

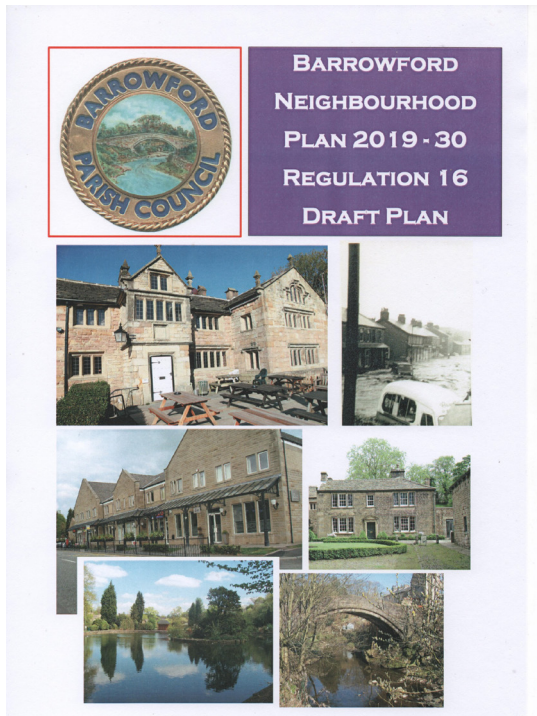


Barrowford Parish Council

Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan Nears Residents Referendum Stage



After three years and hundreds of hours work including three public consultations the Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the Appointed Examiner, Mr Robert Bryan, in April. His comments and amendments have now been received by both Pendle Borough Council and the Parish Council.

There now only remain two stages: the approval by Pendle's Policy and Resources Committee of the Decision Statement which has been drafted by the Planning Department and, once that is approved, a Referendum of Barrowford Residents. It is hoped that this will be in late November but the timetable may alter if a General Election is called.

If the Neighbourhood Plan is successful at the Referendum it will be then adopted as part of the Planning Policy Documents within Pendle's Local Plan

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Pendle Council cut to 33 Members

After their initial consultations, the Boundary Commission have decided that Pendle needs only 33 Councillors, cutting the number from the current 49. A consultation is currently under way to decide the shape of the 11 new 3-Councillor Wards.

In its representations to the Commission the Parish called for the whole of Barrowford including Higherford to be within the same ward. The Commission took that on board and recommended that Barrowford, Higherford Blacko and the Pendleside Villages be in the same 3-Councillor ward.

The final decision will be taken after responses to the consultation have been considered and any amendments made. A Pendle-wide election of the whole Council take place in May2020

Transfer of Barrowford Memorial Park Imminent

After years of discussions and negotiations, the transfer of Barrowford Memorial Park including the freehold of the land and buildings at the Heritage Centre looks to be finally drawing to a conclusion.

The Parish Council never expected that the resolution passed by Pendle Council in December 2016 would need a revised resolution in September 2018 and an ultimatum by the Leader of Pendle Council at its July 2019 meeting for meaningful progress with Heritage Trust for the Northwest (HTNW) to be made.

The primary reason for the long delay has been the renegotiation of the lease for the Heritage Centre and the land it occupies, as this forms the main entrance to the park. The existing lease has been in place since March 1997 and HTNW feel it no longer reflects the



reflects the current activities and commercial enterprises taking place at the Heritage Centre.

It is expected that once the lease negotiation has been concluded the transfer of the park will proceed quickly.

Silt Removal from the Lake Completed

Last year saw an imaginative scheme to remove a large amount of silt from the bottom of the park lake, in order to increase the water depth and improve the water quality. The project was a joint venture between the Park, Pendle Borough Council and Barrowford Parish Council and the Friend's group, with funding coming from generous donations of £10,000 from the Lifestyle Festival and £5,000 from the distribution of Barrowford Show Ltd assets.

The project has seen the removal and drying of large amounts of silt from the lake in a bund created to the rear. Paths have been improved by the Environmental Action Group and two new benches, funded by Barrowford Show, have been installed. The final phases are to be the introduction of plants to the lake and further planting and landscaping of the bund area. Cllr. Susan Nike, Chair of the Friends Group, said "This work has already greatly improved the water quality in the lake."



Holmefield House Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club at Holmefield House goes from strength to strength with attendance regularly exceeding 25; 2019 will see the Club provide over 1000 meals in a year. If you are interested in attending please call Iain Lord on 696349 or email: barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk

New Police Policy set to Curtail Remembrance Sunday Parade



Remembrance Parade on Gisburn Road 2018

A letter sent to the Chief Executive at Pendle Borough Council from Assistant Chief Constable Terry Woods dated 22nd July states that it is the intention of Lancashire Constabulary to continue to support events where there is a policing purpose or a civic duty to discharge, but that these will not involve road closures or marshalling provision.

Barrowford Parish Council has organised Road Closure notices and management plans in previous years but has relied on Police participation in traffic control for the Remembrance Sunday Parade. This is because Barrowford, unlike other localities, does not have a suitable alternative route through the village. In previous years a rolling road block was operated by the police who have the powers to stop traffic and this worked fine. Without them, the complete road closure of the sections of Gisburn Road and Colne Road required for the parade would need an extended diversion, including large amounts of signage, and is not a viable option.

The Parish Council having only received the

Assistant Chief Constable's letter in early August feel that there is insufficient time to put alternative measures for safe traffic management in place for this year. Regrettably therefore the parade will have to be cancelled; the 10.45 am Church Service at St. Thomas's and the Wreath Laying at the Memorial at 12noon will still take place.

Discussions will take place with all concerned parties to try and hold the Parade next year to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War Two.

Your Village Needs You! Can You Help?

Barrowford Parish Council would like to pay a tribute to the casualties of the Second World War on the 75th Anniversary in 2020, in the form of a booklet similar to the WW1 one.

If you have photos of any of the men commemorated on the War Memorial and would allow the Council to scan them for the booklet please contact Iain Lord at Holmefield House on 01282 696349 or email barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk

Best Kept Garden Competition 2019



Winner of the McGregor Cup Beryl Parker

Judging of this year's competition on Saturday 27th July was beset with terrible weather. After the first hour the heavens opened and rain continued for the rest of the day.

But even the heavy rain could not dampen the spirits of the judging panel who were amazed by the quality of the entries given the inclement summer.

Judging finished around 3pm and the deliberations took over an hour so closely fought were all sections, with new entries raising the bar particularly in the Allotment Vegetable Plot and the Business Section.

The Judges awarded a Special Award to Vikki Bassek who had only started her garden a few months before and in this short time had got the basics of a beautiful garden under way.

Beryl Parker was the winner of the Best Garden, as well winning prizes in both the Large and Small Hanging Baskets. The best Allotment/Vegetable Plot was won by new entries to the competition Lynn Fishwick & John Holden, with St Clement Court closely retaking the Community/Street Section from last year's winners, Higherford Residents Action Group.

Presentation Night

At the Presentation night on 30th August, attended by around 40 competitors and Judges, Cllr. R. Oliver praised the efforts

Best Kept Garden Results

McGregor Cup for Best Garden

Beryl Parker

Gerry Lund Bowl for Best Allotment

Lynn Fishwick & John Holden

Shelagh Derwent Bowl for Best
Community/Street

St. Clement Court

Special Judges Award

Vikki Bassek

Large Garden Section

1st Adrienne Ticehurst 2nd Vera Austin

Medium Garden Section

1st Beryl Parker Equal 2nd Joe Harrison
Equal 2nd Robert & 3rd Julie Hartley
Pam Wilkinson

Small Garden/Backyard Section

1st Annette Ashworth 2nd Gladys Knowles
3rd Lisa & Tony
Titchiner

Large Hanging Basket Section

1st The Old Bridge 2nd Gladys Knowles
Inn
3rd Beryl Parker

Small Hanging Basket Section

1st Robert & Pam 2nd Beryl Parker
Wilkinson
3rd Joe Harrison

Community /Street Section

1st St Clement Court 2nd Higherford
3rd Holmefield Court Residents Action
Group

Allotment /Vegetable Plot

1st Lynn Fishwick & 2nd Jenny & David
John Holden Booker
Equal 3rd David Equal 3rd Emma
Lambert Butler & Grant Lee

Business Section

1st The Old Bridge 2nd Winston's Private
Inn Club
Equal 3rd NP Sher Equal 3rd The White

of all the entrants and thanked the organisers for making the competition and presentation a success.

The presentation was followed by pie and peas and light refreshments. Donations for booklets with pictures of the winning gardens raised £37.00 for extras for the Christmas Lunch at the Luncheon Club.

Finger Post at Church Street Restored

After 5 years the restoration of the finger post at the junction of Church Street and Gisburn Road is nearing completion. The restoration was a joint venture between Lancashire County Council who paid for the restoration of the post and the new directional arms, and Barrowford Parish Council who will pay for the gas light.

The work was carried out by Duncan Armstrong, an active 70 something year old and local expert on all things road sign related. Lancashire County Council has engaged Duncan to restore a number of fingerposts throughout the county.

The history of this fingerpost shows that recycling is nothing new as the Victorian post was re-used when the wall was built, probably in the late 1930's or early 1940's.

When first commissioned to do the work Duncan, who had designed Barrowford's boundary signs, explained to the Council Clerk the rarity of this type of half height gas lamp and that it would originally have had an hexagonal gas canopy. Some time later Duncan located an original gas canopy



which needed full restoration and the work was ordered.

Now that the post has been restored and the directional fingers fitted the Council is intending to install an LED light to look like the old gas mantle, lighting the canopy and giving the effect of a gas lamp.

New Festive Decorations for Tree at Fountain Square

The Parish Council has been successful in its application for a £3000 grant towards new Christmas lights for the tree at Fountain Square. The grant was awarded from the Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee and will cover half the cost of the project with the Parish Council meeting the rest.

The work has been ordered and will include 450 Cherry LED lights including new transformers and box and will be carried out in time for this Christmas.

At the Area Committee Cllr. Crossley said: "We are delighted to help with this project." Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Stringer looked forward to the new improved display filling the gap caused by the lack of lighting at the Fountains.

Several more shops have requested to be part of the 2019 scheme with their only commitment being the provision of an outside power socket and electricity . The lighting sets are all LED with those located on the shops using 11w of electricity.



Tree works at Broadway Planned

Barrowford Parish Council inherited the greenspace at Broadway 4 years ago from Pendle. The Lifestyle Festival funded a partial pruning of the site a few years ago, but this was only a stop gap measure and now the Parish intends to try and restore the area to a more manageable state.

The Parish Council asked the Tree Officer at Pendle Council to look at the site and assess what needed to be done to improve it. This assessment revealed specimen trees within the site which have been dwarfed and hidden by the overgrown shrubs and self-seeded trees and are most probably the original fruit trees and Red Hazels. The Council's aim is to allow these trees to reach their full potential and beauty with the lower shrubbery being kept at a more manageable height.

To achieve this improvement the Tree Officer's recommendations included the felling of all the self-seeded Sycamores, the Ash and some of the Cypresses which are suffering from dieback. A considerable

reduction in the height and depth of the underlying shrubs, with some being reduced to ground level, will allow future shaping, creating openness and a more balanced effect within the planting.

The Council is aware of residents' concerns regarding this site but want to assure all concerned that there is no ulterior motive, only enhancement of the area.

Although the works will look drastic at first, the types of shrubs already there, including Laurel, Rhododendron, Lilac, Buddleia and Hazel, benefit from heavy pruning occasionally and will show vigorous growth for the next few years; thereafter annual limited pruning will help encourage the shape and size required. The long term plan is to create an area that is more beautiful and easier to maintain, as well as creating a useful habitat for wildlife.

The work is scheduled to start in either late September or early October. Premises which look out onto Broadway have been sent a letter regarding the work.

Blast from the Past Then & Now



This issue's "Blast from the Past" shows a picture from the Clerk's own collection of Broadway within a few years of its creation during the 1950's.

Quite a number of the buildings on this picture are long gone. These include the row of cottages at the bottom of Rushton



Street, the Congregational Church and the original lamp posts which supported the tram power wires. Interestingly the tram electrical box still remains.

Once the work highlighted in the article above has been completed the box will be re-painted as one of the few reminders of the days of trams.

Village News

Parish Council Elections

Back in May all Parish Councillors in England stood for re-election, and like hundreds of other Parishes throughout the land the number of candidates who stood for Barrowford was not greater than the number of seats available, with Councillors being elected unopposed and no election being held.

The Council has a new member, Cllr. Manzar Iqbal, representing the Carr Hall Ward. Royce Windley stepped down as he no longer lives within a three mile radius of Barrowford.

Cllr. Turner and Cllr Peake, who were both previously co-opted to represent wards in which they did not live, took the opportunity of the election to stand in the ward in which they live.

Parish Council Vacancy

Barrowford Parish Council still has a vacancy in Central Ward, The Vacancy has been advertised on all notice boards since the election, but as yet no one has applied. If you feel you would like to be a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk.

The Friends of Barrowford Memorial Park

The Friends Group have decided to provide small bags of duck food which are a healthier option than bread for both the ducks and the lake's eco-system.

