



MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2020 AT BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENCING 7PM

Present:	Clrs Jean Brown (Chair), Lee Street, Sarah Parry
In attendance:	Mrs Victoria Wilson (Clerk), Borough Cllr David Birtwhistle and two members of the public

20/001. To receive apologies for absence and consider approval

Apologies were received from Cllr Chiappi due to family illness and it was resolved to approve the reasons for absence. Cllr Kinder's absence was approved at a previous meeting.

20/002. To receive declarations of interest

None were received.

20/003. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019

It was resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th November 2019 (previously circulated) as a correct record.

The following agenda item was brought forward

20/004. To consider PACT issues (Police and Communities Together)

PC Pete Howarth from Lancashire Police attended the meeting and gave a report on recent crimes and incidents in Barrow. He explained how budget cuts had affected policing in the Ribble Valley and the difficulties faced with fewer Officers on duty. PC Howarth advised that Police would continue to monitor anti-social behaviour on Barrow Playing Field and inconsiderate parking near Barrow Primary School. Residents' concerns regarding speeding through the village were discussed and Members requested extra speed checks and suggested suitable monitoring times. The cleanliness of Whalley Road outside the housing developments was discussed and it was noted that the Police will only act if the road is in a dangerous state.

20/005. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45pm.

Members of the public discussed the progress of local building work, LCC road adoptions, signage at Barrow Brook and the dangerous condition of the former pub on Old Row, Whalley Road. It was agreed to report the condition of the former pub to RVBC.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.00pm.

20/006. To approve as a correct record the 2019/20 accounts to date and authorise payments

It was resolved that the accounts to date for the year ended 31st March 2020 are approved and accepted. These show an opening balance of £4,208.14, receipts of £13,733.93 and expenditure of £8,740.42, leaving a balance carried forward of £9,201.65.

It was noted that the following payments were made in December 2019 following authorisation at earlier meetings:

017	LITE - additional Christmas lights at Barrow Brook	£652.80
018	Proludic - replacement chains for equipment at Barrow Playing Field	£437.45
019	Pennine Playgrounds - fitting of new chains on equipment at Barrow Playing Field	£312.00
020	T P Hardman - Christmas tree at Trafford Gardens	£260.00

It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment:

021	Mrs V Wilson - Clerk's salary £838.35, use of home £34.66, reimbursements £150.48, mileage £9.90 (November and December 2019)	£1,033.39
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20/007. To receive a report on recent planning applications and RVBC decisions relating to Barrow

Cllr Brown discussed a planning report (previously circulated) on recent planning applications relating to Barrow. It was resolved to submit an objection to RVBC for a planning application at Thorneyholme on Whalley Road. Members discussed the possibility of a new planning application for Barrow Primary School to demolish the chapel and hall and the Clerk would contact LCC for more information.

20/008. To receive a report on the recent meeting with Redrow Homes and consider work in the village using s106 funds

It was agreed to compile a wishlist of work to be carried out across the parish, in support of discussions with Redrow Homes following their offer of funds under a s106 agreement. Suggested projects include a new noticeboard at Trafford Gardens, revamp of Trafford Gardens, replacement benches around the village, repairs to footpaths around the village and improvements to the surfaces at Barrow Playing Field. It was resolved to contact Redrow Homes for more information on the proposed s106 agreement and hold an informal meeting to finalise a response.

20/009. To consider the condition of footpaths throughout the village

The state of the footpath that runs alongside Barrow Brook was discussed and it was noted that following correspondence, the directors of the Barrow Brook Grange Management Company were unwilling to make any improvements. The legal implications of using parish council resources to carry out improvements to a privately owned footpath were discussed, as well as the potential for future liabilities, and it was resolved to contact the directors to offer a small donation. There was also a suggestion of asking for volunteers to spread bark or gravel along the footpath. It was noted that surface improvements for the public footpath that runs behind Old Row might be necessary in the future. Discussions regarding the condition of the footpath alongside the Taylor Wimpey development were deferred until the next meeting.

20/010. To consider correspondence regarding the Biological Heritage Site adjacent to the Redrow Homes and Taylor Wimpey developments

Concerns regarding the drainage work carried out on the Biological Heritage Site were discussed and Borough Cllr Birtwhistle reported that RVBC were looking at whether there was consent for the work and he would keep the parish council informed of ongoing discussions.

20/011. To consider various highway matters, including speeding on Whalley Road and the A59

Highway matters were discussed earlier in the meeting with the PACT Officer.

20/012. To consider various issues at Barrow Playing Field, including recent anti-social behaviour and correspondence from a neighbour regarding damage to property

The Clerk reported on a claim received from a resident over the cost of a replacement fence adjoining Barrow Playing Field. Advice from Solicitors at Ribbles Valley Borough Council regarding ownership of the fence was noted and it was resolved to advise the resident that the fence was not the parish council's property and the claim would not be paid. Issues regarding anti-social behaviour at the playing field were discussed earlier in the meeting with the PACT Officer.

20/013. To consider the installation of further defibrillators in the village

The Clerk reported on continued conversations with Redrow and Little Explorers Nursery on locating further defibrillators. As an alternative, Members suggested an approach to Lancashire County Council to request using the electricity supply from lampposts for defibrillator cabinets. It was resolved that the parish council would accept full responsibility for the defibrillators and cabinets, provide ancillary supplies and carry out the weekly checks, if requested.

20/014. To consider the grassed area at Trafford Gardens and volunteer gardeners

This item was deferred until the next meeting due to a shortage of time.

20/015. To consider the grassed area on Whalley Road, next to the Redrow development

This item was deferred until the next meeting due to a shortage of time.

20/016. To discuss new regulations regarding parish council website accessibility

This item was deferred until the next meeting due to a shortage of time.

20/017. To receive a report from Cllr Lee Street as parish council representative to the board of governors at Barrow Primary School

Cllr Street reported that he had attended a recent Governors meeting, but the discussions were confidential.

20/018. To receive a report from Cllr Jean Brown on recent activity at Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee

Cllr Brown reported that there had not been any meetings or recent activity to discuss.

20/019. To report on RVBC's Parish Councils Liaison Committee meeting on 21st November 2019 and discuss the next meeting on 30th January 2020

It was noted that Cllr Street had been unable to attend the November meeting. Cllr Chiappi was unable to attend the January meeting and as no other representatives were available, it was resolved to send apologies. Cllr Brown agreed to attend the next meeting of Ribble Valley Lancashire Association of Local Councils on 12th February 2020.

20/020. To consider arrangements for a joint meeting with our MP, County Councillor and Borough Councillors

The Clerk reported that she had contacted all parties to suggest a meeting but a date had not yet been agreed.

20/021. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 16th March 2020 and consider invitations to other parties

The meeting date was confirmed.

20/022. To consider any other business

- i. It was resolved to contact RVBC to submit a Freedom of Information request regarding s106 funding from planning consents in Barrow and establish the amount of funding spent in Barrow itself.
- ii. Cllr Brown reported that bags of rubbish had been dumped in Barrow Brook, behind the Printworks office building. It was resolved to write to HML Group and the directors of the management company to ask that the rubbish is removed to reduce the risk of flooding downstream.
- iii. Borough Cllr Birtwhistle briefly discussed the role of dog wardens across the borough. The Clerk advised that she often had difficulty contacting a dog warden and Cllr Birtwhistle agreed to obtain up to date contact details.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed by Chair..... Date.....