

**OLD LAUND BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3RD, 2024, IN FENCE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Counc J. Myers, B. Newman, A. Devanney, J. Hartley, I Hargreaves, D Hall, KGardner Boyes and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Coun M. Ridge.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Questions from residents

Concern was expressed over a number of fibre optic poles which have been erected without public consultation in the village. It is believed this is allowed by the Government, but the clerk to write to LCC as the highway authority to record the public concern.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Following an error at last month's meeting, the April minutes were moved and accepted as a correct record. The May minutes were then moved and accepted as a correct record.

5 Matters arising from minutes

5.1 Missing bin at the top of Croft Top Lane/Noggarth Road

Pendle is to remove the un needed extra bin.

5.2 CCTV in the village

The CCTV residents group presented a plan of proposals for cameras which is to be re looked at and also initial costings of £40,400 to fund the project and £1,000 for ongoing annual costs. Planning and insurance costs to be added to the costings and the residents group is to advise the funding streams available.

The parish council has been advised by Pendle that there is no legal obligation to provide CCTV. The main towns in Pendle which have CCTV cameras were funded through a scheme run until 2019 by Pendle, when responsibility was passed to the relevant bodies (along with the remaining funding available) and is now run through a CCTV hub operated by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (except for Colne which runs its own system). The police and LCC also do not take responsibility for cameras. Pendle also suggested that there had to be proof of need, ie high crime levels, due to the significant cost implications, long term logistical responsibility and changing laws on surveillance, which will ultimately fall on parish councillors, who are volunteers.

Surveillance Camera Commissioner code of practice guides were circulated to councillors.

It was agreed the parish council is not against the idea, but councillors need to weigh up the implications for the village and the parish council. It was agreed to hold a Part 2 item at the end of the next meeting to make a

decision.

### 5.3 Pendle Forest Sports Club deeds

Following the solicitor's advice, it was agreed that the solicitor to be asked to confirm the parish council's land ownership and rights of access with nearby land owners. Query over filling in pipe work in ditches also raised.

### 5.4 Play area

LCC is has agreed the transfer of land and vehicular access could come under a community asset transfer for a nominal fee and a long term agreement. As the land could be classed as public open space, LCC is legally required to advertise its intention in the local Press and this will be done on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Following this, LCC will send the necessary paperwork which needs to be completed re the community asset transfer.

The wooden posts needed for a piece of equipment had been modified by a joiner. A quote for £945 was agreed for work to repair the gate post and climbing ramp as required under the annual play inspection.

Concern was expressed over potential damage to the picnic corner area roof and this is to be monitored.

### 5.6 Barrowford and Western Parishes grant

The submitted grant for the car park extension will be considered by the committee on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 7 Reports from outside bodies

Crime figures comparing April 2023 and April 2024 are attached. The police have advised that the way that figures are collated from now on, will change from actual incidents to every call to the police, being noted, whether it be a sheep out on the road or a crime.

Local police are holding a drop in session for people worried about crime on June 11<sup>th</sup> in the village hall between 6 and 8.30 p.m.

## 8. Correspondence

LCC had submitted information for a grant for a community orchard and it was agreed to submit a bid . LCC had inspected Wheatley Lane Road and found no defects which needed repair. Repairs are to be carried out on Carr Hall Road, Wheatcroft Avenue and Harpers Lane.

Also LCC is to look at the footway from Fence to Higham and carry out any necessary repairs and side dressing.

## 9 Planning

Planning Appeal: 2 Wheatcroft Avenue Fence Lancashire Proposed Development: Full: Erection of rear and side dormer to facilitate a loft conversion. Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/E2340/D/24/3342569 Local Authority Appeal Ref: 24/0005/AP/REFUSE Planning Application Ref: 23/0800/HHO

## 10. Finance

Received: £300 from LCC for bio diversity grant.

Authorised payments were made to:

£211.77 – D Hall for planters being refreshed with plants and compost.

£460 - Rebecca Hay, clerk's salary and expenses.

£73.87 – LCC pension contribution for clerk

£160 – JR Landscapes for village hall and play area grass cutting.

£50 – P. Drain, for work to the modify posts needed for the play area for a broken piece of equipment.

## 11 Any other business

Complaints re the lack of grass cutting on the bypass and on the corners to the bypass have been received. This is the responsibility of LCC.

Concern that bags of picked up litter are being left outside a house in the village. Volunteers are asked to leave any litter picking bags by public bins and Pendle will collect.

Information re land ownership where a stile is needing a replacement is to be relayed to Pendle.

12 Date of next meeting

July 2nd., Fence Village Hall, 7 p.m.

# Barrowford & Western Parishes Crime Figures



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April 2024

Crime	Barrowford	Higham & Pendleside	Blacko & Higherford	Old Laund Booth	MONTHLY TOTAL	Plus / Minus
Burglary Residential	0	0	1	0	1	-2
Burglary Commercial	1	0	0	0	1	+1
Vehicle Crime	0	1	0	0	1	-2
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Assaults	6	0	0	1	7	+1
Theft	3	0	0	0	3	=
Criminal Damage	3	1	0	0	4	=
All Other Recordable Incidents	86	14	2	2	104	+20
Anti-Social Behaviour	6	0	1	0	7	-7

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Vehicle Crime	1	0	0	2	3
Hate Crime	0	0	2	0	2
Assaults	4	0	2	0	6
Theft	2	1	0	0	3
Criminal Damage	1	1	2	0	4
All Other Recordable Incidents	65	7	10	2	84
Anti-Social Behaviour	9	2	1	2	14