**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF**
**BARROWFORD & WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE**
**HELD AT HOLMEFIELD HOUSE**
**ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2026**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor N. Ahmed – Chair (In the Chair)*

| ***Councillors*** | ***Co-optees*** |
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| *B. Newman* | *R. Fewster (Blacko Parish Council)* |
| *M. Stone* | *D. Goldsbrough (Barely with Wheatley Booth Parish Council)* |
| | *J. Hartley (Old Laund Booth Parish Council)* |
| | *B. Murrell (Goldshaw Booth Parish Council)* |
| | *M. Schofield (Roughlee Booth Parish Council)* |
| | *A. Stringer (Barrowford Parish Council)* |

***Officers in Attendance***

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| *E. Barker* | *Legal Service Manager/Area Co-ordinator* |
| *R. Ferguson* | *Committee Administrator* |

***Also in Attendance***

*County Councillor H. Hartley*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Gallear and N. Hodgson (Blacko Parish Council.)*

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**67. 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.

**68. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

**69. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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## 70. POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

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

The Committee were advised that preparations had been undertaken for Bonfire Night through a multi-agency approach and that incidents relating to speeding and fireworks had reduced. It was noted that educational work had been carried out in schools to support this reduction.

It was said that assault figures covered a wide range of offences, including minor assaults, spitting incidents, dog bites and domestic abuse cases, and that the statistics could vary significantly.

Members emphasised the importance of considering ways to engage the public in discussions around community safety.

It was suggested that a dedicated session be held every two months to allow parish representatives and members of the public to raise concerns directly with the police.

## 71. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Legal Services Manager reported that the Committee had committed all its 2026/27 budget. An update report would be submitted to a future meeting.

## 72. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

The legal services manager reported at the meeting that a planning application had been submitted for 117 Gisburn Road and was currently in the process of being verified.

## 73. FLOODING ISSUES/RISKS

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

A member raised concerns regarding water flowing from Guide Lane, Higham onto the A6068, which was reported to frequently freeze during colder weather and create a hazard for road users.

Report It on the go with Love Clean Streets - Lancashire County Council

**b) Outstanding flooding/drainage issues**

**The following issues have been reported to Lancashire County Council –**

- 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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It was reported that the barriers surrounding the sinkhole in Roughlee were no longer considered adequate and required additional reinforcement to ensure the safety of members of the public.

Members discussed issues when reporting issues on the Love Clean Streets App and requested that Lancashire County Council be made aware of this.

**RESOLVED**

(1) That the issue raised regarding water flowing from Guide Lane, Higham onto the A6068 be reported to Lancashire County Council.

(2) That the concerns regarding the inadequate barriers surrounding the sinkhole in Roughlee be reported to Lancashire County Council.

(3) That the concerns raised regarding the effectiveness and functionality of the Love Clean Streets App be referred to Lancashire County Council, and that consideration be given to inviting a representative of the County Council to attend a future meeting to enable Members to raise issues directly and receive feedback.

**74. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A Councillor has requested that the following item be discussed: -

- Parking issue on Stonecroft, Higherford.

Members were advised that reports of inconsiderate parking had been made by several residents in the area. This included blocking driveways and parking on pavements, restricting access.

Members discussed the matter and considered whether the circumstances could warrant the use of a Community Protection Notice to help address the issues identified.

**RESOLVED**

That Pendle Borough Council's Community Safety Officer be requested to investigate the parking concerns raised on Stonecroft, Higherford, and report any findings or appropriate actions arising from the investigation.

**75. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

The following items has been requested by the Committee. An update would be submitted to a future meeting:-

- Greenfield Road Car Park, Barrowford (09.09.2026)

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