



## **REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

The following are considered key points from the most recent parish council meeting. Full and formal minutes will be published once they are agreed at the next parish council meeting in January 2019. This report is therefore provided as part of an effort by the parish council to continually improve communications to residents.

- The parish council received a report from PCSO Katie Ferguson detailing recent incidents in the village, including vehicles speeding on the A59, nuisance vehicles at Barrow Brook and thefts from building sites. There was a warning about a run of burglaries in neighbouring villages on addresses with high powered vehicles.
- Following conversations with residents and Ribble Valley Borough Council, it was agreed to purchase an extra dog waste bin and pay for the annual emptying costs. The bin is to be located near the lodge at Barrow Brook to deter dog waste being placed in McDonald's bins nearby.
- It was agreed to purchase new Christmas lights for the fir trees on the roundabout at Barrow Brook, using parish council funds and a small grant from Ribble Valley Borough Council. The parish council will approach local businesses to ask them to consider making a donation to purchase extra lights for maximum impact. It was agreed to purchase and install a large Christmas tree at Trafford Gardens, as in previous years.
- The accounts to date for the year ended 31st March 2019 were approved, showing an opening balance of £3,895.68, receipts of £11,008.04 and expenditure of £5,243.57, leaving a balance carried forward of £9,660.15. It was agreed to submit a grant application to Ribble Valley Borough Council for concurrent functions paid by the parish council in the sum of £503.
- After considering the parish council's budget for 2019/20, it was agreed to request a precept from Ribble Valley Borough Council of £11,132, an average annual cost per household of £23.00.
- There was a discussion on planning applications in the village since the last meeting, including an application for an extra 35 properties on the Redrow Estate, resubmission of an application for 29 residential units off Sheepfold Crescent and demolition of the chapel and extension at Barrow Primary School. For more information on planning, including the parish council's formal response to each application, visit [www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/planning](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/planning)
- The parish council's ongoing concerns regarding highways, particularly the combination of illegal parking and speeding around Barrow Brook and highway works on Whalley Road by Morris Homes were discussed. It is hoped that County Councillor Albert Atkinson and Lancashire County Council's Portfolio Holder for Highways will shortly respond to parish council requests for a meeting.
- The parish council recently attended a meeting with Lancashire County Council's Flood Team and representatives of the management companies for Pendle Hill View and Barrow Brook Grange and it is hoped that a maintenance plan to reduce the risk of flooding at Barrow Brook will soon be agreed.
- The difficulty of finding suitable locations for defibrillators was discussed, particularly because of the need for an electricity supply. It was agreed to prioritise placement of a new defibrillator at Barrow Brook.
- Councillors McGregor, Chiappi and Kinder were thanked for their attendance at the Remembrance Service in Whalley on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and for their involvement with Whalley Remembers.
- The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, at 7pm at Barrow Primary School.

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