

Barrowford Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at the Council Offices, 55
Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday, the 4th March 2009

Present

Cllr. J. Begley – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

M. Simpson	A. Holgate	J. Gibson	A. Vickerman	R. Oliver
A. Hargreaves	J. Pope	T. Titchiner	B. Clarke	T. Watson
Cllr. L. Crossley	PC. H. Richardson			

Prior to the Meeting PC H. Richardson gave a verbal report on Crime and Disorder within Barrowford for the period 1st February to 1st March 2009 and 2008 these statistics showed a reduction in most types of incidents over the previous year.

Type of Incident	February 2008	February 2009
Criminal Damage	7	1
Burglary	2	3
House Break-ins	0	2
Vehicle Crime	0	0
Reported Juvenile Nuisance	27	17

PC Richardson reported that the two house break-ins involved the theft of food and the theft of clothing and the police believe that both crimes were carried out by someone living on the street. She also reported that Barrowford was to have a new PCSO starting in mid March.

88. Declarations of Interest: None

89. Apologies for absence: Cllr. T. Beckett, Cllr. S. Derwent

90. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2009:

It was Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th January 2009, minutes having been circulated to be approved as a correct record.

91. Planning Applications: None

92. Work Programme Spring 2009: A written report having previously circulated.

It was Resolved: To note the report.

80. Allotments Matters: A written report having previously circulated,

It was Resolved:

- To add plot 22 Lower Parkhill to the April Agenda to discuss major remedial work.
- To Note the rest of the report.

- 81. Projects for 2009-10:** This item was previously discussed at the February Full Council meeting with the Council needing to discuss the matter further.
It was Resolved:
- That the Clerk proceeds with costing the provision of gym equipment for Bullholme and identifies funding sources for this project.
 - That the Clerk identifies the status of installing a youth shelter and discusses the matter further with other interested parties.
 - That the Council fund the next 10 places on the Advanced Driving Scheme for young drivers. The cost being £890.00
 - That the entrance to Pasture Lane No. 2 site be identified as the primary refurbishment project for allotments for the year 2009-10 at an cost of round £2000.00
 - That other projects be considered as and when they arise.
- 82. Web Site:** John Pope reported that the site was still being added to and that a meeting with the designer had been arranged for early the following week to discuss further progress. A meeting of the Working Group would be arranged shortly to discuss ways of expanding and refining the website.
- 83. Eyesores within Barrowford:** The Clerk previously circulated a report encompassing three reports that appeared on the February Area committee Meeting covering Grot Spots and Environmental Blight. Cllr. Crossley Chairman of the Area Committee explained that in future Grot Spots would be an agenda item at their meetings and an opportunity for the Parish to pass on concerns regarding grot spots throughout the village with the Borough Council hopefully taking the necessary action including enforcement to clear these areas.
It was Resolved: That Councillors reported areas of concern to the Clerk so a list could be drafted and discussed at the next GP Meeting. The Clerk asked if sites could be indentified to him by the March Full Council Meeting.
- 84. Public Footpath Matters:** The Clerk reported that he had received copies of all the plans for the new cycle & bridle ways within Barrowford Memorial Park. Work would be starting soon as funding had been obtained and any Councillor wishing to view the plans could do so.
- 85. Report of the Clerk:** The Clerk reported on the removal of two trees at Lower Parkhill Allotments and hoped to have a solution by the next meeting.
- 86. Time and Place of Next Meeting: 7.00pm Wednesday 1st April 2009 at The Council Office 55 Gisburn Road.**