

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Barrowford Parish Council  
Held at the Council Offices, 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford  
On Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009**

**Present**

Cllr M. Simpson – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

T. Titchiner  
B. Clarke

T. Watson  
A. Holgate

A. Vickerman  
R. Oliver

A. Hargreaves  
S. Nike

J. Pope  
T. Watson

**Public Question Time:**

Mr Marshall asked what the Parish Council was doing regarding the following items:

- a. Dog fouling on Gisburn Road between the park entrance and the building society.
- b. Why had the handrails on Pasture Lane been removed and why was he not consulted as a resident?
- c. Why had the new play area at the park not been completed?

The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had no control over the three items as the responsibility lay with the two higher authorities but the Clerk would write and make enquiries.

**170. Declaration of Interest:** John Pope declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning application 13/08/0717P.

**171. Apologies:** J Gibson, J. Begley, Cllr. S. Derwent, PCSO N. Wallins  
**Resolved:** That apologies from Parish Councillors be accepted.

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

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

**173. Matters Arising:** None

**174. Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting Held 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008:**

**It was resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008, copies having been circulated be noted.

**175. Crime, Disorder & Community Safety Matter:** Cllr. J. pope reported that at the recent Community Safety Partnership meeting it was mentioned that over recent months juvenile nuisance had been reduced due to additional opening of the Youth Club financed by the Safety Partnership and the Youth Services.

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**176. Planning Matters:** Cllr. J. Pope having declared a prejudicial interest address the Council regarding this application then left the meeting whilst the application was discussed.

Number	Description	Comments
13/08/0717P	Erect one detached dwelling house Plot 8 317 Gisburn road Barrowford BB9 6AY.	<p><b>Objection:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed development is an additional property to the ones passed on appeal and should be refused because of the moratorium.</li> <li>2. The proposed dwelling encroaches on trees covered by TPO's.</li> <li>3. The Proposed dwelling if taken in conjunction with the dwelling on plot 7 effectively blocks any further vehicular access to the yet undeveloped portion of the site. The appeal decision refused access to the site from Ribblesdale Place on the ground of traffic concerns regarding access into and out of Ribblesdale Place. LCC Highways have objected in the past to additional access through Ribblesdale Place and this could lead to future planning problems if the developer wishes to develop the rest of the site once the current moratorium is removed.</li> </ol>

**177. Correspondence:** A written report had been previously circulated.  
**It was Resolved:** That the correspondence report be noted.

**178. Financial Matters:** A reconciled financial outturn for December and the payments schedule for January and a report on the Handyman's hours having been circulated.

**It was Resolved:**

- a. That the financial outturn for December be noted.
- b. That payment of £2997.11 be made.
- c. That the Handyman's Hours be increased to 25 hours from the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009
- d. Using Section 137 powers a donation of £100.00 be made to North West Air Ambulance.

**Payments January**

East Lancs I. A. M.	267.00
United Utilities	18.28
City Electrical Factors	59.69
J. B. Barnes Ltd.	13.32
Brent Lord	25.00
Solutions	18.66
Solutions	59.21
The Wildlife Trust	57.50
SLLC	166.00
Petty Cash	40.98

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D. Lewin	34.50
I. A. Lord	30.36
3 B Systems	92.00
Salaries	2114.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>2997.11</b>

**179. Public Footpaths within Barrowford:** John Pope reported that at the recent Pendle Access Forum three matters concerning footpaths within Barrowford arose:

- The condition of the surface and field drainage on the path running from just below the Bridge Inn to the Heritage Centre Car Park.
- The lack of progress in agreeing new definitive routes at Fulshaw Farm to replace the ones currently permanently obstructed. After over a year no progress has been made.
- Path running from ridge above Roughlee to Pasture Lane bad wet spot adjacent to farm buildings.

Cllr. Pope asked for the Council to write to the Footpath Officer offering the Parish Council's support.

**180. Teenage Play Facilities at Bullholme:** The Clerk reported that he had received a verbal acknowledgement that the Council's grant application had been successful and the Clerk would report fully when written confirmation has been received.

**181. Reports from Working Groups:** J. Pope submitted a comprehensive written report on the progress of the Parish Plan Steering Group highlighting the work of the group and after consideration and thanks from the Chairman the report was noted. As a result of comments it was requested that an item concerning the three main unfinished construction sites along Gisburn Road be added to the GP agenda for February with the Clerk requesting information from the developers.

**182. Report of the Clerk:** The Clerk circulated a written report:

- 1. Barrowford Web Site:** The skeleton of the site has been built and Andrew, John and I are busy fleshing out the bones. The site is nowhere near completed but is sufficiently progressed to ask Councillors to go and look at the site and offer comment prior to the site becoming live on the 1<sup>st</sup> February.
- 2. Aggregate Levy Grants:** Lancashire County Council has notified the Parish Council that bids to this fund must be submitted before the 6<sup>th</sup> February (less than a month to respond).
- 3. Precept for 2009-10:** The Clerk needs the Chairman and two Councillors to sign the Precept Requirement Form.

The report having been discussed the Clerk was asked to look at the feasibility of including one of the footpath problems in a bid to the Aggregate Levy Grant scheme and presenting to the February GP meeting.

**183. Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee:** The Chairman reported that once again a planning application which had been objected to by the majority of the Parish Council had once again not been called in for Committee decision and dealt with under

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delegated powers. The Chairman thought this was happening all to often and asked for the Clerk to investigate and report to the next Council meeting.

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

**185. Date, time & place of the next meeting:** *The next meeting will be held Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford.*

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