

Parish Council of Barton

MINUTES of meeting held Tuesday 12th September 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: Neil Hughes, Maureen Wilson, Claire Armitage, Trevor Smith, John and Jane Maguire.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mike Slee.
2. **Requests for dispensations** – none.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – DW and CW expressed an interest in 8(ii) St Michael's Church.
4. **Public Participation session:** discussed under agenda items.
5. **Minutes of last meeting held 11th July 2017** were approved as a true record. Matters arising not on agenda:
 - Pedestrian safety on bridge/caution pedestrians – CCC ref: W171442711 (24.7.17.)
 - Yellow lines/keep clear road markings Ullswater House – CCC ref: W171432295 (21.3.17.)
 - Bridge repairs to be carried out by Mabey to lessen noise levels (email 21.8.17.).
Above matters to be agenda item CCC for next meeting.
6. **Planning:** (MM LDNPA Eastern Distinctive Area representative so does not vote)

Hillcroft Holiday Park matter to include 3143/landscaping – ongoing.

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:

7/2017/3018 – Crown Hotel – formation of new landscape levels in existing beer gardens. BPC: Object. LDNPA: **Withdrawn by applicant.** Councillors requested more information, i.e. when will this be reinstated/timescale, what exactly does “withdrawn” entail? Response from LDNPA: *“Reinstatement of the land would follow either from a revised application being submitted, agreed and implemented, or from us taking enforcement action and specifying appropriate restoration of levels. In either case the threat of enforcement action would be the thing that would drive timescales.”* New application imminent.

7/2017/3031 – 1 Finkle Street – extension to rear at first floor to re-provide bedroom and bathroom. Alterations to front elevation to relocate entrance door and form off-street parking to rear. BPC: Objection accompanied by reasons. LDNPA: Considered by Development Control Committee - Approved with conditions 3.8.17.

7/2017/3039 – Hillcroft Caravan Park – proposed new general manager's dwelling. BPC: no response. LDNPA: Approved with conditions 18.8.17.

7/2017/3063 – Granny Dowbekins Tea Rooms – proposed conservatory, garden alterations. BPC: Support, following completion of flood risk report and assuming the solution to the river bank conditions from the earlier application maintains here. LDNPA:

7/2017/3058 – Eusemere House – Approval of Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development granted 17.7.17.

7/2017/3082 & 3083 – Mains House – change of use of barn to 2 holiday lets. BPC: support. LDNPA: 3028 Refused and 3083 Listed Building Consent Refused.

7/2017/3102 – Ellangowan – double bay car port. BPC:

Land at Roe Head – Mr W Coulston – appeal lodged against planning permission refusal – appeal dismissed 8.9.17.

7. **Eusemere Lodge** – Common Land CL131 registered to BPC - DA and Clerk attended CALC course “Common Land and Village Greens” 18.7.17. which was very informative and helpful. BPC has since been in touch with Roger Taylor, Wellers Hedleys Solicitors, who had offered further advice, which again was most helpful. It was noted that Eusemere Lodge was now on the market (H&H) and BPC to send letter to Mr and Mrs Bates re ownership of Common Land, drawing attention to prospective buyers. A meeting with Mr and Mrs Bates has been arranged for 11am Monday 23.10.17. at Eusemere Lodge; MM, DA and Clerk to attend.

Action:MM/DA/Clerk

8. Finance:

- i. Receipts: £294 CCC grant towards replacement electrodes etc for defibrillators approved.
- ii. Payments approved:
 - It was agreed to pledge £500 as a donation to St Michael's Church, Barton towards urgent repairs. Clerk to advise Barton PCC. (DW & CW abstained). **Action: Clerk**
 - Parish online (GetMapping plc) annual fee £33.60
 - BDO Audit fee £120.00.
 - CALC Common Land course £150.00.
 - Clerk remuneration April-September 2017.
- iii. Annual BDO Audit – Approval and acceptance of annual return including certificate was minuted.
- iv. Annual review of Clerk remuneration – to be considered by Councillors shortly. **Action: All**
- v. FOUW: Receipts: £1150 LD Communities Fund, £1850 CWMET. Payments: J Reynolds £560.00; Ormrod Signs £400.00; Helvellyn Consulting Limited £750.00; Pip Hall £1565.00.

- vi. CW presented councillors with an up to date budget statement, to comply with our internal financial controls.
9. **NEW BRIDGE:** Initial Concept Design Meeting 26.7.17. followed by a second drop in session held 30.8.17. both being well attended. Online/email distribution of designs to follow very soon. MM has been in contact with Keiran Barr (CCC) asking for more information to be publicised prior to final meeting, which is hoped to be end October/early November.
10. **EDC Devolution of Services** – clarification received from Neil Buck on current position re: public toilets, litter bins and lighting were discussed. MS was currently in discussions re toilets and lighting specific to Pooley Bridge. After much discussion it was decided to request a meeting with MS and Neil Buck asap to clarify some points. Points to consider: Toilets (structurally sound, workable payment system in place, ie not current system); Cleansing (£500 contribution pa – guaranteed for how long?); Lighting (converted to LED, ownership/maintenance of poles). Clerk to arrange asap. **Action: Clerk**
11. **Village/parish updates:**
- **Public Toilets** – still not working.
 - **Village signs and notice (CLP)** signs for High Street – Emily Rainsley EDC liaising on location. Possible location of signage 1863 gable end/church wall? Clerk to arrange site meeting with Emily/DW/MV **Action: Clerk/DW/MV**
 - **Village Warden (see also 16)** – letter to be sent to all businesses in village asking for help keeping their business frontage tidy. CW/DA/Clerk to meet Carl to discuss duties and possibility of time to accommodate Eusemere Car Park etc.
 - **Garden Waste Skip** – Clerk to progress individual green waste bins for residents with MS. **Action: Clerk/MS**
 - **Recycling centre**
 - **Street cleaning** – Clerk to contact Mike Slee to clarify who is responsible, EDC or CCC. **Action: Clerk/MS**
12. **Parish Online update/Website & Communications Working Group (to include broadband)**
- **Installation of Broadband for village hall** – NALC grant application refused – awaiting outcome of new application.
13. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme/Barton Community Resilience Group** CW tabled Report No.33 : (1) 7 crimes reported May/June, but at 10 crimes in first half 2017 still better than record low year start. Over the last year to June 30th a drop in total crimes reported of 30%, but with a 20% increase in "violent/sexual offences". (2) PBNW awarded a £294 grant by CCC Community Fund for pads and recharger for 2 defibrillators. Thanks go to Neil Hughes our CCC representative.
14. **UVP/Affordable Housing** – No report from Suzy Hankin (to incorporate into LNDPA matters).
15. **Coach Parking** – Proposed bid to European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) – initial application has been approved. Expression of interest now submitted.
16. **LDNPA matters:**
- Litter Bins – query with MS who empties bin in Eusemere Car Park/situation if BPC purchase a larger bin etc. Eusemere Car Park 24 hour parking – this is up to the LDNPA who will keep under review. **Action: Clerk/MS**
 - Eusemere Car Park cleaning – LDNPA offer of £500pa acceptable, but would like confirmation of guarantee for at least 5 years.
 - CLP to review – CW to present update at November meeting. **Action: CW**
 - LDNPA response on lakeshore footpath (already circulated email of 26.7.17.).
 - Update received from Suzy Hankin on Routes to Resilience (em 11.9.17.).
17. **Notifications/correspondence:**
- **EDC Chair** – nominations for contributions from individuals within community before 31.12.17. Councillors to consider and respond to Clerk.
 - **CALC AGM** – Carlisle Racecourse, Saturday 18.11.17. BPC unable to attend.
 - **Cumbria Design Guide** – consultation runs to end September 2017.
 - **CALC – LDNPA Management Plan 2015-2020** – Breakthrough Action around the theme of Vibrant Communities – response to CALC by end of September 2017. – Clerk to send copy of notes of meeting with Andy Airey/BPC. **Action: Clerk**
18. **Dates of 2017 PC meetings: 7pm - 2017:** 14 November.
Proposed dates for 2018: 9 January, 13 March, 8 May (AGM), 10 July, 11 September, 13 November.