

## Agenda Item 4

### **Council's Response to Planning Application 21/0949/FUL**

Barrowford Parish Council received this application on the 8<sup>th</sup> December the day of the last Council Meeting with it being decided that the application would be reviewed by the Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk. After looking at the number and complexity of the documents submitted with this application and the need to highlight the relevant Planning Policies at National, Pendle and Barrowford level which could be used to mount an effective objection to this application, it was decided to use a Planning Consultant to write the Council's Objection.

Due to the very short timescale Mrs. P. Fitzgerald was approached and a fee of £720.00 was agreed for the work. The Clerk sent Mrs. Fitzgerald all the relevant points that had been brought forward and a comprehensive response was drafted, **(appendix 1)** the report is subjective and not emotive and highlights the relevant planning objections in relation to planning policy in a form and language that Planning Officers understand.

The Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk discussed engaging Mrs. Fitzgerald to speak on the Council's behalf when the Application is heard. There will be an additional cost for this work. The Council's objections need to be presented in a clear and concise manner and relate to current Planning Policy in a calm and clinical manner which would be difficult for Council Members who live within the village.

#### **Actions Needed:**

1. The Council need to approve the initial engagement of Mrs. Fitzgerald for her services in drafting the initial objection.
2. To engage Mrs. Fitzgerald to speak on the Council's behalf at relevant Pendle Borough Council meetings relating to this application.

#### **Cost Implications:**

The initial cost for the response will be £720.00 with a further £280.00 for representing the Council at the Policy & Resources.

The Clerk has identified funding from underspend in the 2021-22 budget and created a new budget heading which will be approved as part of the virements for approval in Agenda Item 6.