighted the ongoing issue at Lower Parrock Road, Barrowford.