

Barrowford Parish Council News

Winter 2015

Christmas Decorations Continue as Usual



This is the first year that Barrowford Parish Council has had responsibility for all Christmas Decorations within the village after Pendle Borough Council withdrew funding in April. The Parish Council after discussions decided to continue with the same level as previous years and renegotiated the contract with local provider LITE to install and maintain previous Pendle installations for the next three years. Restoration work on the three larger installations at Carr Hall, Fountains Square and Dicky Nook was included for the three year period with Carr Hall being refurbished this year, another one next year and the last the third year. This was an additional element to the new contract to ensure that the major installations are upgraded every three years.

LITE installed the lamppost mounted decorations at the beginning of November whilst the Parish Council started with the shop trees after the Remembrance Sunday weekend. Bad weather and high winds have slowed this year's installation but the work was completed by the beginning of December. The Parish Council would like to remind businesses that have Christmas Trees to bear in mind retaining both the bracket and electrical connection if you are having work carried out to the front of your shop.

Grow Your Own Vegetables Allotments Vacant

If you are interested in growing vegetables or flowers there are still plots available at Lowerclough Street. The annual rents range from £33 to £73 dependant on size and include use of a communal hut and greenhouses, for further details please ring Iain Lord on 696349 or email: barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk

Cruck Barn Carol Service

This year's Service will be held on the Tuesday 15th December starting at 6.30pm and all are welcome. Attendance has trailed off in recent years, possibly due to the change from Monday to Tuesday, but the Churches have promoted the event more extensively this year and hopefully attendance at this year's service will improve. The Carol Service is conducted jointly by the local Churches with the support of both Pendle Heritage Centre, who provide the Cruck Barn and coffee afterwards and Barrowford Parish Council who supply and install all the electric lighting and PA system.

Luncheon Club given Two Generous Donations

Barrowford Luncheon Club has received two contributions totalling £800 towards events and themed luncheons. The Club would like to thank Barrowford Lifestyle Event organisers for a £500 grant and Clair Byrne who raised £300 at a recent event. The Luncheon Club held its Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 8th December 2015 and had a festive three course lunch attended by the Chairman of the Council Cllr. Oliver and around twenty other guests.

Mrs. Wilding, one of the Luncheon Club cooks said, "They had a good time at the Christmas Lunch and it's a really friendly atmosphere so if you're over 50 and need some company and a good lunch please come along at 12noon on a Tuesday to the Luncheon Club". If you are interested please ring 696349 and speak to Iain Lord for your initial booking. The price is £5 for a two course lunch.

Parish Council Prepares For Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans are a recently introduced way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work.

They can be used to:

- develop a shared vision for a neighbourhood
- choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built
- identify and protect important local green spaces
- influence what new buildings should look like.

Barrowford Parish Council has taken the first steps in preparing for a Neighbourhood Plan (the first community in Pendle to do so) starting by identifying the Neighbourhood as the Parish of Barrowford. A steering group of six councillors has been set up, chaired by Councillor Ken Turner. A grant is being applied for which will enable the council to take on a local firm of planning consultants, Kirkwells, who are one of the country's leading specialists in this area.

The Parish Council will be engaging with Pendle Council's Planning Department which is now going on to prepare its land availability proposals next year.

Although housing, businesses and shops will be the main focus, it is hoped to include areas such as travel, transport and road safety; health and education; sport and leisure; and heritage and conservation.

In due course residents and businesses will be asked for opinions on the way they see the village developing.

When the Plan is at a final draft stage it goes for inspection by an examiner to ensure it conforms to national and local policies and, if passed, is put to a referendum of the Neighbourhood. If it achieves a majority, it should be adopted by the local authority as part of their development plan, and will have to be taken account of when planning applications are decided.

Remembrance Sunday

Barrowford's Remembrance Sunday Parade started at Holmefield House with a large turnout of people and groups marching. The Parade marched to St Thomas's Church for a service and then marching through the village to the Memorial Garden in the Park for the act of remembrance and the wreath laying service. Despite the inclement weather around three hundred people attended, including Andrew Stephenson MP representatives of both County and Borough Councils, a large contingent of Parish Councillors, representatives of the Police, Fire Services, Churches, Scouts, Guides, and local schools as well as ex-members of the armed forces and members of the public.

The Royal British Legion provided a parade marshal and their Standard Bearer with the Standard taking part in the parade and service. Attendance has seen a huge increase over the last ten years and this is expected to continue through the First World War Centenary. The new pathway to the rear of the Memorial Garden built by the Parish Council was a great asset, enabling the overspill to stand in some comfort.

“Save Trough Laithe” Campaign

Readers of our summer newsletter will recall that the Parish Council's objections to the Strategic Housing site below Wheatley Lane Road at Trough Laithe being included in the Core Strategy were very largely dismissed. Unfortunately the Inspector's report, just out, has confirmed that the Site, owned by Peel Investments and 'protected for development' for many years, should go ahead.

