

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD & WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE
ON 8th JULY 2026**

PRESENT –

Councillor N. Ahmed – Chair (In the Chair)

Councillors

*D. Gallear
B. Newman
M. Stone*

Co-optees

*J. Hartley (Old Laund Booth Parish Council)
N. Hodgson (Blacko Parish Council)
J. Metcalfe (Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council)
B. Murrell (Goldshaw Booth Parish Council)
R. Oliver (Barrowford Parish Council)
M. Schofield (Roughlee Booth Parish Council)*

Officers in Attendance

<i>N. Watson</i>	<i>Assitant Director, Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services/Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>R. Ferguson</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

Also in Attendance

County Councillor H. Hartley

(Apologies for absence were received from D. Heap (Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council)).

The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the following item –

<i>Janet Myers</i>	<i>Area Committee Budget</i>	<i>Minute No.33</i>
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27. 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.

28. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

29. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30. POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

Members discussed anti-social behaviour associated with the recent Pendle Pub Walk. It was reported that the event had grown significantly in popularity and that concerns had been raised regarding public drinking, public urination and road safety.

Members were advised that the event organisers had paid for a police presence and that any incidents requiring police intervention had been dealt with promptly. It was noted that participants paid an entry fee which raised funds for Pendleside Hospice. However, once the organised event concluded at 8.00 p.m., the organisers were no longer responsible for participants who continued drinking elsewhere.

Concerns were raised regarding inappropriate behaviour within local villages and whether additional facilities, including portable toilets, could be provided. Members were advised that portable toilets had been provided at Barley, Roughlee and Moss End Farm, together with access to public house facilities. A Parish Councillor advised that feedback would be provided to Pendleside Hospice regarding the concerns raised.

Members suggested that representatives from the affected villages meet with event organisers before next year's event to discuss concerns and possible improvements. Particular concern was expressed regarding the increasing number of participants and the safety implications of walkers using public roads.

It was noted that the amount of litter left following the event had reduced significantly compared with previous years and that voluntary clean-up operations had been undertaken.

RESOLVED

That the information be noted.

31. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Appeals

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

32. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

33. 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 advised that a significant number of applications had been

received and that the total value of bids exceeded the budget currently available to the Committee. In view of the late submission of the report and the need for further consideration, Members agreed that the matter should be deferred.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the Area Committee Budget allocations be deferred until the next meeting.

34. 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.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the Premises Improvement Grant Scheme be deferred until the next meeting.

35. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

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

No issues were raised.

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(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.

Particular concern was expressed regarding flooding at Lower Parrock Road, Barrowford, which Members considered to be a significant and continuing issue.

Members also referred the continuing issue of water flowing onto the A6068 from adjacent land. It was requested that Lancashire County Council be asked for an update regarding progress on these matters.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the flooding issues raised be noted.
- (2) That Lancashire County Council be requested to provide an update regarding the drainage issues affecting Lower Parrock Road, Park Avenue and the A6068.

Chair _____