

**Minutes of a meeting of the Barrowford Parish Council  
Held at the Council Offices, 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford  
On Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**Present**

Cllr M. A. Simpson – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

A. Vickerman	J. Begley	R. Oliver	T. Titchiner	A. Holgate
A. Hargreaves	S. Nike	Sgt. Beckley		

1. **Declaration of Interest:** None.
2. **Apologies:** J. Pope, J. Gibson, Cllr. T. Beckett, Cllr. S. Derwent, Cllr. L. Crossley, PC. H. Gilhespy.  
**Resolved:** That apologies be accepted
3. **Minutes of the Council Meeting Held 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008:**  
**It was resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 copies having been circulated be approved as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting Held 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008:**  
It was moved, seconded and resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008, copies having been circulated be noted.
6. **Crime, Disorder & Community Safety Matter:** PCSO N. Wallins had submitted a written report, which was circulated by the Clerk. Sgt Beckley added that there had been other incidents including:
  - Three burglaries and three people had been arrested.
  - The offenders who had vandalised Rushton Street School had been identified.
  - That ornamental top stones had been removed in Carr Hall.
  - That after discussions with several groups of teenagers within the village that a MUGA would be an asset to helping reduce juvenile nuisance and would support the Parish Council in their efforts to provide one.
  - S. Nike reported that juvenile nuisance had been reported to her on Lee Street.
  - A. Vickerman highlighted the vandalism of the fence between Bolton Grove and Nora Street.
7. **Planning Matters:** recent holidays the Council had received three extra sets of plans, which needed responses before the May G.P meeting.

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Number	Description	Comments
13/08/0189P	Change of use and conversion of barn/store to dwelling house. Lower Fulshaw Farm Pasture Lane Barrowford BB9 6QZ	<b>No Objection:</b> Provided the dwelling is conditioned as an agricultural tenancy and tied to the Farm.
13/08/0190P	Listed Building Consent: Change of use and conversion of barn/store to dwelling house. Lower Fulshaw Farm Pasture Lane Barrowford BB9 6QZ	<b>No. Objection:</b> Provided all listed building conditions are met.
13/08/0201P	Erect conservatory to rear elevation 3 Saffron Close Barrowford BB9 6DL	<b>No Objection:</b>
LCC 13/08/0207	Retaining works to adjacent properties 75 Gisburn Rd and 2 Sharpe St. Barrowford Community Primary School Rushton Street Barrowford.	<b>Objection:</b> Materials out of keeping with the Barrowford Conservation Area. <b><i>The Council would remove all objections</i></b> if the wall and flagging were done in natural stone similar in appearance to local materials.
13/08/0218P	Outline (Major) B1 Office Development including access and layout Land at Barrowford Road Barrowford.	The Parish Council has concerns regarding the lodge area of this site due to the artificial wetland habitat that has existed for over a century and still remains at a smaller scale in the semi drained margins of the lodge. The Council would like to see both wildlife and habitat and a bat survey carried out to investigate tree roosting sites used by bats and habitat for amphibians and wetland flora. If these surveys prove that no further measures are required to protect fauna and flora. The Council would also like to see as a condition on this permission of outline development a section agreement that provides a direct benefit to the local residents and the people of Barrowford directly and not just highway improvements for the public at large. These should take the form of the creation of a cycle way from Sandy Hall Lane along the river linking to both the industrial estate and via the underpass on Barrowford Road along the river to Park Avenue. This will open up this employment site to both the existing cycle track through to the Lomeshaye Industrial Estate and the proposed extensions from the National Cycle Way into Barrowford. This may help alleviate the need to use the car to drive to work and reduce the need to negotiate the busy road junctions at junction 13 on

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cycles. The remaining floodplain area of the river could also be landscaped and used as a wildlife habitat linking up to other wildlife corridors along both this river and the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and in time become an asset to the area. The Parish Council feels that it is not unreasonable to expect some compensatory measures for the loss of swathes of open countryside within what is largely an urban conurbation.

**8. Correspondence:** The Clerk having previously distributed a written report the report was noted.

**9. Financial Matters:** A financial outturn for March and the payments schedule for April having been circulated.

**It was Resolved:**

- That the financial outturn be noted.
- That by using section 137 powers a donation of £700.00 be made to the Nelson & District Branch of the Royal British legion.
- That an invoice from Nelson Brass Band for £200.00 and the donation to the RBL be added to this month's payment schedule.
- That payment of £4189.14 be made.

Petty Cash Float	100.00
Als Superstore	115.00
Barrowford Safe & Lock	4.00
Barnes of Barrowford	30.77
Pendle Borough Council	59.80
Pendle Borough Council	99.11
Sankey Office Supplies	190.34
Lanlee	16.20
Solutions	20.41
Solutions	19.07
United Utilities	13.91
LBS	125.84
Option Hygiene Ltd.	23.37
Option Hygiene Ltd.	100.46
Lindley Pate Ltd	428.73
D. Lewin	28.96
I. A. Lord	24.92
Salaries & Wages	1988.25
Nelson Brass Band	200.00
Royal British Legion	700.00

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Total

4189.14

10. **Teenage Play Facilities at Bullholme:** The Clerk reported that work was progressing.
11. **Annual Meeting with the Electorate/AGM of the Council:**  
**It was Resolved:** That the Annual Meeting with the Electorate would take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 starting at 7pm. Followed by the AGM of the Council.
12. **Kitchen / 2<sup>nd</sup> Office 55 Gisburn Road:** The Clerk reported that he was to meet Cllr. Gibson in the following morning.
13. **Reports from Working Groups:** None
14. **Report of the Clerk:**
- **Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee:** Applications for grants have to be submitted to Peter Atkinson no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
**It was Resolved:** That the Clerk submits a grant application for £15,000.00 towards the cost of a MUGA at Bullholme.
  - **Lowerclough Street Mill:** The Clerk has met the developers and discussed the boundary of the site. The developer has indicated:
    - All walls will be demolished from the mill side needing little or no access to the allotment site.
    - A security fence will be erected along the boundary until all work is completed.
    - The boundary will eventually consist of a low wall topped with railings.
    - The development will be the last set of plans submitted with three independent blocks and short gardens up to the allotment boundary.
  - **Lancashire County Council:** Aggregate Levy Fund, Barrowford Parish Council's application for £7,500 towards the MUGA has been approved.
  - **Royal British Legion:** Fund raising Quiz Night Sat 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 Barrowford Working Men's club starting 7.30pm.
15. **Report of the Parish Plan steering Group:** Nothing to Report.
16. **Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee:** Nothing to Report.
17. **To Receive Reports from Other Bodies:** Nothing to report.
18. **Date, time & place of the next meeting:** *The next meeting will be held Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 at 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford immediately following the Annual Meeting with the Electorate.*

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