

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

FOR THE ANNUAL OPEN PARISH MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017 AT BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENCING 7PM

Present:	Cllrs Jean Brown (Chair), Paul Street (Vice Chair), Stuart McGregor, Elizabeth Kinder
In attendance:	Mrs Victoria Wilson (Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for absence and consider approval

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Diane Chiappi due to family illness.

2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Open Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2016

It was resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the Annual Open Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2016 (previously circulated) as a correct record.

3. To receive the Annual Report from the Chairman of Barrow Parish Council

Cllr Jean Brown presented her annual report from Barrow Parish Council, and discussed the following:

- The appointment of Councillor Elizabeth Kinder to the Parish Council following Paul Dumon's resignation.
- Local planning applications, including the dismissal of the appeal by Admiral Taverns to build 167 houses behind Old Row. The ongoing work on residential developments at Barrow Brook and Hanson's Garden Centre, as well as recently approved applications at Barrow Brook Enterprise Site for two children's nurseries, fast food restaurants and light industrial units.
- The production of a parish council logo, two parish council newsletters and plans for a website to go live in 2017.
- A successful grant application to the British Heart Foundation for three defibrillators, due to be installed around the village in 2017.
- The loss of Barrow Allotments and the removal of its status as an asset of community value following an appeal by the landowners.
- Efforts to reduce the long-term flood risk following flooding in December 2015 and the lack of action by Lancashire County Council.
- Ongoing work at Barrow Playing Field and plans to complete the refurbishment in 2017.
- The Lengthsman's work on the noticeboard and rose garden at Trafford Gardens and the installation of new fencing at Barrow Playing Field.
- Thanks were given to all the Councillors for their interest and support during the year. The Clerk was also thanked for her work.

4. To receive Barrow Parish Council's financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2017

Barrow Parish Council's financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2017 (previously circulated) were presented, approved and accepted. These showed an opening balance of £2,462.71, income of £13,785.03 and expenditure of £11,494.21, leaving a balance carried forward at the year-end of £4,753.53.

5. To hold an open forum

There were no members of the public present.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.10pm.

Signed by Chair.....

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