

OLD LAUND BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 4th August 2025

Present: Cllr. Mrs J. Hartley (Chair), Cllr. Mr C. Bevan, Cllr. Mr M. Ridge, Cllr. Mr P. Coleman, Cllr. Mrs D. Marsden, Cllr. Mr A. Mayor, Cllr. Mrs E. Greenall, Cllr. Mrs S. Brassington, Cllr. Mr N. Ahmed, Cllr. Mr M. Stone, Co. Cllr. Mr H. Hartley, Interim Clerk P. Rosthorn

Apologies: Boro. Cllr. Mr B. Newman

Members of the Public Present: 6

No	Minute Heading	Any Action
2524	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hartley opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors and Members of the Public For the benefit of all in attendance, introductions were made 	
2525	Declaration of Councillors Interests / Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interests were declared this month 	
2526	Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 MOP asked if it was possible to arrange for a privet hedge to be trimmed that was overhanging a pavement 1 MOP commented that the bus shelter on Wheatley Lane Road had a rather nasty smell 1 MOP commented that cars are being dumped on the car park for long periods and not moving 1 MOP asked if weed spraying could be completed on the Harpers Garden cobbles as the weeds are making it slippery underfoot and also mentioned that the green garden waste bin permit had expired. <i>It was noted that the permit was already on the agenda for discussion under village maintenance.</i> A request was then made to consider resurrecting the Annual Fence Garden Show. This used to be a popular event and trophies and show items are believed to be stored in a local resident's garage 1 MOP attended the meeting and spoke about planning 25/0388/PIP Permission in Principle: Erection of up to 5 dwellings at Greenbank Farm, Greenbank Drive, Fence as he wishes to object to the planning 	<p><i>Cllrs to investigate if it is one that the Council can trim back</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Mayor will take a look and jet wash if needed</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs to investigate and add to next agenda as a separate item</i></p> <p><i>Cllrs to look at weeding the area</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Ahmed answered his query and spoke about it being Permission in Principle and that at this stage there is little that we can do</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCSO Fielding attended the meeting and spoke about 'Lancashire Talking'. A sign-up form was distributed around for Councillors and members of the public to complete. He spoke about the crime statistics that are minimal for the area compared to other areas. He also answered a question put to him about speeding throughout the village and confirmed that work is ongoing to catch the offenders and there is lots going on in the background that cannot be disclosed yet. He will invite John Hazelwood, from the community speed group to our next meeting to discuss the possibilities of using a radar gun 	
2527	Minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the Council meeting, held on Friday 11th July 2025 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record, (Proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Coleman) <i>An amendment was proposed for minute no. 2514, however, this amendment was not true and accurate, so the draft minutes stand as a true and accurate record and were signed accordingly</i> 	
2528	Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25/0388/PIP Permission in Principle: Erection of up to 5 no. dwellings at Greenbank Farm, Greenbank Drive, Fence 25/0413/FUL Full: Erection of an agricultural building at Higher Fencegate Farm, Croft Top Lane, Fence - <i>As concerns were raised after the prior meeting and comments were due before this meeting this application was discussed mid-month by email – it was resolved for the Clerk to send a letter of concern</i> 25/0487/FUL: Partial demolition of equine buildings and an agricultural building and the erection of 1 no. dwelling at Land and buildings to the Southwest of Grains Barn Farm, Barrowford Road 	<p><i>No decision as yet</i></p> <p><i>No decision as yet</i></p> <p><i>No comments or concerns at this time</i></p>
2529	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At present the Parish Council does not have access to the bank account. The Clerk has spoken to Barclays bank to confirm that the mandate details have been accepted, and they are hoping to progress the application It was resolved to agree representation on a Finance Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Ridge, seconded by Cllr Mayor and agreed by all. Representations on the Finance Committee will be P. Rosthorn (Interim Clerk and RFO), Cllr Hartley and Cllr Beven 	
2530	Clerk's Report and Correspondence (for information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report was distributed before the meeting 	<i>For info only – no issues arising</i>
2531	Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report this month 	
2532	Borough Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this month 	
2533	County Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co Cllr Hartley contacted LCC regarding the ownership of the Village Hall. LCC own the building and lease it to Pendle Borough Council. Awaiting further update on who owns the surrounding land Will speak to LCC grass cutters as they have mowed the grass but missed sections near the barriers along the by-pass The requested white H line on Cuckstool lane has been added to a scheme of works to be completed 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research is ongoing to see if it is possible, to have wildflowers, set back from the road, along the by-pass 	
2534	<p>Village Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to agree representation on a Playground Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Marsden and agreed by all. Representations on the Playground Committee will be Cllr Bevan, Cllr Coleman and Cllr Mayor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is dog excrement in the playground and car park. To consider if more signage is needed. There is a no dogs allowed sign facing the wrong way, it was resolved for one of the committee members to turn it around to face the entrance to the park There is some faulty equipment and matting that will need either remedial work or replacement. It was resolved to await the annual inspection report then a schedule of works can be agreed by the committee The side of the hedge between the school and the park needs trimming back, Cllr Marsden volunteered to arrange this Grass needs cutting on the park, Committee to arrange this It was resolved to agree representation on a Village Maintenance Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Marsden and agreed by all. Representations on the Village Maintenance Committee will be Cllr Coleman, Cllr Ridge and Cllr Mayor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hartley, Cllr Bevan, Cllr Marsden, Cllr Brassington and Cllr Greenall all offered to volunteer their services as and when needed or available A member of the public who volunteers their time to clean the area of Croft Top Lane has previously spoken to Cllr Hartley and confirmed that they are happy to still volunteer their time to litter pick in that area Lengthsman – The previous village Lengthsman has retired The green waste bin collection permit cannot be renewed as we do not yet have access to funds 	<p><i>Awaiting annual playground inspection to be completed</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Marsden to arrange Playground Committee to arrange</i></p>
2535	<p>Other Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land to the South of Heights House, Heights Lane – <i>no discussion, it will be on the Barrowford and Western Parishes Agenda</i> Website – this is now up and running and all happy with the new website look, lots of positive feedback has already been received Parish Council Communication / Social Media – Clerk to look at ways for the Parish Council to interact with the Fence Village facebook page Membership of LALC Standing Orders Code of Conduct 	<p><i>Clerk to investigate</i></p> <p><i>Add to next Agenda</i> <i>Add to next Agenda</i> <i>Add to next Agenda</i></p>
2536	<p>Items to consider for next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Playground Maintenance Village Maintenance Seniors Christmas Lunch Speeding / Traffic Calming To discuss potential use for the land adjacent to the Village Hall that the Parish Council own Public use of the Car Park Grants 	
2537	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to fix the times and dates of ordinary meetings of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Marsden and 	

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agreed by all that meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, from 7:00pm to no later than 8:30pm, unless otherwise required

- Next meeting date is Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7.00pm

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- Before Cllr Hartley closed the meeting, Cllr Ahmed expressed gratitude to all involved in re-establishing the Parish Council, acknowledging the significant effort and work carried out behind the scenes. He also thanked fellow Councillors and members of the public for warmly welcoming himself, Cllr Stone and Cllr Gallear
- Meeting closed at 20:37

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