

### Agenda Item 3

**Minutes of the Meeting of Barrowford Parish Council  
Held at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford  
On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Present**

Cllr. R Oliver – Chairman in the Chair

Parish Councillors

J. Gibson	E. Jackson	P. Thompson	S. Nike	A. Stringer
A. Vickerman	M. Waddington	K. Turner	R. O. Windley	T. Titchiner

Cllr. C. Wakeford

**139. Declaration of Interest:** None

**140. Apologies:** Cllr. B Norcross

**141. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015:**

Copies having been previously circulated.

**It was resolved:** That the minutes of the Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**142. Minutes of the General Purpose Committee:** copies having been circulated.

**It was resolved:** That the Minutes of General Purposes Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be noted

**143. Planning & Highway Matters:**

Number		Comments
13/15/0570P	Proposal: Full: Erection of 1.7m high concrete post and panel fence and planting of hawthorn saplings (Retrospective). 46 Lower Parrock Road Barrowford Nelson BB9 6DQ	<b>No Objection</b>
13/15/0587P	Full: Lift roof of property to create first room, erection of two storey extension to front and associated external alterations. 4 Sandy Hall Lane Barrowford Nelson BB9 6QH	Concerns regarding the loss of visual amenity within the Carr Hall Conservation Area.

**144. Financial Matters:** The relevant outturn and payment schedule having been previously circulated.

**It was Resolved:**

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- a. To approve the virements highlighted in the December Outturn
- b. To note the Outturn for November 2015
- c. To approve total payments of £9,840.58 for December 2015

#### Payments December 2015

To Whom Paid	Total
Medway Engineering Ltd	144.24
Nelson Brass Band	200.00
LITE	2745.00
Wages & Salaries	4658.31
D. Lewin	79.75
I. Lord	55.84
Mr. B. Lord	216.00
Petty Cash	86.00
HM Revenue & Customs	975.96
British Gas	95.16
British Gas	59.94
J B Barnes	21.81
CIT	331.20
Trade UK	22.50
J & M Hardware	2.69
Dewhurst Decorating Supplies	28.14
Daisy Communications	95.60
Eon	34.44
Eon	-12.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9840.58</b>

**145. Trough Laithe Objectors:** Cllr. Wakeford spoke on the forthcoming approval of the Core Strategy by Pendle Borough Council from his perspective as a Borough Councillor. He said that due to the perceived inconsistencies in the strategy and the lack of alternative options he felt that he would not be able to support its adoption. It was reported that the deadline for submitting questions to the Borough had passed that afternoon and there had been confusion due to the fact that for most Borough meetings the deadline was noon on the day of the meeting.

**146. Reports from Working Groups:** Cllr. Oliver reported that the Newsletter was in the process of being delivered and asked if any Councillors would like to deliver a round.

**147. Report of the Clerk:**

- 1) **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:** At the inaugural meeting of the Steering Group Cllr. Turner was elected Chairman of the group. The next meeting has been arranged with Kirkwells for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6.30pm.
- 2) **Admin & Financial Review Working Group:** The Clerk reported that a meeting would be necessary to review the budget for 2016-17 and this was arranged for the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

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- 3) **55 Gisburn Road:** The Clerk has spoken to the potential buyer who is still keen to buy and has contacted Pendle Borough Council's solicitor regarding the Land Registry problem, hopefully this will be sorted soon. The buyer is submitting planning permission for change of use.
- 4) **LCC Consultation on Proposed Budget Options:**  
**It was resolved:** That due to time scales the Admin Review Group would discuss the matter and forward the Council's comments.
- 5) **Withdrawal of Subsidies for Local Bus Services:** The Clerk will report back when the list of affected routes are known.
- 6) **Rainbow Homes:** Mr. Aindow contacted the Clerk regarding the container at Lowerclough Street Allotments and later emailed that Rainbow Homes were prepared to paint the container dark green at their own expense if the Council agreed.  
**It was Resolved:** To grant Rainbow Homes permission to paint the container at Lowerclough Street Allotments at their own expense.
- 7) **Blackburn Cathedral Epiphany/Candlemas Service:** The Chairman has received an invite to attend the service being held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Cllr. Oliver will respond.

148. **Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee:** None

149. **To receive reports (if any) from County & Borough Councillors and members appointed to other bodies:** County Cllr. Wakeford reported on the removal of bus subsidies and that it could affect local rural services such as the Witch Hopper amongst others. He also reported that Whitehough Camp School was likely to close after August 2016 as they have been told not to take bookings after this date even though the final decision has to take place and said that possible legal actions and Lottery clawback of grants given to Lancashire County Council could affect some of the possible closures proposed. Cllr. Wakeford also reported that Pendle Borough Council was discussing at the December meeting a possible return to the Committee system that was replaced by the current Executive system a decade ago. Cllr. Nike reported on the recent meeting of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board who have been successful in their 2million pound funding bid. She reported that Whitehough Camp School was being considered for the site of the local office but in light of recent events this would have to be reassessed.

150. **Date, time & place of the next meeting:** *The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 starting at 7pm and held at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford.*