

# Parish Council of Barton

## **MINUTES of meeting held TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 at 7.00pm in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge**

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

In attendance: Neil Hughes, Laura Kay, David and Angela Beattie, Trevor Smith, John MacGuire,

**1. Apologies for absence:** David Wood and Mike Slea.

**2. Requests for dispensations** – none.

**3. Declaration of Interest** – none.

**4. Public Participation session:**

- o Noise levels of bridge – MM to contact Stephen Hall. **Action: MM**
- o Cumbria in Bloom – Councillors and parishioners to consider any areas in village that could benefit from visual improvement with help of CIB – 2 or 3 persons required to be involved in project. **Action: All**
- o Field on riverside between Eusemere Lodge and boat hire is an eyesore, being overgrown and fences down etc. CW to contact owners. **Action: CW**

**5. Minutes of last meeting held 10 January 2017** were approved as a true record. Matters arising not on agenda – none.

**6. Planning:** (MM LDNPA Eastern Distinctive Area representative so does not vote)

**Hillcroft Holiday Park matter to include 3143/landscaping** – MM liaising with LDNPA. **Action: MM**

**7/2016/3006 – Seat Farm, Howtown** – site occupation (for 16 statics) extended from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> January. BPC: no response. LDNPA: approved with conditions 22.2.17.

**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: Approved with conditions 22.2.17.

**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 – correspondence between owners and Commons Registry – BPC to contact Mr and Mrs Bates to request site meeting to discuss further. **Action: Clerk**

**7. Finance:**

- i. Receipts: £23.25 NSI interest. (plus FOUW monies £3950.00)
- ii. Payments approved: PB Stores £333.00 (collection of public toilet monies April 2016 to March 2017). Parkin Memorial Hall £75.00 (Hall hire). Clerk £57.90 (Toner, paper, postage, Gifts for Auditor and Accountant). [James Reynolds £754 (Friends of Ullswater Way)]. BPC balance £3629.69 (plus FOUW monies) – noted that higher than normal bank balance is mainly attributable to our agreement to hold FOUW funding and payments.
- iii. FOUW: credit £3432.33 (included in BPC accounts).
- iv. VAT refund of £567.83 confirmed by HMRC.
- v. Approval given for purchase of printer/scanner. **Action: Clerk**

**8. BRIDGE:** meeting held 26.1.17. with all interested parties. MM has been chasing up matters and all seems back on track, but there is a need to keep in communication with all parties. **Action: MM**

**9. EDC Devolution of Services** – BPC still awaiting some information from EDC – Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**

**10. Public Toilets update** – paddle system out of order again. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**

**11. Boundary change:** Clerk to liaise with Becx (Dacre PC Clerk) to determine if they have informed residents/Dalemain/Steamers and joint application letter to EDC. **Action: Clerk**

**12. Parish Online update/Website & Communications Working Group (to include broadband)**

- **Broadband** – Digital Inclusion Event was held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Phil Ruston was very informative and helpful to those attending meeting from Pooley Bridge and Howtown/Martindale areas.
- **Installation of Broadband for village hall** – BPC approval given for finance of installation and 1 year's fees for broadband in Hall, hopefully covering the Church as well. Clerk to liaise with Claire Armitage, Hall Secretary to progress. **Action: Clerk**
- **Website** – access to website is limited to councillors and Sam Bunting. Clerk and MV met up with Sam, but Clerk to meet again to iron out a few things. It was confirmed that all information required under the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities is now available on the website. MM and DW still to have training on website. **Action: Clerk**

**13. Transparency Funding** – Clerk given authority to purchase printer/scanner and broadband go ahead will complete funding expenditure. **Action: Clerk**

**14. Village signs and notices (CLP)**

- Signs for High Street – Amanda Ward EDC ongoing – MS to be asked for assistance again. **Action: MS**

**15. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – CW tables report No.30: (i) final crime level in 2016 at 22 (3 more than 2015 – first reverse in 6 years); (ii) Barton Community Resilience Group – good feedback from Efra Select Committee discussion on Cumbria's flood problems. CCC/EA hosted public meeting in PB on 8.3.17. with promise of addressing Crown Square/Finkle Street drainage issues in next few weeks but longer term modelling needed for main flood resilience work. New bridge design drawings for public display "within the next two months"; (iii) Watch alert – extensive burglaries in Penrith via "unlocked doors". **Action: CW/DW**

**16. UVP/Affordable Housing** – no further meetings. Feedback that the LDNPA approach to affordable housing is on an Eastern Distinctive Area basis.

**17. Heat Network Feasibility Study** – nothing to report but liaison with EDC maintained. **Action: CW**

**18. Village Warden** – initial interest shown by three persons, but application for post received from Carl Scrivens of Glenridding, who is currently Village Warden for Patterdale PC. Clerk and CW have met Carl who is willing to take up position. Clerk to arrange paperwork and contact Carl, to commence 1.4.17. if agreeable. It was noted that Hillcroft have offered help with keeping grass tidy at crossroads and any additional work as requested by BPC. **Action: Clerk**

**19. Recycling Centre** – EDC have cleaned bins and centre and it looks much better.

**20. Garden Waste Skip Agreement** – agreement with EDC and BPC for April-October 2017 signed.

- 21. See More Cumbria and the Lakes** – although no scheduled meetings, stakeholders will convene for updated in 2017. None to date. **Action: CW**
- 22. Coach Parking** – ongoing. MS yet to meet with Mr Hasell-McCosh.
- 23. Ullswater Way Heritage Trail** – signs being installed against installations with QR code to give more information. Clarkson sign in situ near Eusemere boathouse. Pin badges are soon to be available.
- 24. LDNPA outstanding matters:**
- Soil near Park Foot launch – LDNPA aware of this and are monitoring.
  - Parish Forum meeting – 13.3.17. apologies sent on behalf of BPC.
  - Bins – MM to get in touch with Simon Hall re site visit. **Action: MM**
- 25. Notifications/correspondence:**
- Flooding on B5320 – 2 complaints from parishioners about flooding on road in 2 separate places near Barton Hall Farm. NH to contact John Banks. **Action: NH**
  - Parking problems in village – complaint from residents about contractors vehicles parking in village rather in designated parking field; parking in front of Ullswater House; loading/unloading problems nears Crown site; wish to reinstate 2 hour parking restriction asap. MM to get in touch with contractors (Steve Fox) to arrange site meeting. Clerk to contact CCC Highways to request yellow line in front of Ullswater House and request reinstatement of 2 hour parking restriction on 7.4.17. **Action: MM/Clerk**
  - EDC Scrutiny Priorities – councillors to liaise and get response to Clerk before 14 April. **Action: All**
  - EDC Local Plan 2012-2032 – CW to draft response. Reply requested by 10 April. **Action: CW/All**
- 26. Proposed dates of 2016 PC meetings: 7pm - 2017: 9 May (AGM), 11 July, 12 September, 14 November.**

**G Mackey, Clerk to Barton Parish**