

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018 AT BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENCING 7.00PM

Present:	Cllrs Jean Brown (Chair), Paul Street (Vice Chair), Stuart McGregor, Diane Chiappi
In attendance:	PCSO Katie Ferguson, Mrs Victoria Wilson (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

18/01. To receive apologies for absence and consider approval

Cllr Elizabeth Kinder could not attend due to an extended holiday and it was resolved to accept her apologies and approve her reasons for absence for both the January and March meetings.

Cllr Paul Street handed in his formal resignation as member of the parish council following his move out of the area. Cllr Brown expressed the parish council's gratitude for all his work in the community and wished him well in the future.

Cllr Street left the meeting at 7.10pm.

18/02. To receive declarations of interest

None were received.

18/03. To consider PACT issues (Police and Communities Together) with PCSO Katie Ferguson

PCSO Katie Ferguson attended the meeting at the parish council's invitation. She advised that following previous complaints of inconsiderate parking, she had visited Millbrook Place several times but not witnessed any issues. She also reported on several commercial thefts from building sites in the village and some nuisance vehicles dealt with at Barrow Brook. The police had received reports of an increase in scrap metal vehicles in the area and PCSO Ferguson encouraged residents to phone the police to report any suspicious behaviour straight away. The recent accident at the roundabout on the A59 was also discussed.

The Parish Council thanked PCSO Ferguson for her attendance and she left the meeting at 7.20pm.

18/04. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 7.20pm and reconvened at 7.25pm following a public discussion on the new bus stop at Barrow Brook.

18/05. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2017

It was resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th November 2017 (previously circulated) as a correct record.

18/06. To approve as a correct record the 2017/18 accounts to date and authorise payments

It was resolved that the accounts to date for the year ended 31st March 2018 are approved and accepted. These show an opening balance of £4,753.53, receipts of £32,236.80 and expenditure of £18,440.74, leaving a balance carried forward of £18,549.59.

It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment:

019	Mrs V Wilson - Clerk's salary £872.95, reimbursements £225.18, use of home £34.66, mileage £9.45 (November and December 2017)	£1,142.24
020	Lancashire County Council – electricity installation for xmas lights at Barrow Brook	£2,400.00

A payment to Ribble Valley Borough Council of £325 plus VAT for grounds maintenance was also authorised and a cheque would be sent once the invoice is received.

The Clerk reported that funds had been received from Ribble Valley Borough Council to cover s106 expenses at Barrow Playing Field and included a loan of VAT of £3,877.80 on invoices from Proludic and Landscape Engineering. The VAT would be reclaimed from HMR&C and the repayment to RVBC was authorised.

18/07. To receive a report on planning applications relating to Barrow

Cllr Brown discussed a planning report (previously circulated) on planning applications relating to Barrow. Correspondence with a resident regarding planning consent for Redrow Homes' advertising board was noted and it was agreed not to take any further action.

18/08. To consider the Lancashire County Council's consultation on the expansion of Barrow Primary School

It was noted that Lancashire County Council has decided to proceed with the expansion of Barrow Primary School and requested further representations on the expansion. It was resolved to write to LCC, once again, to express serious concerns over parking and highway issues and advise on inaccuracies in their report regarding public use of the nearby private car park.

18/09. To consider the Redrow Homes development off Whalley Road, including correspondence from residents regarding its impact on highway safety and public footpaths

Correspondence from a resident regarding HGV vehicles accessing the Redrow Homes site on Whalley Road was discussed and it was resolved to write to RVBC to request an update. The temporary diversion of the public footpath across the Redrow Homes development was noted.

18/10. To consider highway issues, including correspondence from residents regarding potholes and overgrown hedges on Whalley Road

The Clerk reported on her recent correspondence with LCC regarding the overgrown hedges on Whalley Road and various potholes in the village. It was noted that LCC had not yet taken any action regarding the list of potholes submitted six months ago and as some new potholes had recently appeared, it was resolved to draw up a new list and forward it to County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

18/11. To receive an update the proposed sale of Middle Lodge – Asset of Community Value

It was noted that no new information had been received on the proposed sale of Middle Lodge. The parish council confirmed their wishes to keep the lodge in place but, due to a lack of funds and the potential liability associated with owning a lodge, it was not possible for it to take any action.

18/12. To consider the installation of Christmas lights at Barrow Brook

The addition of Christmas lights on the roundabout at Barrow Brook was welcomed and local businesses were thanked for their generous contributions. It was resolved to look at the possibility of purchasing more lights for 2018 using grant funding.

