

Agenda Item 9

Peter Clegg

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PROPOSAL

To install a flagpole at Holmefield House.

Having lived in Barrowford for over thirty five years I remember the flag pole at Holmefield House which was located approximately twenty feet towards Lucy Street from the tree in what is now the car park.

The large steel tabernacle was removed when the car park was developed over ten years ago.

I believe that the village has lost a point of interest whereby national and local events could be remembered by the re-introduction of a village flagpole.

The location would need to be clearly visible to all and the most prominent position would be in the grass verge within the car park owned by Barrowford Parish Council, located 8.5 meters from the gate post which would place it between two planters and centre line to a disabled parking spot.

The pole would be eight meters tall, glass fibre with a hinged step in order to lower it twice yearly for cleaning and maintenance.

The halyard would be raised from a locked compartment to stop vandalism.

As a member of the Armed Forces Support Group I would propose that the Group raises and lowers the flags in accordance with a mandate agreed with the parish council and that included the latest direction from both Lancashire County Council and Pendle Borough Council.

Primarily British national and military flags accompanied by county, British Overseas Territory's and Dominions flags.

The local schools, including the nurseries and church could be included to offer a (What Flag are we flying this week) competition with small prizes for the successful entrants.

Barrowford Parish Council would be the owners responsible for insurance and maintenance and the Armed Forces Support Group responsible for the weekly selection of flag to be raised and lowered each Wednesday.

Cost to date for supply delivery, ground works and installation by a northern company £1275 + vat which could be paid for by the AFSG who will then endeavour to fundraise within the local community to recover the cost.

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By getting the AFSG to project manage and pay for this scheme we negate the requirement to obtain three estimates and then seek council approval. We would need the general approval of the parish councillors as was the case with the Annex extension.

This is a broad proposal to meet what I consider is a worthwhile addition to enhance the village, and provide an education for our children,

I would welcome any questions and comments to this proposal as I am sure it will cause some discussion within the local community and I am keen to demonstrate that money is not being used from the parish precept.

It would be helpful if a meeting could be arrange with the respective officers of Holmefield House, the Parish Council and the AFSG.

I have spoken with Tony Dixon, a former Chairman of Barrowford Parish Council and he has offered to fund raise for this project. A local business lady has offered support and discussions with Mike Waddington, Andrew Stephenson and Allister Stringer have been very positive.

Thank you for your support

Peter Clegg

Member of the Armed Forces Support Group

Member of the Friends of Holmefield House.

Member of Barrowford Clarets Supported Club

Annex

Costs supplied by

United Flag Company

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