Nonetheless the Parish Council has agreed to support a residents' protest group in its campaign against Peel Investments planning application for 500 houses on the Trough Laithe fields. Barrowford's Pendle Councillors are unable to take part in this as they are under an obligation to remain impartial.

The aims of the group are to raise awareness of the housing plans with posters, a petition, letters to the press and a Facebook site; and to call on Councillors to amend the Strategic Housing Site and to refuse the application. The application is due to go to the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee early in January for decision, given the interest in this application it is likely that the meeting will be moved from Holmefield House to a larger venue. For further details of the protest group contact John Endersby on johnendersby@hotmail.com or ask to join the 'Save Trough Laithe' site on Facebook.

Roadside Seating

As part of their economy drive Pendle Borough Council decided to transfer all roadside public seating to Parish and Town Councils with any benches that are in need of repair being permanently removed if the parish or town council was not prepared to either repair or renew the bench.

The transfer took place on the 1st October 2015. Barrowford Parish Council has assessed the benches concerned and over the next twelve months will be periodically removing the ones in worst condition for repair and renovation, so if a bench disappears and you are concerned please ring 696349 to confirm that it has been removed by the Parish Council.

Bus Shelters

From the 1st April 2016 Barrowford is taking over maintenance of most of the bus shelters in the village the only exception being the one nearest the junction of Gisburn Road and Rushton Street. This is again part of the cost cutting measures being implemented by Pendle: if the Parish Council had not agreed to take over the day to day cleaning and general maintenance the shelters would have been permanently removed as they reached a dilapidated condition.

Pendle have agreed to carry out basic maintenance to bring the shelters up to a certain level and are prepared to fund paint to paint the shelters. The Parish Council has assessed the existing condition of the shelters and will take advantage of the paint offer to repaint some of the worst affected shelters.

Fleece Toilets Set to Reopen



Fleece Toilets

In an attempt to bring forward the reopening of the Fleece Toilets, Cllr. R. Windley wrote to several local businesses asking for donations to help bring the toilets back into public use. So far £850 has been donated with a further £200 promised. This additional contribution along with funding from the Parish Council's budget has enabled work to begin early.

Work is now underway to bring the toilets back into use fitting new doors and coin operated electronic locking systems. The charge will be 20p with all money collected being used to offset the cleaning costs. The locking systems are programmable and will allow the toilets to be locked overnight without the need to physically do this reducing labour costs to the Parish Council. The reopening is expected to be as soon as the locking mechanisms arrive and are installed.

Pendle Approves Giving Land Back to Barrowford

During discussions with Pendle Borough Council representatives on the devolvement of services, Barrowford Parish Councillors proposed that seven plots of land owned by Pendle Council, and previously owned by Barrowford Urban District Council, be 'returned' to the village. Much to our surprise this was agreed to without demur.

Included in the seven are three prominent areas: the land between Gisburn Road and Broadway, the Rose Garden next to 117 Gisburn Road and the land adjacent to Hilltop. The Parish Council's intention is to retain them as open spaces with maintenance improvements where needed. The cost of the maintenance will be largely offset by the income generated from the two garage sites included in the transfer.

The transfer will be completed by the 1st April 2016 and Robert Oliver, Council Chairman, said "I'm particularly pleased that the green area between Broadway Place and Gisburn Road will be coming to us, as this 'green lung' between Newbridge and Central wards is now protected against sell-off." Over the next few years the Parish Council will be looking at further transfers of land as a mechanism to protect them from Pendle Borough Council's need to save money and sell some of its assets to balance its books

A full list of the plots of land is available on the Council's website at <http://www.barrowford.org.uk/>

Blast from the Past, Haighton's Kids Christmas



This editions picture is a party held for children whose parents worked at Haighton's Mill and was probably held in the early 1960's. Anybody with any information regarding the children or if you have any local pictures you wish to share please contact the Parish Council on 696349.

Parish Notice Board

Parish Councillors

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Chairman Cllr. Robert Oliver Tel: 699271
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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 Lancashire BB9 8ND.

Parish Council Meetings

Full Council
16th December 2015
20th January 2016
17th February 2016
16th March 2016
20th April 2016

G. P. Committee
6th January 2016
3rd February 2016
2nd March 2016
6th April 2016

All Parish Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at Holmefield House. A copy of the Agenda is posted on the Notice Board at least 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.

MP Surgery at Holmefield House

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

Holmefield House

Weekly Activities at Holmefield House

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

Monthly Surgeries and Other Events

Public Meetings

Pendle Borough Council's
Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee
commencing at 7pm.

Chairman Cllr. Linda Crossley

There is a 15minute Public Question Time at the Start of the meeting where non agenda items can be raised.

7th January 2016
3rd March 2016

4th February 2016

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