



Minutes

Parish Council – Ordinary Meeting

Date:	5 September 2022		
Place:	Whalley Old Grammar School – Whalley, Clitheroe		
Present:	Councillors: L Street (Chair), J Brown, D Chiappi and L Crook		
In attendance:	Clerk to the Council, Cllrs Birtwhistle and Mirfin (part) and six parishioners.		
Meeting started:	19:00	Meeting closed:	21:55

22/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Kinder and PCSO Ailsa Gill, who had emailed the latest Crime Statistics for Barrow, which were issued at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

22/116 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2022 (PREVIOUS MEETING).

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

22/117 AMENDMENT TO AGM MINUTES 30/05/2022

Council approved that Minute 22/085. Be changed to read; *Councillor J Brown be appointed to the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Interim Burial Committee.*

22/118 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS.

Declarations of interest were received regarding Agenda Item 8, from Councillors Chiappi and Brown.

22/119 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Six parishioners were present at the meeting and wished to contribute to Agenda Items 7 and 8.

22/120 FINANCE REPORT.

The Clerk submitted a report seeking approval for the accounts to date and for payments as shown in the table below.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Approve the accounts to date.
- b. Approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Gross £	VAT £	Net £	Min. Ref
Ribble Valley Borough Council	2022/23 maintenance charges for Playing Fields and Trafford Gardens.	428.75	71.46	357.20	Contract Renewal
Oaklea Gardening (July)	Trafford Gardens - Maintenance	56.25	0.00	56.25	Contract
Play Inspection Company	Inspection of Play Equipment	83.40	13.90	69.50	Contract
Oaklea Gardening (August)	Trafford Gardens - Maintenance	56.25	0.00	56.25	Contract
Cllr. E Kinder	Plants and sealer for wooden planter.	40.16	0.00	40.16	22/063 (3)
Totals		664.81	85.36	579.36	

22/121 PARISH AMENITIES.

The Clerk submitted a report updating members on the matter of the bench near the bus stop at the Golf Club end of Barrow and to approve expenditure of no more than £300 to improve small plots of land situated within the village and to further improve Trafford Gardens.

Members were informed that Councillor Birtwistle had been able to refurbish the bench at no cost to the Council. In addition, the Clerk informed members that he has asked the Lengthsman to tidy up the whole area and jet-wash the paving stones under the bench.

Members were reminded that since April 2022, they had approved expenditure of £600 to improve Trafford Gardens, £200 to improve the area near the Barrow sign and £200 to improve the small plot of land near the reconditioned bench.

The report noted that Councillor Kinder had taken the lead in improving Parish amenities and that parishioners appear to have welcomed what had been currently carried out, with several compliments being received. The report also noted that additional expenditure could further enhance these small plots of land, and Trafford Gardens.

In addition to the above, members also considered and discussed:

- The issue of weeds in pavements and other public areas.
- The status and location of the Council's three defibrillators.

Public Participation: Two parishioners informed members of the anti-social behaviour that regularly occurs on the Playing Fields and how it negatively affects their well-being. The parishioners were informed that they should continue to inform the police of all anti-social behaviour and inform the local PCSO Ailsa Gill, mobile 07866 977520, email 7530@lancashire.police.uk

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Note the contents of the report.
- b. Approve expenditure of £300 for further improvements to small plots of land and to Trafford Gardens.
- c. Authorise the Clerk to identify those agency(s) that have responsibility for weed removal in public areas.
- d. Approve reimbursement to any resident who purchases weed killer, for use in public areas in Barrow.
- e. Authorise the Clerk to continue to engage with those organisations who previously stated they would install a defibrillator on their properties/sites.
- f. Authorise the Clerk to arrange an on-site meeting with those parishioners who attended the meeting and are being impacted by anti-social behaviour on the Council's Playing Fields.

22/122 BOUNDARY STONES

The Clerk submitted a report updating members on the matter of Boundary Stones which was discussed at the Council's 18 July meeting (Minute reference 22/106).

Public Participation: Four parishioners informed members of their intentions for using the Barrow Action Group (BAG) funds.

Regarding the BAG funds, at the last Council meeting members were reminded that:

- BAG was initially set up by a group of independent villagers to fund the development of a community centre.
- A Trustee Agreement stated that if by the 31 January 2002 there was no prospect of a building, property or suitable land becoming available for a community centre, the Trustees would canvass Barrow residents and seek suggestions as to the use of the fund. To this end, in September 2014 the trustees approved expenditure for the installation of two boundary stones.

The parishioners informed Council of their preferred location and type of boundary stones/boundary signs, their intention to use the BAG funds to purchase such boundary stones, tiered garden planters and a second bench for Trafford Gardens.

