

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL,
ON MONDAY, 5th December 2016, AT 5.45 P.M.**

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors N. Downes (Chairman), S. King & P. Knott
2. **APOLOGIES:** None
3. **IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 member of the public
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No declarations of interest were received.
5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**
Members considered the following planning application.

16/05208/FUL Conversion of redundant Victorian brick vaulted subterranean reservoir to create a dwelling with associated works including construction of garage and retaining walls.

The Council appreciates the need to form a useful building in order to preserve the reservoir. However, we have some concerns about the proposal. We feel that the 'underground' aspect of the construction is being lost by the removal of too much ground and that we would prefer to see the garage in a position, perhaps on the south-east, where the entrance would be hidden from the road. In addition, the proposed plans have too much glass to be sympathetic to the rural location and are not in keeping with the surrounding area. The Council is also concerned that the proposal may cause damage to the rare black poplar which is subject to the TPO.

16/05117/FUL Erection of part single storey/part two storey extension at 63 Bridge Road, Benthall.

This dwelling is clearly in need of renovation and the Council acknowledges the attempts to produce a building which fits in to the conservation area. However, the plans are a little lacking in detail and we have three concerns. We would hope that all the windows fitted to the house will be wooden, as in the original dwelling. We note that proposed building to the rear has only a flat roof; to fit in with the Conservation Area we would like to see this changed to a pitched tiled roof. We note that the existing car port/garage has already been demolished and some material excavated. Any retaining wall should be built with a material sympathetic to the Conservation Area and to a suitable standard.