

**Minutes of the Meeting of Barrowford Parish Council  
Held at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford  
On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Present**

Cllr. R Oliver – Chairman in the Chair

Parish Councillors

T. Titchiner	E. Jackson	P. Thompson	S. Nike	A. Stringer
A. Vickerman	B. Norcross	K. Turner	R. O. Windley	M. Waddington
Cllr. C. Wakeford				

**89. Declaration of Interest:** None

**90. Apologies:** Cllr. J. Gibson, Cllr. L. Crossley,

**91. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015:** Copies having been previously circulated.

**It was resolved:** That the minutes of the Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**92. Minutes of the General Purpose Committee:** copies having been circulated.

**It was resolved:** That the Minutes of General Purposes Committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 be noted

**93. Planning & Highway Matters:**

Number		Comments
13/15/0407P	Full: Demolition of conservatory and erection of two storey extension to side and rear. Higher Oaklands Barn Pasture Lane Barrowford Nelson BB9 6QZ	<b>No Objection:</b>
13/15/0424P	Full: Erection of a 2.5m fence to side and rear. 18 Park Street East Barrowford Nelson BB9 6JY	<b>No Objection:</b>
13/15/0422P	Reserved Matters: Erection of 9 dwelling houses (Appearance, landscaping and scale only). Field (part) Adjacent Clough Springs	<b>Objection:</b> The interpretive drawings submitted with the outline permission bear little resemblance to the submitted plans on both scale and massing. Given that this a prominent hillside location the proposed four bedroom three storey town houses, not only give the development a feeling of shoehorning to many large houses onto a small restricted site which is further emphasised by the three storey design. The

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	Barrowford Nelson BB9 6RN	combination of these two factors severely reduces the local visual amenity of this prominent site abutting open fields. Although the applicant may cite the three storey apartment block at Clough Springs as justification, this block is located in a depression in the topography which helps to mitigate the size and massing of the building. This cannot be said of this site due to the elevated and prominent position set against the nearest neighbour a single storey school. The design and materials proposed in the application are more attuned to an urban setting than on the edge of open fields in an area where most of the prominent buildings on the hillsides are traditional stone built farmhouses or late Victorian/Edwardian mill owner's properties such as Oaklands House. The illustrations of local properties showing elements supporting their design features were by and large built during the 1960-70's and define an era predominately remembered for its bad taste and garish clothes. The proposed designs will not enhance the ethos or character of a tradition Lancashire village which Barrowford people strive to maintain. Barrowford Parish Council feels there is enough justification to refuse the application on the grounds of size, massing, design, materials and loss of public amenity. This is before even considering lack of parking provision, the egress and ingress onto the site near a blind corner and a school, or how surface water run off on what has always been a wet field will be mitigated to prevent potential flooding in the dip at Clough Springs.
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**94. Financial Matters:** The relevant outturn and payment schedule having been previously circulated.

**It was Resolved:**

- a. To approve the virements highlighted in the August Outturn
- b. To note the Outturn for August 2015
- c. To approve total payments of £8695.01 for September 2015

**Payments August 2015**

<b>To Whom Paid</b>	<b>Total</b>
M W Catering	150.00
B M Electrical	100.00
Multicare Mobility	180.00
Furniture at Work	1116.00
S B Plumbing	130.01

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British Gas	33.42
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LED Electrical	508.48
J B Barnes	6.24
A Hargreaves	177.00
J & M Hardware	20.79
The Wildlife Trust	60.00
LBS Worldwide	40.46
Daisy Communications	95.42
Petty Cash	156.92
HM Revenue & Customs	1017.43
Wages & Salaries	4712.38
D. Lewin	64.90
I. Lord	74.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>8695.01</b>

**95. Transfer of Services from Pendle Borough Council:** A report by Cllr. Windley of the meeting held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August between Pendle BC Representatives and representatives of the Parish Council. After discussion on each area which affected Barrowford in this round of transfers.

