

**Barrowford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Holmefield House**  
**Gisburn Road Barrowford**  
**On Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

**Present**

Cllr. S, Nike – Chairman in the Chair

	Councillors			
J. Gibson	A. Stringer	P. Thompson	E. Jackson	R. Oliver
R. Windley				
Cllr. L. Crossley				

**23. Declaration of Interests:** Cllr. P Thompson possible pecuniary interest in planning application 13/15/0280P. Cllr. Thompson left the meeting whilst the item was discussed.

**24. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs B. Norcross, T. Titchiner, A Vickerman

**25. Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015:**

**It was Resolved:** That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 minutes having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

**26. Planning and Other Matters:**

Number	Description	Comments
13/15/0280P	Full: Erection of two storey extension to side and conversion of garage to habitable room (Re-Submission). 12 Holmefield Gardens Barrowford Nelson BB9 8HH	<b>Objection:</b> The Environmental Agency stipulated that due to the development being within the flood plain that the ground floor level should not be habitable and the conversion of the garage to a habitable space clearly goes against their recommendations. The same would apply to the ground floor of the proposed extension which by its size and massing and proposed location would have an overbearing effect on the character and amenity to the existing houses in Romney Avenue.
13/15/0281P	Advertisement Consent: Display one illuminated projecting sign to front and one illuminated projecting sign to rear. Former Corn Mill Church Street Barrowford Nelson BB9 6EB	<b>No Objection:</b>

Approved by the Chairman:

13/15/0291P	Full: Conversion of part of garage to study room. 23 Grange Avenue Barrowford Nelson BB9 6AN	<b>No Objection:</b> As long as the off road parking requirement applicable to that size of dwelling is met.
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- 27. Scoping Report on Trough Laithe:** A short verbal report was given by the Clerk.  
**It was Resolved:** That the Council asks for hard copies of all documents submitted in relation to this site so that Councillors and local residents have a local office to read such documents.
- 28. Allotment and Work Matters:** A detailed report having previously been circulated, The Clerk reported that since the report a further two allotments had been let and a request for an allotment had been received from a Brierfield Group as part of an healthy lifestyle project.  
**It was Resolved:**
- That the Clerk contacts the group at Brierfield to see if any plots at Lowerclough would be suitable.
  - That the Clerk investigates security measures to stop local children climbing onto the annex roof.
  - To note the report.
- 29. Allotment Rents Collection Update:** A report having previously been circulated. The Clerk informed the council that almost all the outstanding rent had been collected and that most of the remainder was from new lettings.
- 30. Core Strategy:** The Clerk circulated a draft from the planning consultant but as it had arrived that day he had not had time to read or contact the Author. Pendle BC has extended the deadline for comments by one week.  
**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk arranges a meeting for the Chairman and Vice chairman with Ms Fitzgerald to discuss the matter and bring a full response back to the July Council meeting.
- 31. Trough Laithe Development Open Day at Holmefield House:** Several Councillors and the Clerk gave a brief report on how they found Peel Investments presentation. The event was attended by around 200 villagers and there were grave concerns regarding this development.
- 32. The Fleece Public Toilets:** The Clerk reported that at the Executive meeting of Pendle Borough Council it had been approved for the handing over of the Fleece toilets and that the would pay the first two years business rates. The Clerk was waiting for the keys so that a condition inspection could be carried out.
- 33. Parish Newsletter & Website:** The Clerk circulated the almost complete newsletter to councillors, it is hoped to have the newsletter completed, printed and delivered within the next few weeks.
- 34. 55 Gisburn Road Progress Report.** The Clerk reported that there had been another interested party and that he would make a more detailed report at the July Council meeting.

Approved by the Chairman:

**35. Report of the Clerk:** The Clerk reported on the following items:

- 1) **Pendle Meeting with Town & Parish Councils:** A meeting was held at Brierfield Community Centre on Monday Evening and was attended by Cllrs. Oliver and Royce accompanied by the Clerk ***The Clerk recommends that this be added to a future agenda for further discussion.***
- 2) **Electoral Review of Lancashire Consultation:** This is the periodical realigning of numbers within County Councillors wards. **The Clerk will report back**

**36. Time and Place of Next Meeting: 7.00pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 at Holmefield House.**

Approved by the Chairman: