

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Barrowford Parish Council
Held at the Council Offices, 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday, the 20th January 2010**

Present

Cllr. J. Gibson – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

A. Hargreaves	A. Holgate	A Vickerman	T. Watson	T. Titchiner
R. Oliver	M. Simpson	PC M. Dibb	PCSO I. Hartley	

187. Declaration of Interest: None

188. Apologies: M. Simpson would be late, J. Pope, J. Begley, Cllr. A Beckett, Cllr. S. Derwent
Resolved: That apologies from Parish Councillors be accepted.

189. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Held 16th December 2009:

It was resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th December 2009 copies having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

190. Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting Held 2nd December 2009:

It was resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2009, copies having been circulated be noted.

191. Crime, Disorder & Community Safety Matter: PC. M. Dibb reported that there had been 15 reported crimes during December and early January with 3 detections, two for vehicle crime and one for criminal damage. PC Dibb also reported that a Countryside Crime Watch was being set up to help reduce theft from local farms.

192. Alcohol Free Zones in Barrowford: This item was deferred from the December meeting to allow PC Dibb to attend and explain the ethos of alcohol free zones. The Chairman Cllr. Gibson stated that at the previous meeting there had been grave concerns by some Councillors over the necessity of a zone within Barrowford and the possible negative impact the necessary signage would give to the area. PC Dibb explained that with the exception of the signage at the boundary of the zone signs attached to lampposts could be around A5 size whilst the main signs would need to be around A3 size. He read several recent reports of alcohol related incidents within the village and explained that the biggest danger was from bottles taken from pub to pub which could either be used as weapons or as a missile with as much impact as a stone, the classic damage being glass panes in bus shelters and business premises. PC Dibb offered to take Councillors out on a Friday night to see the extent of the problem. Several Councillors asked questions regarding the zones and who enacted the power to create the zone. PC Dibb explained that if the Parish Council were to support the creation of a zone then Pendle Borough Council would carry out all the necessary work and consultation needed.

Approved as a Correct Record.....Chairman

It was Resolved: To support the Police in the creation of an Alcohol Free Zone in Barrowford subject to consultation.

193. Planning Matters: None

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

It was Resolved: To note the report

195. Financial Matters: Relevant documents and the payments schedule for January having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved:

a. To approve the virements and note the outturn for December 2009.

b. To approve payments of £4,485.96

Payments January

E-on	37.82
United Utilities	13.97
Citrus Office Solutions	82.01
Citrus Office Solutions	12.04
J. B. Barnes Ltd.	223.95
Copifax	31.31
Copifax	18.66
Petty Cash	35.91
D. Lewin	37.80
I A Lord	36.19
Wages & Salaries	3956.30
Total	4485.96

196. Replacement Boiler for 55 Gisburn Road:

It was Resolved: To replace the boiler at 55 Gisburn Road.

197. Paperless Planning: The Clerk reported that as from April 2010 Pendle Borough Council was introducing a paperless planning system and the Parish Council would no longer receive copies of plans. The Clerk informed the Council that he had applied for a grant from Pendle but that would probably only equate to around £400 whilst the cost could be in excess of £1000.

It was Resolved: The up to £1000.00 of Parish Council be spent installing the equipment needed to run a paperless planning system.

198. Barrowford Website: Nothing to Report

199. Reports from Working Groups: Nothing to report.

Approved as a Correct Record.....Chairman

200. Report of the Clerk:

- **Christmas Trees:** Due to the severe weather the handymen are approximately two weeks behind schedule in taking down decorations. The Clerk hopes that all decorations will be down before Monday 25th January and that all lights are dismantled and stored by the following Monday.
- **Gym Equipment at Bullholme:** The Clerk has a meeting with the supplier and the Parks on Monday morning to discuss the final plans with a view to having the project started by early February.
- **Former Holme Tennis Club:** A meeting had been arranged with J. Cooney from the LPFA to discuss future use.
- **Proposed Wind Turbine Site Located between Higham & Fence:** This morning the Clerk has received correspondence asking for comment from the Parish Council. The Clerk has requested copies of the scoping report and will add the item to the February GP for a response

201. Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee: Nothing to Report.

202. To Receive Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.

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

204. Date, time & place of the next meeting: *The next meeting of the Council and will be held Wednesday 17th February 2010 starting at 7pm and held at 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford.*

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