

Agenda Item 3

**Minutes of the Meeting of Barrowford Parish Council
Held at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday 15th January 2025**

Present

Cllr. A. Stringer – Chairman in the Chair

Parish Councillors

S. Nike

R. Oliver

J. Gibson

C. Ashton

M. Iqbal

Cllr. D. Gallea

106. Declaration of Interest: None

107. Apologies: Cllr. T. Titchiner, A. Vickerman, L. Ashworth, T. Titchiner, P. Thompson

108. Minutes of Meeting of the Council Held on the 11th December 2024: Copies having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved: To adopt the minutes as a true record.

109. Planning Applications, Tree Orders and Highway Matters:

It was Resolved:

Number	Detail	Comments
25/0022/HHO	Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension. 3 Dixon Street Barrowford Lancashire	No Objection:

110. Financial Matters: The payment schedule, Outturns having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved:

- a. To Approve the highlighted Virements for December 2024
- b. Note the Outturn to the 31st December 2024
- c. To Note the Bank Reconciliation to 31st December 2024
- d. Approve payments of payments of £20,660.25 for January 2025.

111. Approval of Budget 2025-26 and Precept for 2025-6: After consider the enclosed report of the Finance Working Group.

It was Resolved:

- a) To approve the budget of £266,885.00 for the year 2025-26
- b) To Set the Precept requirement at £243,500.00 for the year 2025-26

112. River Wall Update: The Clerk gave verbal report at the meeting this item will remain on the agenda.

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113. Conifer to the side of Holmefield House: Request from the Friends of Holmefield House to write to the East Lancs Health Trust regarding the condition of the conifer and request that they remove it.

It was Resolved: That the Clerk writes to the appropriate Officer regarding concerns about the health of the conifer and potential risk factors.

114. Report of the Clerk: The following matters were brought to the attention of the Council.

1) Festive Decorations:

- All the shop trees have been taken down except the one across from the office. Scaffolding has been installed and the tree will be removed when the scaffolding has been removed.
- Now the snow/ice has gone stripping of the trees will be carried out and the trees disposed of early next week.
- The lights in the Cruck Barn will be taken down on Friday along with the lights in the walled garden the lights up the footpath will be left in situ for the Heritage Centres use.
- The Council needs to replace many of the brackets that the attach the trees to the brackets on the shops, the Clerk will order some out of this year's budget.

2) Mr. Daniel Hall: The Clerk has received two emails from Mr. Hall regarding a potential use of the triangle of land adjacent to Higherford Methodist Church as an electric charging hub. (see attached drawing). The Council asked the Clerk to contact Mr Hall and inform him that the Council will comment when an application has been submitted and out for consultation.

115. Report on the Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee Meeting:
Brief report given by Cllr. Oliver.

116. To receive reports (if any) from County & Borough Councillors and members appointed to other bodies: Cllr. Gallea gave a brief update on Pendle Borough Council and the upcoming Extraordinary Council Meeting.

117. Date, time & place of next meeting: *Next Council Meeting to be held 7pm 19th February 2025 at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford.*