

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Barrowford Parish Council
Held at the Council Offices, 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday, the 1st July 2010**

Present

Cllr J. Pope– Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

M. Simpson
R. Oliver

A. Holgate
T Hargreaves

J. Begley
T. Watson

S. Nike
B Norcross

J Gibson
A. Vickerman

Others Attending: PC Dibb, Mrs. J. Simpson, One Barrowford resident

59. Declaration of Interest: None

60. Apologies: Cllr. T. Beckett and Cllr. S. Derwent

61. Incident occurring on the 24th June at Pasture Lane Allotments: The Clerk circulated a report on the incident which contained a brief description of the events as relating to the Council, an update of information which had been received since the incident and a list of actions and information that was thought appropriate in the first instance. The Chairman reported that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of both the Council and GP Committee had met on Saturday 26th June to assess the incident and had decided to call this meeting. The Clerk was then asked for a brief overview of the events as he had witnessed. After prolonged discussion between Councillors the Chairman suggested that the Council should concentrate on the actual events on the 24th June and subsequent events. The Chairman then read out information which had come to light since the 24th June and proceeded to report the proposed actions. It was proposed and seconded that these actions be passed individually by resolution.

It Was Resolved: That the action points be resolved individually.

It was Resolved: To reaffirm action points 1, 2, 4, 5, 9

1. That Councillors should be reminded again how to get a problem or item onto an agenda or if more urgent action is needed, that the Chairman/Vice Chairman is available to initiate action on behalf of the council.
2. Whistle blowing should be resisted by Councillors until they have exhausted all other avenues within the Council. If they still feel that it is in the public interest to contact outside organisations to highlight or resolve the matter it is their responsibility and should not be used for other nefarious reasons.
4. Any threat of "offensive, intimidating, malicious, insulting or humiliating behaviour" towards employees of the council is totally unacceptable in any circumstances. This contravenes the agreed Code of Conduct.
5. That Councillors are reminded that they individually cannot demand that Council employee's carry out their requests. Any disputes should be raised with the Clerk/Chairman/Vice Chairman/Council.
9. Members are reminded of Standing Order No. 33 regarding conduct at Council Meetings. Copies of Standing Orders distributed to all members attending.

Approved as a Correct Record.....Chairman

It Was Resolved: That Action Points 3, 6 be added to a review of Standing Orders and be discussed at that time.

3. That Councillors again be reminded of the corporate entity of a Council in law and the limit of individual powers afforded to councillors under this corporate entity. Attention should be drawn to the rights of individual Councillors to enter and inspect council property without the permission of the Council as laid down in the approved Standing Orders (paragraph 67).
6. That Councillors have a responsibility to ensure that their actions or behaviour does not incur unnecessary expenses to the council.

It was Resolved: To note Action Points 7, 10

7. That costs for the removal and storage of the fireworks will initially be met by Pendle Borough Council who will subsequently charge the Parish Council who will be liable for that debt.
10. Further actions may need discussing pending the final reports from other involved Organisations.

It was Resolved: To Adopt Action Point 8

8. The Chairman supported by the Clerk be given the consent of the Council through resolution to deal with any matters arising from the incident occurring on the 24th June 2010. This includes talking to Trading Standards, Police, and Pendle Borough Council. They will report back to the full Council for any decisions.

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