1) **Public Benches:** That as these benches are being given regardless of parish considerations at the end of September 2015.

**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk will instruct the Councils Handymen to inspect the condition of each bench and report all defects and where practicable repair costs identified from this year's budget and effected. A sum will be included in future budgets for repair and maintenance.

2) **Bus Shelters:** As these will be transferred from the start of the next financial year and some repair work is highlighted to be carried out prior to transfer. The Clerk also highlighted that there could be serious structural problems with the stone shelter at Dickie Nook.

**It was Resolved:**

- That the shelters are assessed by the Parish Council and any defects be reported to Pendle BC for inclusion in the essential repairs prior to transfer.
- That the Parish Council would be unwilling to take on that shelter at Dickie Nook unless all work regarding the structural integrity is carried out.
- That a sum is included in next year's budget to offset unexpected incurred expense.
- That a further progress report to be added to a future agenda.

3) **Footpath Maintenance:** Pendle BC have requested a figure of £767.00 to provide enhanced footpath maintenance, but due to the strict hierarchy and criteria of maintenance with tourist paths such as the Pendle Way given priority and with the possibility of some paths frequently used by Barrowford residents not being maintained.

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**It was Resolved:** That the Parish Council holds further discussion with both Pendle BC and Lancashire CC regarding the maintenance of the lower tiered footpaths with the possibility of some maintenance work on these paths being carried out by the Parish Council.

- 4) **Transfer of Land to the Parish Council:** The Parish Council Delegation at the joint meeting submitted a report relating to the transfer of Borough Council land to the Parish. Some of the pieces of land maintenance implications whilst others generated revenue which counter balanced each other the reasons for this was the retention of the land in public ownership. The response of both the Leader and Deputy Leader of Pendle was enthusiastic and a request that a copy of the report be sent to Mr. Mousdale for consideration.

**It was Resolved:** The Council pursue these transfers and ascertain to what level these and other potential transfers can be progressed.

96. **Public Conveniences:** The Clerk updated the Council on the progress with locking systems for the Fleece Toilets. Cllr. Nike gave a brief update on progress with the work at the Bowling Pavilion Toilet.

97. **Neighbourhood Plan:** The Clerk gave a brief progress report.

98. **Web Site:** Cllr. Stringer reported that the site went live after the last meeting.

99. **Reports from Working Groups:** None

100. **Report of the Clerk:**

- 1) **Mr. Keighley:** Letter regarding proposed TPO within the curtilage of his house. The Clerk has spoken to Mr. Binney Tree Officer at Pendle who has drawn up the tree order.

**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk respond's to Mr. Keighley's letter confirming that the Parish Council supported the decision of the Tree Officer.

- 2) **55 Gisburn Road: Update:** The sale is progressing through the solicitors.
- 3) **Car Park/Vegetable Growing Area at Holmefield House:** As work on the Car Park is reliant on the sale of 55 Gisburn Road the Clerk has started progressing the vegetable plot using the £500 Green Partnership Award for this purpose. The Clerk has drawn some preliminary sketches but progress on the fruit trees need be made to enable planting during the dormant period.

**It was Resolved:** To start work on the construction of the disabled vegetable garden.

- 4) **Remembrance Sunday: Which will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November this year.** The Clerk has sent out invites and notifications to groups and organisations regarding Remembrance Sunday.

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**101. Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee:** Cllr. Oliver reported that the Higherford Corn Mill was raised, that the application for two new houses on land at Wheatley Lane Road had gone to appeal and a mobile recycling centre was discussed. Cllr. Wakeford said the Scrutiny Review Committee was looking for suitable subjects to review.

**102. To receive reports (if any) from County & Borough Councillors and members appointed to other bodies:** County Cllr. Wakeford said that LCC was holding a Base Budget Review and expected somewhere between a 25 to 40% reduction in services.

**103. Date, time & place of the next meeting:** *The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 starting at 7pm and held at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford.*

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