18/13. To receive an update on work recently completed at Barrow Playing Field and consider future works

The Clerk gave an update on discussions with Landscape Engineering regarding the installation of metal railings at Barrow Playing Field and advised that payment would not be made until further work was carried out. It was resolved to purchase new nets for the two goals and hold a meeting with the Lengthsman to discuss improvements to the steps at the Washbrook Close entrance.

18/14. To consider Barrow's entry into Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition 2018

It was resolved not to enter Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition in 2018 because of the condition of the Admiral Taverns property in the centre of the village and the continued building work nearby. The Clerk would contact RVBC again to request that repairs are carried out to the bench at Trafford Gardens.

18/15. To consider the Parish Council's recent meeting with Nigel Evans MP

The parish council's meeting with Nigel Evans MP was discussed and it was resolved to arrange another meeting in November 2018 and invite County Councillor Albert Atkinson and Borough Councillor Robert Thompson along as well. The Clerk would write to Mr Evans to request an update on matters discussed, including the shortage of GP surgeries and school places and the problems of HGV parking at Barrow Brook.

18/16. To consider attendance at the Parish Councils Liaison Committee meeting on 25th January 2018

Following Cllr Street's resignation, it was agreed that Cllr McGregor would attend the next meeting on behalf of the parish council.

18/17. To receive a report from the Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee from Cllrs Brown and McGregor

Cllr Brown reported on recent meetings to update the regulations and complaints procedures which would require parish council approval once completed. The parish council's precept would remain at £145 for 2018/19.

18/18. To receive an update on:

i. correspondence with LCC regarding measures to reduce the flood risk in the village

Cllr Brown reported on information received regarding the Environment Agency's duties to inspect lodges and reservoirs. It was resolved to invite the Environment Agency to a meeting to discuss the matter further. The lack of response from LCC regarding reducing the flood risk in the village and inaccuracies in their recent report was noted.

- ii. **correspondence with LCC regarding HGV parking at Barrow Brook**
It was noted that the parish council were still waiting for a response from LCC regarding HGV parking.
- iii. **correspondence with LCC regarding the installation of signage and road markings at Barrow Brook Enterprise Park, including the Eurogarages site**
It was resolved to write again to RVBC regarding the lack of road markings and signage on the Eurogarages site. Due to the large amount of traffic using the Barrow Brook estate, it was also resolved to contact LCC to request the installation of two zebra crossings. It was noted that the car park owned by Little Explorers' nursery had not yet been fenced off and it was agreed to monitor this.
- iv. **correspondence with RVBC regarding waste discharged by road sweeping vehicles**
The dirty roads outside the building sites on Whalley Road were discussed and concerns over the effectiveness of the road sweeping vehicles were noted. It was resolved to contact RVBC for an update on previous complaints and request that Redrow Homes clean the bus shelter outside its development as a gesture of goodwill.
- v. **correspondence with RVBC regarding Public Space Protection Orders**
It was noted that the information requested from RVBC had not yet been received and the Clerk would contact them again.
- vi. **the installation of defibrillators in the village**
It was noted that a defibrillator cabinet would shortly be installed at Trafford Gardens and some extra landscaping would be required to lessen the impact of the cabinet on the gardens. The Clerk would continue to look for suitable locations for the other two cabinets and contact the North West Ambulance Service for advice.
- vii. **repairs to the banking at Barrow Brook by Bloor Homes**
Concerns were discussed regarding the stability of the banking at Barrow Brook, from Middle Lodge to Whalley Road, and it was resolved to request a meeting with RVBC on-site to discuss this further.

18/19. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 22nd March 2018 and consider invitations to other parties

The meeting date was confirmed and it was resolved to invite PCSO Ferguson to the next meeting.

18/20. To consider any other business

- i. Following Cllr Street's resignation, it was resolved that the Clerk would contact RVBC and advertise the vacancy. If an election is not requested by electors, it was resolved to proceed with co-option of a new member at the next meeting.
- ii. Cllr Brown noted that the parish council's website had been updated and recommended everyone take a look.
- iii. It was resolved to publish the next parish council newsletter in July 2018.
- iv. Cllr McGregor suggested a clean-up day at Barrow Playing Field and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting once the weather has improved.
- v. It was noted that a meeting would take place in Whalley on 6th February 2018 regarding commemorations for Armistice Day. Cllrs Brown and McGregor hoped to attend on behalf of the parish council.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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