The scheme will be starting during October with bags of food being available at both Barrowford Post Office and The Heritage Centre. There will not be a charge for the bags of food but a donation to the cost would be appreciated.

It is hoped that small measures like the introduction of appropriate duck food will reduce the amount of bread thrown in the lake and help improve the water quality in the lake.

Friends of Holmefield House

Barrowford's Community Centre

The Friends are a group of people who are interested in supporting some of the activities and improving the facilities for anyone using Holmefield House. They are independent of the Parish Council.

In the past The Friends have held car boot sales, theatre evenings and craft fairs. These have raised funds for new furniture, a hearing induction loop, projection and sound system facilities and contributed to the cost of the defibrillator which is in place at the entrance to Holmefield House.

Our next event will be a **Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 1st December**. Look out for further details on social media and posters.

We are considering holding a film night in the New Year. If you have any ideas for other community-based activities we could put on, or would like to get involved with The Friends, please get in touch with us through the Parish Clerk on tel: 696349.

Friends of Victoria Park



The Friends of Victoria Park group was reconstituted in March after a gap of some years. So far we have done three litter picks, planted summer bedding and kept the free duck food supply going at the Pavilion Café. The next project is to improve the woodland path with bark chippings this autumn. If you would like to get involved, look on the Facebook page (Friends of Victoria Park Pendle) for the next activity date, or email rjkl.oliver@ntlworld.com

Parish Notice Board

Parish Councillors

Carr Hall Ward:

Vice Chairman Cllr. Robert Oliver Tel: 699271

Cllr. Manzar Iqbal

Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee: Cllr. Jeff Gibson Tel: 606984

Newbridge Ward:

Chairman Cllr. Andrew Stringer Tel: 798031

Cllr. Tony Titchiner Tel: 601725

Cllr. Allan Vickerman Tel: 692338

Central Ward:

Cllr. Pat Thompson Tel: 611811

Chairman of the General Purposes

Committee: Cllr. Sue Nike Tel: 692122

Cllr. Ken Turner Tel: 931805

Higherford:

Cllr. Mick Waddington Tel: 07947897080

Cllr. Laurie Peake

Council Office Opening Times

The Council Office is open to the public on:

Tuesday: 1pm until 3pm, Thursday: 10am until 12 noon, Saturday: 10am until 12 noon. If you wish to contact the Council clerk outside these hours Email: barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk or Tel: 696349, or write to Mr. I. Lord, Holmefield House, Gisburn Road, Barrowford, BB9 8ND.

Holmefield House

Yoga Group	Monday 9.30 & 10.30am
Yoga Group	Monday 2.00pm
Yoga Classes	Monday 6.45pm
Luncheon Club	Tuesday 12 noon
Knit & Natter	Tuesday 1.30pm
Dancercise	Tuesday 1.30pm
Yoga Group	Thursday 10.30am
Pendle Crafters	Thursday 1.30pm

Please check notice board for dates.

If you would like to run an activity or community group at Holmefield House Please ring Iain Lord on 696349

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Parish Council Meetings

Full Council	19 th February 2020
16 th October 2019	GP Meetings
20 th November 2019	6 th November 2019
4 th December 2019	5 th February 2020
15 th January 2020	1 st April 2020

All Parish Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at Holmefield House. A copy of the Agenda is posted on the Notice Boards five days prior to the meeting. If you wish to speak on any agenda item please contact the Clerk on 696349 before 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Or if you wish to raise an item not on the agenda there is a 15 minute public question time at the start of all Full Council Meetings when these items can be raised.

Pendle Councillors

Barrowford:

Cllr. Linda Crossley Tel: 760199

Cllr. Christian Wakeford Tel: 07876844257

Cllr. K. Turner Tel: 931805

Blacko & Higherford:

Cllr. Noel McEvoy Tel: 544365

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Cllr. Christian Wakeford

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Lancashire Count Council Help Direct

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Your Local Policing Team

Community Beat Manager PC 694 Mark Dibb
PCSO 7142 Trish Ashworth

Team Contact Number: 01282 472441

Email: Pendle.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

MP Surgery at Holmefield House

Andrew Stephenson MP holds a surgery at Holmefield House, Gisburn Road on the third Saturday of each month. Members of the public are seen by appointment only. To make an appointment please ring 01282 614748

Barrowford & Western Parishes

Area Committee

Chairman Cllr. Linda Crossley

There is a 15 minute Public Question Time at the start of each meeting where non-agenda items can be raised. All meetings start at 7pm.

Meeting Dates

10th October 2019 5th December 2019
7th November 2019