

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Barrowford Parish Council  
Held at the Council Offices, 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford  
On Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Present**

Cllr M. A. Simpson – Chairman in the Chair  
Councillors

T. Titchiner	R. Oliver	A. Vickerman	A. Hargreaves	J. Pope
J. Begley	S. Nike	J. Gibson	Cllr. S. Derwent	PCSO Hartup

**115. Declaration of Interest:**

- Cllr. J. Begley: Personal interest planning application 13/08/0577P
- Cllr. J. Begley: Prejudicial interest planning application 13/08/0590P

**116. Apologies:** T. Watson

**Resolved:** That apologies be accepted.

**117. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008:**

**It was resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 copies having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

**118. Matters Arising:** None

**119. Crime, Disorder & Community Safety Matter:** PCSO Hartup handed out a statistic sheet for the previous month and the last twelve months he further reported:

- That Nelson & Barrowford gangs were arranging rendezvous for fights through a online chat room.
- That the Spicy Hut had to close early through teenage nuisance.
- That there had been a spate of number plate thefts from cars.
- That the problems with the Police mobile phone numbers had not yet been corrected.

**120. Planning Matters:**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
13/08/0577P	Erection of domestic garage to gable elevation. Park Hill Farm Gisburn Road Barrowford BB9 6AJ	<b>No Objection:</b>
13/08/0588P	Convert manager's accommodation at first floor to extension to public house; erect escape stair to rear and relocate smoking shelter. Victoria hotel Gisburn Road	<b>No Objection:</b>

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Barrowford BB9 8NB

13/08/0590P Erection of agricultural livestock building. Park Hill Farm Gisburn Road Barrowford BB9 6AJ

**Objection:** The proposed addition will increase the visual splay of an already large recent agricultural building situated within a prominent green space adjacent to the Higherford conservation area. The existing building detracts from the open aspect of this area and along with the adjacent menage constitutes a considerable loss to the open amenity of this area. The Parish Council would again like to reiterate that this farm has had a recent large scale building built purportedly for agricultural use but under a farm diversification scheme proved that one third was not needed and could be changed to equine uses. This approved change of use still leaves a considerable section of this building for agricultural use. In view of the small size of this agricultural holding the onus must be on the farmer to prove need for this additional building and the resulting further incursion into the open aspect of this area.

**121. Correspondence:** A written report had been previously circulated the Clerk highlighted a letter regarding the positioning of planters on the railings in front of The Fountains.

**It was Resolved:**

- That the Clerks Report be noted.
- That nothing be done regarding the position of the planters at the present moment.

**122. Financial Matters:** A reconciled financial outturn for September and the payments schedule for October having been circulated.

**It was Resolved:**

- That the financial outturn for September and virements for October be noted.
- That payment of £4066.98 be made.
- That a budget of £600.00 be allocated to the Parish Newsletters for 2008-09
- That a new account be opened at the Marsden Building Society and that the Councils reserve be transferred.

United Utilities	49.61
CPRE	28.00
Solutions	277.11

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Solutions	19.07
Solutions	284.96
Local Councils Update	65.00
SDL Group LTD	11.42
Pennine Fire & Safety Ltd.	79.85
LBS Horticulture	134.83
Pendle Borough Council	235.70
Tyro Training	470.00
Barnes of Barrowford	3.58
United Utilities	82.10
D. Lewin	75.72
I.A. Lord	67.93
Wages & Salaries	2122.41
Petty Cash	63.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>4066.98</b>

**123. Freedom of Information Act:** The Clerk circulated an information guide from the Information Commissioners Office regarding a model publication scheme which has to be adopted before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk investigates the model publication scheme and reports back.

**124. Lancashire County Council Parish & Town Council Charter:** Copies having been previously circulated.

**It Was Resolved:** That Cllr. Pope responds with the Councils comments before the relevant date.

**125. Parish Council Web site:** The Clerk reported that it would be easier to meet the publication requirements of the Freedom of Information Act if the Council had a easy to use website. The existing free ones at Lancashire Life and others were not that easy to use and that a tailor made site may suit the Councils needs best.

**It was Resolved:** That various web designers be contacted and quote brought to a future meeting.

**126. Remembrance Sunday:** The Clerk reported that the British Legion had found a parade marshal and that the wreaths had been delivered. The donation to the British Legion would be added to next month's agenda.

**127. Christmas Decorations:** Nothing to report.

**128. Carol Service:** The Clerk reported that this year's service would be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 starting at 6.30pm.

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**129. Teenage Play Facilities at Bullholme:**

- The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation that £3000.00 had been awarded to the MUGA project from the Community Safety Partnership.
- That the need for litter bins needed addressing at the Mountain Bike track.

**130. Reports from Working Groups:** Cllr. Simpson reported that at the recent finance meeting the need for procedures to deal with staff matters needed clarifying.

**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk investigates a model set of procedures.

**131. Report of the Clerk:** The Clerk reported:

- Winter Plants: The plants should be arriving this week.
- Extension of Planters along Gisburn Road:
- Advanced Driving Scheme: Pendle Safety Community Partnership has awarded a grant of £1200.00 towards this scheme.
- Litter Bins: At the request of Cllr. Pope the Clerk has asked Brian Thompson at Operational Services for a list of all bins and dog bins within Barrowford.
- Parish Magazine: Still need some routes delivering.

**It was Resolved:** To implement the extension of the planters scheme.

**132. Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee:** Cllr. Simpson reported that the planning application to convert the former Samuel James into 3 retail outlets had been approved and that the application for change of use of retail shop to fast food takeaway had been refused.

**133. To Receive Reports from Other Bodies:** Nothing to report.

**134. Date, time & place of the next meeting:** *The next meeting will be held Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford.*

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