Regarding boundary signs, discussions took place on a Barrow coat-of-arms, and the possible involvement of the local primary school in designing the coat-of-arms.

In addition to the above, members also considered and discussed:

- The possibility of a grant being available to BAG, details of which Councillor Mirfin will send to the Clerk.
- The procurement from RVBC of additional bins for Trafford Gardens and the bus stop at the Golf Club end of the village.
- The amount of litter at Barrow Brook Trade Park.
- The state of the 'smaller' roundabout at Barrow Brook Trade Park.
- Use of CCTV cameras in and around the village.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Thank the parishioners for informing the Council of their intentions.
- b. Defer further consideration by the Council on Boundary Stones/Boundary Signs until the intentions of the parishioners are implemented.

Authorise the Clerk to:

- c. Assist the parishioners in progressing their stated intentions.
- d. Contact RVBC regarding the installation of two additional waste bins as set out above.
- e. Contact Euro-garages and the local businesses in Barrow Brook Trade Park regarding the amount of litter on site.
- f. Contact LCC Highways regarding the 'small' roundabout at Barrow Brook Trade Park.
- g. Inform RVBC that around 7 CCTV cameras may be required for Barrow Parish Council.

22/123 PLANNING REPORT

The Clerk submitted a report informing members of the relevant planning applications that had been submitted since the last meeting. Members were reminded that weekly planning applications and decided lists of planning applications are available to view on the RVBC website by using the link below:

https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/weekly_lists

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Note the contents of the report.

22/124 WORKING GROUP UPDATE

The Chair of the Parishioner Consultation Working Group submitted a report updating members on the activities of the Group. Members were reminded that at their meeting on 4 April 2022 they agreed to consult with parishioners to ensure their views could be reflected in the Council's decision-making process and agreed to set up a Working Group that would consider how best to consult with parishioners. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on 28 July 2022 where the Group nominated Councillor E. Kinder as Chair.

The report set out the actions and timeframes that had been agreed by the Working Group, including a draft Parishioner Survey attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Note the contents of the report.
- b. Approve the survey as shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

22/125 ROAD SAFETY

The Clerk submitted a report:

- Updating members on the meeting held with the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Updating members on road safety initiatives.
- Seeking the nomination of a Councillor to implement and lead on the Council's road safety initiatives.

Follow up Meeting with Andy Pratt, (Lancashire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner).

On 3 August Cllr. Kinder and the Clerk met with Andy in Barrow and walked along Whalley Road and into Barrow Brook Trade Park discussing traffic issues. From that meeting, Andy set out the actions the Parish Council could take to help reduce speed. These actions were set out in the report.

Safety Initiatives.

The report noted that Cllr. Street and the Clerk had met with Andy at his offices on 27 June and following that meeting and at Andy's suggestion, the Clerk had invited Altham Parish Council to make a presentation on Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs) to the last Committee Meeting. At that meeting, it was resolved that the Council would rent SpIDs from Altham Parish Council, subject to LCC confirming the installation of mounting plates.

The report also noted that since the last committee meeting, the Clerk had been informed that RVBC were looking to obtain SPiDs which they would loan to Parish Councils. The Clerk is keeping abreast of this initiative and will report back once more details are available.

The Clerk reminded members that he had circulated an email received from a resident which expressed their concern with speeding traffic in Barrow and would like the Council to explore the possibility of installing zebra crossings and suggested one near the bus stop at Whiteacre Lane and one near Barrow Primary School.

In addition, and in view of the recent fatal accident on the A59, the resident wondered if the Council could consider what actions they can take to try and prevent another accident from happening.

Member considered the resident's email and noted that the both the installation of zebra crossings and traffic matters in general lies with Lancashire County Council (LCC) Highways.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Note the contents of the report.
- b. Nominate Councillor Street to implement the actions as set out in the report and lead on other road safety initiatives.
- c. Authorise the Clerk to contact LCC regarding the installation of zebra crossings and other road safety initiatives.

By Virtue of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the next agenda item.

22/126 BURIAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Brown updated members on matters relating to the Burial Committee.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Note the report.
- b. Agree in principle to the preparation of a new constitution for the Burial Committee.

22/127 FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 24 October and Monday 5 December. At this meeting the Council agreed that future meetings will start at 6:30pm. Currently all meetings are being held at Whalley Old Grammar School, Station Road, Whalley.

Signed by Chair:

Date:

Crime Figures

For the Parish of Barrow



Category	#
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Motorbikes riders with no helmets or lights; concern over a possible fake Facebook account.	3
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Vehicle Domestic related.	1
Vehicle Crime Theft of number plates.	1
Suspicious Circumstances Males trying door handles, males trespassing and cold callers.	3
Assault Two dog bites and one neighbour issue.	3
Total for the period	11

Period

01/08/2022 to
31/08/2022

Information

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