

**Barrowford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Holmefield House**  
**Gisburn Road Barrowford**  
**On Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Present**

Cllr. S, Nike – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors				
R. Windley	T. Titchiner	M. Waddington	B. Norcross	R. Oliver
P. Thompson	A. Stringer	J. Gibson	P. Thompson	.
Cllr. L. Crossley				

1. **Declaration of Interests:** None
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. A. Vickerman, K. Turner
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017:**  
**It was Resolved:** That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 minutes having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

4. **Planning and Other Matters:**

17/0128/FUL	Full: Erection of one 3-bed dwelling house. Agricultural Building To The East Of Pasture Barn East Pasture Lane Barrowford Lancashire	<b>No Objection:</b> The Council would like to see this dwelling house conditioned as an agricultural workers dwelling as in recent years several residential properties have been created on this farm which falls outside the settlement boundary.
17/0120/OUT	Full: Demolition of outbuildings; Outline: Erection of two dwelling houses (Access, Layout and Scale only). Marles Hill 150 Wheatley Lane Road Barrowford	<b>Deferred:</b> The council deferred its comments until further clarification on the location of the second dwelling is recieved. The application will be discussed at the meeting to be held 19 <sup>th</sup> April.
17/0136/CEA	Lawful Development Certificate (proposed): External alteration to form a dormer window in rear roof slope. 8 Springbank Gisburn Road Barrowford Nelson Lancashire BB9 6AP	The Parish Council does not approve of the granting of these certificates as it circumvents the whole planning permission system and absolves the transgressor. The Council notes the application.

Approved by the Chairman:

5. **Allotments and Works Matters:** A report having previously been circulated.  
**It was resolved:** To note the report
  
6. **Parish Council Response to Planning Consultations:** The proposed responses to both the Green Belt Assessment and the Local Plan 2 having previously been circulated. Cllr. Oliver reported that he had carried out some minor editing to the Local Plan Response as time constraints would not allow this prior to distribution.  
**It was Resolved:** To submit the two responses as Barrowford Parish Councils response to the consultation.
  
7. **Land at Broadway:** Vehicle damage to the grass verges a report having previously been circulated.  
**It was Resolved:** That the work be carried out as soon as possible.
  
8. **Bin Storage Land at 117 Gisburn Road:** A short report having previously been circulated. Following a meeting on site with the owner of 117 Gisburn Road discussion took place regarding size and location of the bin storage area. The Clerk drafted a second detailed report which was circulated at the meeting and after discussion:  
**It was Resolved:** To give the owner of 117 Gisburn Road permission to construct a bin store subject to the discussed design and materials and conditions.
  
9. **Car Park at Holmefield House:** No update to report.
  
10. **Victoria Park:** This item was added to the agenda at the request of Cllr. Windley: Cllr Windley reported that the area of the park containing the lake was suffering from a lack of maintenance, with regards to blocked drainage, litter and food waste left for the ducks which has reached fly tipping proportions.  
**It was Resolved:** That the three ward Councillors look into how these concerns can be addressed by contacting the relevant interested parties.
  
11. **Report of the Clerk:** The Clerk reported:
  - 1) **Bowling Pavilion Toilets:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 a spate of incidents took place centred on the park and Pasture Lane. The lock on the toilets was smashed beyond repair, the perpetrators then smashed a hole in the ceiling to gain access to the roof space and then into the bowling pavilion. Nothing has been stolen from the pavilion and the toilet lock had been emptied earlier in the week. The Clerk recommends that the toilet is permanently closed to the public and that signs are installed to the pavilion directing members of the public towards the Fleece Toilets.  
**It was Resolved:** That the Council will no longer manage and fund these toilets but would contribute towards the provision of adequate signing directing the public to the Fleece toilets.
  - 2) **HR. Working Group:** The Group needs to meet to discuss current HR matters.  
**The Group held a meeting following this GP Meeting.**

Approved by the Chairman:

- 3) **Car Boot Sale:** The Car boot sale is this Sunday and will be open to the public from 11am to 3pm.
  - 4) **HRAG:** Notification from Mr. Simpson regarding their intention to site two planters next to the Dickie Nook bus shelter and a request that the Parish Council waters the planters. After discussion:  
**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk writes to HRAG highlighting the already excessive level of street clutter within the bus turning head that it could not support the addition of extra items to this cluttered area, but would support a request to Pendle BC with regards to creating and maintaining a planted area on either of the adjacent green spaces.
  - 5) **Barrowford Show:** The Directors of Barrowford Show Ltd has decided to dissolve the Company and would like to contact former committee members.
- 12. Time and Place of Next Meeting:** After discussion regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> May in relation to the County Council elections the following day  
**It was resolved:** To hold the May GP Meeting at 7.00pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Holmefield House.

Approved by the Chairman: