

Parish Council of Barton

MINUTES of the meeting held TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2017 at 7.00pm in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge

Present: Miles MacInnes, David Wood, Cyril Wilson, David Armitage, Mark Vause and Clerk Jill Mackey.

In attendance: 12 members of the general public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Mike Slee.
- 2. Requests for dispensations** – None.
- 3. Declaration of Interest** – None.
- 4. Public Participation session:**
 - o Sam Bunting brief update on website – see (10) below.
 - o **EDC Devolution of Powers** – MM welcomed Sonia Hutchinson (CALC), Neil Buck (EDC Officer) and Adrian Todd (EDC Portfolio Holder for Services) to the meeting to discuss transfers of Public Conveniences, Footway Lighting and Litter Bins from EDC to BPC. **(a) Public Conveniences** – EDC to provide BPC with copy of their recommendations report before they present to full EDC Council (March). BPC also requested a condition report from EDC on the state of the building. EDC to advise BPC on the current costs of water, electricity and rates. It was noted that takings could be increased if gates were higher. Estimated running costs were put at £4,000-£5,000pa. AT said income could be £8/10k pa. BPC require confirmation if the land is to be transferred freehold or leasehold. Cost of current maintenance contract tba. **(b) Litter Bins** – EDC reported that a village cleanse is carried out daily – EDC to look into how and when this is done. BPC would be happy with a 3 day/week collection in summer months/bank holidays. It was pointed out that private car parks have to be kept in a clean and tidy state under the EPA (Environment Protection Act) but EDC cannot collect rubbish from private land. **(c) Footway Lighting** – will be 7 lights which will be converted to LED prior to transfer. BPC to investigate locations etc. Miles thanked everyone for coming and consulting on the subject and looked forward to EDC response on costings and draft report. **Action: All**
 - o Attention was drawn to the dumping of soil near the footpath at Park Foot launch area. When the lake rises the soil gets washed away. LDNPA to be contacted. **Action: Clerk**
- 5. Minutes of last meeting held 8 November 2016** were approved as a true record. Matters arising not on agenda:
 - CCC to look into parking on Waterfoot corner near lake – BPC to monitor works.
 - CCC asked Mabey to look at bridge re noise levels – Clerk to follow up.
- 6. Planning:** (MM LDNPA Eastern Distinctive Area representative so does not vote)
Hillcroft Holiday Park matter to include 3143/landscaping – ongoing.
7/2016/3040 – Granny Dowbekins/Hunter's Cottage, Pooley Bridge. LDNPA: Approved with conditions.
7/2016/3134 – Crown Hotel – LDNPA: Approved with conditions.
7/2016/3148 – Park Foot – LDNPA: approved with conditions.
7/2016/3164 – Seat Farm, Howtown – demolition of existing timber framed single storey dwelling and detached garage. Construction of new two story detached dwelling. BPC: Support. LDNPA:
7/2016/3175 – Crown Hotel – variation of conditions no.2 & 7 on planning approval ref: 7/2015/3159 relating to relocation of acoustic fence and addition of extract flues. BPC: Neutral. LDNPA:
Eusemere Lodge – Common Land CL131 belonging to BPC – BPC have asked the Commons Registry to contact the owners warning them they might be in breach of legislation/regulations etc, giving permission for the identity of BPC to be revealed. Clerk to progress. **Action: Clerk**
- 7. Finance:**
 - i. Receipts: Transparency Fund grant £1194.70. (EDC public toilets invoiced for year 2016/17).
 - ii. Payments approved: Clerk remuneration October 2016-March 2017.
 - iii. FOUW: credit £236.33.
 - iv. Budget for 2017/18 approved as presented in November.
 - v. Precept to approve for 2017/18 (CTRS grant est £28) – to remain unchanged, i.e. £4,000.
 - vi. Clerk to apply for VAT refund in February.
- 8. BRIDGE:** Meeting arranged for 26.1.17. at 2pm. Highways/BPC/Prince's Foundation (NH to try to attend also). Two years plus for replacement, which will be out of season with correct road signage.
- 9. Public Toilets update** – no income since 22.11.16. (paddle malfunction) – although toilets in use.
- 10. Parish Online update/Website & Communications Working Group (to include broadband)**
 - **Broadband** – Digital Inclusion Event Tuesday 17th January 7pm Parkin Memorial Hall PB – flyers have gone out with Grapevine.
 - **Installation of Broadband for village hall** – to be considered after above meeting.
 - **Website** – Sam Bunting has kindly (as a goodwill gesture) been working on website including improving appearance and done a great job – MM thanked Sam on behalf of BPC. Sam needs more info, i.e. profiles of councillors, guidance on events to go on calendar and parish newsletter. MM requested Coach Parking Summary Report to go on and also planning permissions. DW/MV/Clerk to meet with Sam asap to finish off/discuss future work/input on website. **Action: All**
- 11. Transparency Funding** – need to purchase printer/scanner – Clerk to assess best deals etc. **Action: Clerk**
- 12. Village signs and notices (CLP)**
 - Signs for High Street – Amanda Ward EDC ongoing – MS asked for assistance. **Action: Clerk**
- 13. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – CW tabled Report No.29 : (1) crime level in 2016 now 3 ahead of 2015, first reverse in 6 years, (2) Barton Community Resilience Group has supported preparations for an Efra Select Committee discussion on Cumbria's flood problems and is liaising with EDC on sandbag provision, (3) "faulty" defibrillator now cleared and returned to Pooley Bridge. **Action : DA/CW**
- 14. UVP/Affordable Housing** – No further meetings to date, but UVP remains live on LDNPA website. MM to seek clarification from National Park. **Action: MM**
- 15. Heat Network Feasibility Study** – There has been no further communication on Pooley Bridge potential. There has been some EDC staff change connected with project and CW will follow up. **Action : CW**

- 16. Village Warden** – no response from advert in Grapevine. However, interest expressed from member of community and also owners of local holiday park. CW/Clerk to negotiate between 2 parties, but felt no need to appoint until Crown refurbishment completed in Spring. **Action: CW/Clerk**
- 17. Recycling Centre** – Again, problems reported to councillors and Clerk about “dumping” non-recyclable items in centre, e.g. Christmas tree, plastics (kindly cleared away by councillor and resident). Clerk to chase up EDC re cleaning works. **Action: Clerk**
- 18. See More Cumbria and the Lakes** – Although no scheduled meetings, stakeholders will convene for updates in 2017. The 'See More Cumbria and the Lake District' initiative won the Sustainable Project of the Year Award at the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) NE and Cumbria Awards. **Action: CW**
- 19. Coach Parking** – meeting held 5.12.16. to discuss CCC report on problems/suggestions etc. Unfortunately there is still no funding available although a number of options have been identified. Still ongoing.
- 20. Ullswater Way Heritage Trail** – funding still being sought. Poetry stones now in Hallin Wood; monument to Clarkson in progress; hopes for monument for Lord Birkett by the pier and also a sculpture trail.
- 21. LDNPA outstanding matters:**
 - **Local Plan Review** – BPC response sent 29.12.16. (after deadline kindly extended by LDNPA).
 - **LDNPA Parish Forum** – response sent from BPC 16.11.16.
- 22. Notifications/correspondence:** CALC Annual Report 2016.
- 23. Proposed dates of 2016 PC meetings: 7pm - 2017: 14 March, 9 May (AGM), 11 July, 12 September, 14 November.**

G Mackey, Clerk to Barton Parish Council