

Agenda Item 4

Barrowford Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Holmefield House
Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday, the 6th September 2017

Present

Cllr. S, Nike – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

R. Windley	T. Titchiner	A. Stringer	J. Gibson	R. Oliver
K. Turner	P. Thompson	A. Vickerman		
Cllr. L. Crossley				

36. Declaration of Interests: None

37. Apologies for absence: Cllr. M. Waddington

38. Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2017:

It was Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th July 2017 minutes having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

39. Planning and Other Matters:

Number	Description	Comments
17/0435/HHO	Full: First floor extension to side (west) 3 Victoria Gardens Barrowford Nelson	No Objection
17/0452/HHO	Full: Single storey extension to the rear and alterations to patio 30 Mitton Avenue Barrowford Nelson.	No Objection

40. Allotment Rent Collection: An outturn of collected rents having previously been circulated.

It was Resolved: To note the report

41. Allotments and Works Matters: A report having previously been circulated.

It was resolved: To note the report

42. Meeting of the HR Working Group: To approve recommendations of the HR Working Group report having previously circulated.

It was Resolved: To approve the recommendations of the HR Working Group.

43. Car Park at Holmefield House: Nothing to report, a report to be given at the September Full Council meeting.

44. Report of the Clerk:

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- 1) **Removal of Tree to side of Holmefield House:** A small tree to the side of Holmefield House has been felled today due the condition of the trunk which was suffering severe decay. This work has been carried out now as due to the lean on the main trunk the natural direction to fell the tree would be towards the proposed site for the container and this work needed doing prior to the delivery of the container.
- 2) **Bus Shelter windows:** During the summer holiday period two windows at Carr Hall have been smashed and one at Newbridge. Now the school holidays are finished the Clerk has ordered the replacement of these window panes. The cost will probably be around £450 and will use the whole of the bus shelter budget further damage occurs funding will be need to be sourced from budget headings.
- 3) **Car Boot & Craft Sale:** The last of this years organised events takes place Sunday 10th September, The Chairman of the Friends Group is organising a picture with the AED for the local papers.
- 4) **Storage at Holmefield House:** Currently there is a severe shortage of storage space downstairs at Holmefield House particularly for spare furniture and chairs. This has resulted in the back room becoming a dumping ground for these items reducing its use as a small room to rent. The Clerk has spoken to the Friends of Holmefield House about the storage of spare furniture and car boot equipment and has suggested that a wooden storage hut be constructed and sited in the yard adjacent to the front wall. The Friends Group will fund the necessary materials if the Council will provide the labour to build and install the hut. The work would take two/three days.
- 5) **Fly Tipping at Holmefield House:** In recent months bags of rubbish, clothing, building materials have been deposited at either entrance or on the field at Holmefield House.
- 6) **Fly Tipping at Lowerclough Garage Site:** Several instances of fly tipping have occurred with the handymen removing the offending rubbish.
- 7) **Cricket Club Electricity Supply:** Work started on the 4th September and the majority of the cable laying works may be completed by now. There will need to be some additional works to connect the supply from the new consumer unit to the replaced internal wiring. The Cricket Club has applied for some funding Barrowford Show.
- 8) **Luncheon Club:** The Clerk has applied a grant of £500 to the Barrowford Show liquidators to help fund special activities such as birthday celebrations, Christmas etc.
- 9) **BKG Presentation Night:** The Presentation night was held on the 1st September and was attended by 35 – 40 people. Entrants were down for this year's competition this was probably due to the high winds and constant rain through late June and most of July. The event may need additional promotion next year and more Councillor participation particularly in promotion and judging.
- 10) **The Flood Exhibition:** Quite a number of both users of Holmefield House and visitors have given favourable comments to the small exhibition. The Clerk suggests that the Exhibition remains until the end of September.

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45. Time and Place of Next Meeting: 7pm 4th October 2017, at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford.