

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Barrowford Parish Council  
Held at the Council Offices, 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford  
On Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Present**

Cllr. M. Simpson – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

S. Nike  
R. Oliver

A. Holgate  
T. Titchiner

A Vickerman  
PC Dibb

J. Pope

T. Watson

**149. Declaration of Interest:** None

**150. Apologies:** A. Hargreaves, J Gibson, J. Begley, Cllr. A Beckett  
**Resolved:** That apologies from Parish Councillors be accepted.

**151. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Held 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009:**

**It was resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009 copies having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

**152. Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting Held 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009:**

**It was resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009, copies having been circulated be noted.

**153. Crime, Disorder & Community Safety Matter:** PC. Dibb the new Community Beat Manager was introduced to the Council members and gave a verbal report on the last months crime statistics for Barrowford. PC Dibb also mentioned that he was closely involved in the setting up of the Alcohol exclusion one at Nelson and that the introduction of a scheme in Barrowford could possibly reduce teenage and underage drinking on the streets. The one in Nelson had reduced the following:

- Helps stop overage drinkers attracting groups of underage drinkers by enabling the police to remove opened bottles, cans of alcohol from all age groups.
  - Help stop the migration from one licensed premises to another with alcoholic drinks.
  - Reduces the number of empty alcohol receptacles deposited on the street in the river etc.
- PC Dibb said that implementation took several months and as drinking on the street was higher in the warmer seasons it would be an ideal time to consider implementing one in time for next Spring/Summer.

**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk adds this item to the December for further discussion and that the Clerk in conjunction with PC Dibb writes a report highlighting the proposal.

**154. Planning and Highway Matters:**

HEM/TRO/13/198/TJG/SM: Revocation of Disabled Parking Place, Halstead Lane Barrowford.

**It was Resolved:** That the Council had no objection.

Approved as a Correct Record.....Chairman

**155. Correspondence:** A written report had been previously circulated and after discussing the report.

**It was Resolved:**

- To write to Mr. Walker in response to his letter.
- To note the report

**156. Financial Matters:** Relevant documents and the payments schedule for September having been previously circulated.

**It was Resolved:**

- a. To approve the virements and note the outturn for October 2009.
- b. To approve payments of £6592.67

**Payments November**

J F Barton	125.00
Reedley Garden Centre Ltd.	160.00
British Gas	43.66
United Utilities	195.44
Option Hygiene Ltd	31.68
Northwest Air Ambulance	75.00
Royal British Legion	75.00
J B Barnes Ltd	64.99
LITE	724.50
Copifax	18.66
Copifax	44.14
plusnet	176.04
Joseph Noblett	546.60
Petty Cash	62.94
D. Lewin	61.80
I A Lord	53.79
Salaries	2935.47
Srewfix Direct	123.96
Nelson Brass Band	200.00
David J Tatham	874.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6592.67</b>

**157. Christmas Events:** The Clerk distributed a written report on the progress of the Christmas lights and after discussion the report was noted.

**158. Grot Spots:** The Clerk having previously circulated a report concerning the possibility of fencing the frontage of the former Metro Garage.

**It was Resolved:** To discuss the possibility of the Area Committee fencing the frontage and if that was not practicable to bring the matter back to the Parish Council.

**159. Barrowford Website:** Cllr. Pope gave a short verbal report on progress.

**160. Reports from Working Groups:** Nothing to report.

Approved as a Correct Record.....Chairman

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

- That the working group considering grants to Parish & Town Councils had arranged a meeting to discuss a proposed scheme. The scheme was loosely based on a basic grant for each parish topped up by 51p per head of population. No information was given as to how the basic grant was formulated and no further information could be gained from Mr. D. Langton Chief Finance Officer. The Clerk has come up with a further scheme based on the individual tax bases of each council and uses the same formulae to calculate each grant on an individual basis. The Council discussed both schemes:

**It was Resolved:** That the Chairman and the Clerk attend the meeting and that the Clerk tables the alternative scheme and asks that a decision be deferred until the merits of this scheme be considered by the Working Group.

**162. Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee:** Cllr. Simpson gave a verbal report.

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

**164. To receive reports (if any) from County & Borough Councillors and members appointed to other bodies:** Nothing to Report

**165. Date, time & place of the next meeting:** *The next meeting of the Council and will be held Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 starting at 7pm and held at 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford.*

Approved as a Correct Record.....Chairman