

Agenda Item 3

**Minutes of the Meeting of Barrowford Parish Council
Held at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday, 15th September 2021**

Present

Cllr. A Stringer – Chairman in the Chair

Parish Councillors

T. Titchiner R. Oliver Manzar Iqbal J. Gibson
S. Nike

72. Declaration of Interest: None

73. Apologies: Cllrs. M. Waddington, L. Ashworth

74. Minutes of Meeting of the Council Held on the 18th August 2021: Copies having been previously circulated.

It was resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record

75. Minutes of the General Purpose Committee: Copies having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved: To note the minutes

76. Planning Applications, Tree Orders and Highway Matters:

It was Resolved:

Number		Comments
21/0714/CEA	Certificate of Lawful Use (S.192 Proposed Development): Erection of attached garage to the side of the dwelling, 1 Whittycroft Drive Barrowford Nelson Lancashire BB9 6AS	No Objection: The Parish Council is concerned about the number of Certificates of Lawful use which legalise building without planning permission if you are not caught for 12 years.
21/0725/FUL	Full: Erection of agricultural livestock/machinery storage building (412 sqm). Park Hill Farm Gisburn Road Barrowford	Objection: The location, scale and massing of the proposed Cattle/Sheep shed would reduce the setting and amenity of the Higherford Conservation Area which covers the bottom section of the field. If there is a definite business need for this additional building and a less intrusive location can be found on the farm then the Parish Council would probably withdraw its objections.

77. Financial Matters: The relevant paperwork having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved:

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- a. To approve the Virements for August None
- b. To Note the Outturn for to 31st August 2021
- c. To Approve payments of £10,963.28 for September 2021

Payments September 2021

Wages & Salaries	6385.29
Handyman 1	110.55
Clerk	105.89
HM Revenue & Customs	1461.78
Nest	298.36
Peninsula	115.17
Petty Cash	143.95
Zen	42.43
British Gas	14.40
Sharp	47.21
CPRE	36.00
J & M Hardware	1.69
Option Hygiene	62.50
J B Barnes Ltd	40.20
Choyce Contractors	1560.00
Meals on Wheels	141.95
Meals on Wheels	114.02
Meals on Wheels	162.10
Meals on Wheels	119.79
Total	10963.28

- 78. Teenage Play at Barrowford Memorial Park:** To discuss future provision and replacement.

It was Resolved: That a small working group comprising of Cllrs. S. Nike, Manzar Iqbal, J. Gibson and the Clerk look at the provision of new equipment.

- 79. Remembrance Sunday:** Arrangements for this year's Wreath Laying Ceremony.

It was Resolved: To Note the Report

- 80. Barrowford Town Centre, the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF) and the Welcome Back Fund:** The Clerk reported that plans and costings for additional Column Decorations in line with decisions at the September GP Meeting had been submitted to Mr. Williams and Mr. Whalley and that detailed costings for additional planters, installation and planting costs had also been forwarded to Mr. Williams and Mr. Whalley and is awaiting confirmation with regards to the costings being approved and the requisite equipment and ancillaries being ordered. The Clerk reported that he hoped that both these projects would be implemented as part of the 2021-22 Festive Decorations and Winter Planting Schemes

- 81. Barrowford Town Centre, the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF) and the Welcome Back Fund:** Item referred from the BWPAC.

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It was Resolved: That an increase in the number of planters for displays within the two defined shopping areas of Barrowford and possibly including additional Festive Decorations be submitted to the Area Committee.

82. Report of the Clerk: Recent items arising for information only.

- 1) **Casual Vacancy:** There has been no response, the Clerk has extended the application date to Friday 10th September 2021 and posted new notices.
- 2) **Land Above St Thomas School:** The Clerk reported on this site
- 3) **Trough Laithe:** The Parish Council received a notice from LCC (appendix 1) and a map of Footpath 31. A barrage of emails then descended on the Parish Council regarding the closure and work being carried out within the vicinity. The Clerk contacted LCC the Closure Authority and the Footpath Officer at Pendle and as far as the Clerk can ascertain this closure was requested by the Electric Utility Provider probably for work at the Sub Station and possibly provision of utility supply to Trough Laithe. Public Utility Providers have powers relating to health and safety around electric apparatus and powerlines. Work has carried out on at least 2 other substations in Barrowford over the last 12 months and may be part of an area wide upgrade. The refurbishment work at the Oaklands Ave Substation included removal of shrubs and self-seeded trees.
- 4) **Boundary Planter Parish Boundary Sign Padiham Bypass:** The contractors installing the cycle lanes removed the sign/planter without informing the parish council of their intent. The Clerk had the handymen retrieve the sign/planter for safe storage. If the unit is to be used again it will need repairs carrying out.
- 5) **New Names for the War Memorial:** Following a conversation with Cllr. Ashworth, he responded that he had nearly completed his list and corroborating evidence. The Clerk has held off organising a meeting of the Group appointed to look at the evidence until Cllr. Lewis has completed his list and evidence base.
- 6) **Dickie Nook:** The Clerk has received several compliments regarding the work carried out at Dickie Nook with one anti Conifer person saying how good it looks after its makeover.
- 7) **Security Cameras at Holmefield House:** Two new cameras will be fitted in the next few days covering some blind spots in the current coverage.
- 8) **Winter Plants:** The Winter plants have been ordered and the summer plants will be brought in over the next fortnight.

83. Report on the Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee Meeting: No Report was given.

84. Date, time & place of the Next Meeting of the Council: *7pm Wednesday 20th October 2021 at Holmefield House.*