

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD & WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE
ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 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. Metcalf (Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council)
B. Murrell (Goldshaw Booth Parish Council)
R. Oliver (Barrowford Parish Council)
S. Cronshaw (Roughlee Booth Parish Council)*

Officers in Attendance

<i>E. Barker</i>	<i>Legal Service Manager/Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>A. Pushpagaran</i>	<i>Planning Officer</i>
<i>R. Ferguson</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

Police

PCSO. A. Fielding

Also in Attendance

County Councillor H. Hartley



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

<i>Jeremy Buffin</i>	<i>26/0344/HHO Full: Demolition of existing stables, extension of the existing hardstanding area and the erection of a detached garage with carport at Meadow Top Farm, Well Head Road, Newchurch In Pendle.</i>	<i>Minute No. 52 (a)</i>
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48. 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.

49. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised concerns regarding ongoing anti-social behaviour at Greenfield Road Car Park, Barrowford. It was reported that the car park's secluded location, together with the absence of CCTV coverage, had resulted in it becoming a gathering place for individuals engaging in drug use and alcohol consumption. Members were advised that the matter had been

reported to the police.

It was requested that Pendle Borough Council and Lancashire Constabulary work collaboratively to address the issue, with a view to reducing incidents of drink-driving, deterring drug-related activity, and tackling the littering of nitrous oxide canisters and other associated waste.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Community Safety Officer investigate the concerns raised and take appropriate action, in consultation with Lancashire Constabulary where necessary.
- (2) That a report outlining the findings of the investigation and any actions taken be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

50.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

51.

POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for August 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting. PCSO A. Fielding attended the meeting and gave a brief summary of recent operations.

Members raised the ongoing issue of fireworks being set off late at night and during the early hours of the morning. It was reported that a public consultation was underway and that it had proved difficult to identify and prosecute those responsible without video evidence. Members emphasised the importance of obtaining camera footage and requested that efforts to address the issue be continued in advance of forthcoming events, including Bonfire Night.

Members reported concerns regarding police vehicles leaving Pendle Police Station on Carr Road with sirens activated late at night and during the early hours of the morning. It was asked whether sirens could be switched off during these periods. In response, it was explained that sirens were used to alert members of the public, particularly during hours of darkness, and helped to reduce the risk of collisions by providing advance warning of approaching vehicles. It was further advised that the matter would be referred to the Operations Manager at Lancashire Constabulary for consideration.

Members enquired whether an increased police presence could be provided at future Pendle Pub Walk events in light of incidents that had occurred in previous years. It was advised that Inspector Rob Grey would be the appropriate point of contact for Members wishing to pursue the matter further.

Members thanked PCSO A. Fielding for his attendance and for the information provided.

52.

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: -

26/0344/HHO Full: Demolition of existing stables, extension of the existing hardstanding area and the erection of a detached garage with carport at Meadow Top Farm, Well Head Road, Newchurch In Pendle for Mr Jeremy Buffin.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions:-

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

- Existing Site Plan
- Proposed Site Plan
- Proposed Plans and Elevations (Ref 16329EP)
- Location Plan (Revision submitted 7th July 2026)

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. All the external materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the development hereby permitted shall be as stated on the application form and approved plans and there shall be no variation without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

Informative Notes

To minimise the impact on local residents, the following standard hours for noisy works should be adhered to:

- Monday to Friday: 08:00 – 18:00
- Saturday: 08:00 – 13:00
- Sundays and Bank Holidays: No noisy works permitted.

(c) Planning Appeals

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

53. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

54. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Legal Services Manager reported that the Committee had committed all of its 2026/27 budget.

The Chair reminded Parishes that funds allocated for the schemes as set out in the report should be spent by the end of the financial year and invoices submitted.

55. LEGACY FUND

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report that advised members that the Council's Executive approved the allocation of the shared administrations £500k Legacy Fund on 19 March 2026. The purpose of the fund would be to provide funding for one-off legacy projects across the borough with the aim of leaving a lasting impact on the community. It would be shared between Area Committees and the Town and Parish Councils, largely based on electorate.

The allocation for Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee was **£29,230**.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the allocation of the Legacy Fund be deferred to the December meeting of the Committee to enable Members to identify and develop suitable legacy projects and submit funding proposals for the Committee's consideration.

REASON

To enable the Area Committee to allocate the Legacy Fund effectively.

56. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

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

No issues were raised.

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.
- Sinkhole located near the Stepping Stones, Roughlee.

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