

Agenda Item 5

Barrowford Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Holmefield House
Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday, the 1st June 2016

Present

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Cllr. S, Nike – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

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

1. **Election of Chairman for the year 2016-17:** Cllr. Stringer took the Chair for this item. Cllr. Nike was proposed seconded and elected unopposed, and after signing the Declaration of Office took the Chair.
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None
3. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs, A Vickerman, K. Turner
4. **Pump Track:** Mr. K. Roberts attended to discuss plans for the proposed Pump Track. He informed the council that:
 - 1) That Saturday would be the worst day for access due to other activities held on Bullholme & Swinden playing fields but it was envisaged that a large tarmac area for basic learning basic cycling skills could be utilised as an overspill car park.
 - 2) That a separate pedestrian walkway under the motorway bridge was being investigated.
 - 3) That road signage would be used for traffic management.
 - 4) That organised sessions and competitions would be charged for but at other times the track would be free to use.
 - 5) That most of the existing trees would remain.
 - 6) That keys to road barriers would be available to the organisers of events.
 - 7) That the project was wholly dependent on acquiring outside funding.

The Council asked Mr. Roberts to investigate and address where possible the following concerns regarding both the proposed track the Stephen Burke Hub. Access to the Stephen Burke Hub was supposed to be from Cravendale Avenue but unless there is an organised event the gates are locked leading to the predominant access being Wilton Street which cannot access the hub because of locked barriers on the access track. This lack of access results in cars and trailers having to park on Bullholme taking the limited parking available for football and cricket and this problem will increase after the construction of the Pump Track.

- 1) The Council would like to see meaningful discussions with the current owners of the land that once formed the main access route onto Swinden to re-establish this access particularly on organised events at both the Pump and Stephen Burke track to enable one way ingress and egress onto the sites to prevent two way traffic under the motorway bridge at these events.

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- 2) That parking is created opposite the pump track and that the barrier under the motorway bridge is left unlocked to allow users of the cycling facilities who are attending at times other than organised events to park away from Bullholme playing fields.
 - 3) That a separate footway under the motorway bridge is essential for public safety.
 - 4) That blind spots on some of the access routes be addressed.
5. **Election of Vice Chairman for the Year 2016-17:** Cllr. Stringer was proposed, seconded and elected unopposed as vice chairman.
6. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April 2016:**
It was Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 6th April 2016 minutes having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

7. **Planning and Other Matters:**

Number	Description	Comments
16/0365/HHO	Full: Erection of a single storey extension to side/rear. 1 Buckden Gate Barrowford Nelson Lancashire BB9 8TW	Concerns regarding the scale of the extension in relation to the existing house and its close proximity to the boundary with the adjacent property and the possible reduction in privacy and amenity currently enjoyed by the neighbouring property.
16/0381/HHO	Full: Erection of single storey basement to front elevation and erection of external staircase; glazed porch to ground floor to front and close existing vehicle access 47 Carr Hall Road Barrowford Nelson	Concerns as this is within the Carr Hall Conservation Area and the proposed works will significantly alter the character and visual appearance of this large detached dwelling. The Parish Council would have liked to have seen the opinions of the Conservation Officer before either supporting or not supporting this application.
APP/E2340/W/16/3 148555 App/E2340/W/16/31 48552 13/15/0422P 13/16/0071P	Reserved Matters: Erection of 9 dwelling houses (appearance, scale, layout and access) Field (part) Adjacent Clough Springs Nelson Lancashire BB9 6RN	For Information

8. **Allotment and Work Matters:** A detailed report having previously been circulated, the Clerk added that 3 allotments had been offered for let since the report was written.
It was Resolved: To note the report.
9. **Allotment Rents Collection Update:** Collections up to 21st May 2016 having previously been circulated.
It was Resolved: To note the report

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- 10. Future Mowing Machine Requirements:** A report having been previously been circulated:
It was Resolved: That the item be added to a future Full Council agenda for approval and that the Clerk submits a grant application to the BWPAC.
- 11. Public Toilets in the Park:** The Clerk gave a brief update and reported that after correspondence from the Parish Council, Chairman of the BWPAC and the Friends of Barrowford Memorial Park, Pendle Borough Council will pay for a replacement lock at the toilets, but when this will be installed is not yet known.
- 12. Barrowford Cricket Club:** The Clerk reported that the Cricket Club had been broken into last night and that essential repairs had been effected.
- 13. Report of the Clerk:** None.
- 14. Time and Place of Next Meeting:** *7.00pm Wednesday 6th July 2016 at Holmefield House.*