



MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENCING 7PM

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

19/116. To receive apologies for absence and consider approval

Apologies were received from Cllr Parry due to childcare issues and it was resolved to approve her reasons for absence. Cllr Kinder advised that she was unable to attend the next two meetings in January and March 2020 due to holiday and it was resolved to approve her reasons for absence.

19/117. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Street expressed an interest in agenda item 19/121 as he lives on the Pendle View estate.

19/118. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2019

It was resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23rd September 2019 (previously circulated) as a correct record.

19/119. 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. It was resolved to write to Lancashire Police to express disappointment and request that an Officer attends the next meeting in January 2020.

19/120. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

There was no adjournment as members of the public did not wish to raise any issues.

The following agenda item was brought forward

19/121. To consider the maintenance proposal from Pendle Hill View management company

The proposal brought by the Pendle Hill View management company to take over the maintenance of their public spaces was discussed. Following advice from the Lancashire Association of Local Councils, it was noted that no other parish councils in the area had similar schemes. It was resolved that unfortunately the council was not able to assist the management company due to a lack of resources and concerns over legal issues such as debt collection.

Two members of the public then left the meeting

19/122. To consider the parish council's budget update and decide on the precept for 2020/21

After a review of the forecasted financial outcome for 2019/20 and the draft budgets for 2020/21, there was a discussion on the level of precept required. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to RVBC to request a precept of £12,935, which is an average annual cost per household in Barrow of £23.35 (taxbase 554), a small increase on the previous three years, in line with RPI. Cllr Brown was authorised to sign the claim form for RVBC.

19/123. 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 £12,536.15 and expenditure of £6,161.54, leaving a balance carried forward of £10,582.75.

It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment:

015	Mrs V Wilson - Clerk's salary £826.20, use of home £34.66, reimbursements £30.77 (September and October 2019)	£891.63
016	Royal British Legion – donation for poppy wreath	£25.00

19/124. To consider the purchase of new Christmas lights for Barrow Brook

It was resolved to purchase additional Christmas lights for the fir trees on the roundabout at Barrow Brook and submit a grant application to RVBC for 50% of the cost. It was also resolved to purchase and install a Christmas tree at Trafford Gardens, as in previous years. The possibility of installing some large LED reindeer at Barrow Brook and Trafford Gardens was discussed and the Clerk agreed to consider the electricity supply and costs.

19/125. To authorise a claim to RVBC for the remaining s106 funds for Barrow Playing Field

It was resolved to authorise a claim to RVBC for s106 funds of £1,197.78 for the renovation and maintenance work that had recently taken place at Barrow Playing Field, such as new signage, goalnets and annual safety checks. The claim represents the final balance of the funds donated by Rowland Homes and is required to meet the time limits set by the s106 agreement.

19/126. To consider the appointment of a Community Champion volunteer role for Barrow

It was resolved that the parish council would work in conjunction with the Police and Lancashire Volunteer Partnership to create a new Community Champion Volunteer role within Barrow. The scheme would appoint a uniformed volunteer to liaise with the parish council and local public services and assist local residents to resolve issues of concern.

19/127. To receive a report on recent planning applications and RVBC decisions relating to Barrow and discuss a potential meeting with Redrow

Cllr Brown discussed a planning report (previously circulated) on recent planning applications relating to Barrow. It was agreed to submit a response to RVBC's Strategic Housing and Economic Needs Assessment, stating that there should be no more housing in Barrow under any circumstances. Also, BT's proposed removal of the payphone on Whalley Road was discussed and it was agreed that, as the phone had only been used twice in the past year, the parish council would not object. Arrangements for a meeting with Redrow Homes were discussed. It was resolved to contact Rowland Homes regarding the muddy footpath which runs alongside Barrow Brook and enquire whether any repairs could be carried out.

19/128. To consider various highway matters

The cleanliness of Whalley Road outside of the Redrow Homes development and subsequent correspondence received from RVBC were discussed. It was noted that resident complaints to RVBC had decreased and it was resolved to urge residents to report any issues to both RVBC and LCC in the next parish council newsletter. It was resolved to ask LCC to contact BT to request the telegraph pole is moved from the centre of the pavement on Whalley Road, adjacent to the Rowland Homes estate.

19/129. To consider maintenance work at Barrow Playing Field, including the purchase of new chains for the basket swing

It was resolved to replace the chains on the basket swing at Barrow Playing Field following advice on their safety. The replacement chains would be purchased from Proludic at a cost of £364.54 plus VAT and installed by Pennine Playgrounds for £260.00 plus VAT.

19/130. To consider proposed amendments to the constitution at Whalley Educational Foundation

It was noted that proposed amendments would result in Barrow Parish Council making its own nomination to the Whalley Educational Foundation in future years and it was resolved to approve the amendments. Previous nominations were made in conjunction with Wiswell Parish Council.

19/131. To consider the installation of further defibrillators in the village

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

19/132. To receive an update on work to reduce the flood risk in the village

The Clerk advised that she had reported the poor state of the former Pendle Fisheries site to LCC's Flood Team but was not aware if any inspections / work had been carried out. It was agreed to monitor the site for further blockages.

19/133. 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.

19/134. To consider the parish council's next newsletter

It was resolved to issue the next newsletter before Christmas and items to include in the newsletter were discussed. The Clerk agreed to prepare the first draft for approval before the end of November.

19/135. To receive a report on recent activity from Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee from Cllr Brown

This item was not discussed due to a shortage of time.

19/136. To receive a report on RVBC's Parish Councils Liaison Committee meeting on 26th September 2018 from Cllr Brown

This item was not discussed due to a shortage of time.

19/137. To consider arrangements for a joint meeting with our MP, County Councillor and Borough Councillors

It was resolved to wait until after the General Election on 12th December 2019 before planning a joint meeting.

19/138. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 20th January 2020 and consider invitations to other parties

The meeting date was confirmed. (It was subsequently agreed to move the meeting date to 27th January 2020.)

19/139. To consider any other business

- i. Cllr Street advised that he had not yet attended a Governors' meeting following his appointment as representative to the Board of Governors at Barrow Primary School but was hoping to provide a report at the next parish council meeting.
- ii. Cllrs Street and Kinder were thanked for their attendance at the Wiswell Remembrance Service on 10th November 2019, which included laying a wreath on behalf of the fallen from Barrow.
- iii. Councillors Brown and Street and former councillor Stuart McGregor were thanked for delivering information leaflets on LCC's No Cold Calling scheme to properties on the new developments at Barrow Brook. Residents were urged to return the surveys to LCC if they support an extension of the No Cold Calling area.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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