



MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2019 AT BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENCING 7PM

Present:	Cllrs Jean Brown (Chair), Lee Street, Elizabeth Kinder, Sarah Parry
In attendance:	Mrs Victoria Wilson (Clerk), Paul Haunch (Lancashire Police), Borough Cllrs David Birtwhistle and Robert Thompson and 16 members of the public

19/92. To receive apologies for absence and consider approval

Apologies were received from Cllr Chiappi due to illness and it was resolved to approve her reasons for absence.

19/93. To receive declarations of interest

None were received.

19/94. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2019

It was resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 18th July 2019 (previously circulated) as a correct record.

19/95. To consider the new Community Champion volunteer roles with Paul Haunch, Community Engagement Officer from Lancashire Police

Paul Haunch, a Community Engagement Officer for Lancashire Police talked about the possibility of creating a new Community Champion Volunteer role within Barrow. The scheme, in conjunction with the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership, would appoint a uniformed volunteer to liaise with the parish council and local public services, and assist local residents to resolve issues of concern. It was agreed to consider the scheme in more detail at the next meeting. Paul Haunch was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting.

19/96. To consider PACT issues (Police and Communities Together)

It was noted with disappointment that PACT Officers had not responded to the parish council's invitation to attend the meeting or provide a report on recent incidents in Barrow. In response to complaints from residents regarding speeding vehicles along Clitheroe Road and Whalley Road, it was resolved to contact PACT Officers to ask them to increase patrols in the area, particularly at school times and late at night.

19/97. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 7.20pm.

Members of the public discussed the recent planning application for a proposed multi-use development between Clitheroe Road and the A59 in Whalley parish. Residents were concerned about the impact of further housing on Barrow; the increase in traffic through Barrow, the loss of open countryside, the effect on residential amenity, the lack of sustainability, the lack of affordable housing and the impact on the Core Strategy. Borough Cllrs Robert Thompson and David Birtwhistle also expressed their concerns about the application in its current form.

Cllr Robert Thompson and Members of the public left and the Chair reconvened the meeting at 7.50pm.

19/98. 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 £11,938.15 and expenditure of £5,358.12, leaving a balance carried forward of £10,788.17.

It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment:

008	Mrs V Wilson - Clerk's salary £704.70, mileage £4.50, use of home £34.66, reimbursements £59.56 (July and August 2019)	£803.42
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19/99. To consider planning application 3/2019/0545 for a proposed multi-use development between Clitheroe Road and A59 in Whalley parish

It was resolved to submit strong objections to RVBC, in line with the discussions earlier in the meeting.

19/100. To receive a report on 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 objections to the change of use application at Barrow Brook Industrial Estate based on traffic / access issues and environmental health concerns.

19/101. To consider various highway matters, including the cleanliness of Whalley Road, near to the Redrow estate

The lack of road cleaning on Whalley Road outside the Redrow Homes estate was discussed and Borough Cllr David Birtwhistle and the Clerk gave an update on their discussions with the Head of Legal Services and Enforcement Officer at RVBC. Correspondence from a resident regarding speeding through the village was discussed and it was resolved to monitor the highway works taking place on Whalley Road before approaching LCC to discuss traffic calming measures.

19/102. To consider correspondence regarding overgrown hedgerow on Whalley Road

Following complaints from residents regarding the overgrown hedgerow close to the Morris Homes development on Whalley Road, it was noted that the hedgerow was trimmed prior to the meeting. It was resolved to contact Taylor Wimpey / David Wilson Homes regarding the overgrown hedgerow on Clitheroe Road.

19/103. To consider correspondence regarding children playing on Admiral Taverns' property

The Clerk reported that she had informed Barrow Primary School and Admiral Taverns about children playing on the property and it was agreed to monitor the situation.

19/104. To consider correspondence regarding camping at Barrow Lodge

Members discussed their environmental concerns following reports of camping at Barrow Lodge but it was noted that the lodge is on private land. It was agreed that the parish council would monitor the site and if the camping continues, the Clerk will report the issue to RVBC Environmental Health.

19/105. To consider correspondence regarding damage to property adjacent to Barrow Playing Field

Following complaints of damage to fencing adjoining Barrow Playing Field, the parish council considered the neighbour's claim for repair costs. After some discussion, it was resolved that the parish council would not accept the claim as the damage was caused by a third party and the fence was already in a poor state of repair.

19/106. To consider the 2019 Play Inspection Report for Barrow Playing Field and discuss future maintenance work

As the play inspection report had only highlighted low-risk factors, it was resolved that the Clerk would arrange the necessary repairs with the Lengthsman and Proludic.

19/107. To consider enforcement measures for the dog ban on Barrow Playing Field

The continuing problem of dogs on Barrow Playing Field was discussed and it was resolved to ask the dog warden to increase patrols.

19/108. To consider the renovation of planting areas at Trafford Gardens

It was resolved to hold a meeting with the Lengthsman to discuss work on the flowerbeds at Trafford Gardens and include an advert in the next parish council newsletter for volunteers to assist with maintenance in the future.

19/109. To consider the installation of further defibrillators in the village

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the children's nursery at Barrow Brook regarding the possibility of installing a defibrillator cabinet on their outside wall for public use and the Clerk would forward more information regarding costs and legal responsibilities. As no response had been received from Redrow Homes, it was resolved to approach businesses on Whalley Industrial Park to install the remaining defibrillator.

19/110. To consider the extension of No Cold Calling scheme to residential properties at Barrow Brook

The Clerk reported on work with Lancashire County Council Trading Standards to establish a No Cold Calling zone on the residential estates at Barrow Brook. Members of the parish council agreed to deliver LCC's questionnaires and stickers to all properties concerned.

19/111. To appoint a signatory / trustee to the Barrow Action Group's bank account

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Sarah Parry as a signatory / trustee.

19/112. To appoint a new representative to Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee and receive a report on recent activity from Cllr Brown

Following the resignation of Cllr Elizabeth Kinder from the committee, it was resolved to appoint Cllr Lee Street but noted that attendance at some meetings might be difficult due to his work commitments. Cllr Brown reported on the committee meeting in August 2019, including the recent safety inspections and future landscaping work.

19/113. To consider the parish council's next newsletter

It was resolved to issue the next newsletter before Christmas and the Clerk would prepare the first draft ahead of the next meeting.

19/114. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 11th November 2019 and consider invitations to other parties

The meeting date was confirmed. It was agreed to invite Borough Councillors David Birtwhistle and Robert Thompson to the meeting.

19/115. To consider any other business

Cllr Brown discussed her concerns regarding the current state of the former Pendle Fisheries site, including loose pipework, overgrown vegetation and blocked public footpaths and it was resolved to write to LCC to request that they carry out an inspection.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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