

Parish Council of Barton

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016 at 7.00pm (following Annual Parish Meeting) in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge

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

In attendance: Maureen Wilson, Claire Armitage, Nigel Lamb, Trevor Smith, Colin Hindle, Councillor Neil Hughes, Suzy Hankin/Rob Allinson/Liam McAleese (LDNPA), Laura Harker/Joe Cann (Askham PC), Richard Carruthers (Bampton PC), Rob Shepherd/Maddie Teasdale (Patterdale PC)

1. Election of Chair – Miles MacInnes and Vice Chair – David Wood, proposed David Armitage and seconded Cyril Wilson.

2. Apologies for absence: Mike Slee and John Beer.

3. Requests for dispensations – none.

4. Declaration of Interest – Mark Vause expressed an interest in planning application 3040 and did not take any part in discussions/decisions.

5. Public Participation session:

- Liam McAleese, LDNPA Head of Strategy and Partnerships and Rob Allinson, Strategy Planner, opened a discussion on starting the process of reviewing the local plan. Points covered included:
 - Public transport – different needs in Lowther Valley to those of say Ullswater valley
 - Bridge – need to look at bigger picture when considering new structure and look to support from LDNPA; Prince's Foundation possibly to be involved.
 - Housing – site identified in Askham but nothing has happened. Patterdale PC were to do their own housing survey but LDNPA said they would do one – this has not happened; need identified in Glenridding and Patterdale and also Askham for low cost housing.
 - Problems of second homes.
 - Need to look for employment sites.

LDNPA will come back to use later in the process and a new plan will be in force 2018.

- QEII 90th Birthday beacon celebrations on 22 April had been a great success with approximately 40 residents attending. BPC sold 24 wax torches. An enquiry had been made by Mike Slee if it was possible to hold a similar event 11 June 10.30pm to celebrate HM QEII official birthday, but BPC are unable to provide a beacon and it also coincides with our boundary walk.

6. Minutes of last meeting held 8th March 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Hillcroft Holiday Park matter to include 7/2014/3167(was 5827) BPC: support. LDNPA Refusal of Consent to Application. Appeal submitted. Appeal ref APP/Q9495/W/15/3049272 allowed 16.10.15. LDNPA to monitor.

Letter of acceptance of schedule re landscape details from LDNPA 14.12.15. It is anticipated that Hillcroft will apply for temporary planning permission for consent for touring caravans on the camping field (until new area ready).

7/2015/3159 – Crown Hotel – amend condition No.2 on approvals 2014/3100 and 2015/3007 – design/layout etc. BPC: Support. LDNPA:

7/2016/3009 – Park Foot – proposed toilet block for WC and shower facilities with disabled access suite and amendment to condition 7/2012/3078. BPC: Support. LDNPA:

7/2016/3013 – Beulah, Pooley Bridge – Building solid roofed garden room with roof light, large glazed windows to all elevations and French doors to side elevations, painted hardwood structure atop dwarf walls with painted roughcast render and sandstone cappings to match existing house details. Creation of a matching open porch to protect and define main entrance door and a veranda/awning to primary elevation. BPC: Support. LDNPA Approved.

7/2016/3024 – Land behind Hill House, Pooley Bridge – proposed change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden area and access. BPC: Support. LDNPA: approved with various conditions relating to access and drainage.

T/2016/0031 – Prune Tree T1 at Waterside Farm, Pooley Bridge. BPC: Support. LDNPA:

7/2016/3040 – Granny Dowbekins/Hunter's Cottage, Pooley Bridge. Conversion of ground floor of Hunter's Cottage to cafe, alteration of first floor to one bed apartment, garden alterations. Colin Hindle kindly attended the meeting to present his application. Colin confirmed that the one bed apartment would be for let and that he had consulted his immediate neighbours who were very comfortable with the application. He has signed a contract with Biffa for recycling removal. A local resident (speaking on behalf of several local residents in the area) queried that this was one of the oldest properties in the village; the need to retain community housing; why has work already been carried out prior to application being passed?; covering of lawned area unsuitable on environmental health grounds and will encourage vermin; existing way of dealing with recycling and waste?; possible expansion of businesses into Finkle Street. Clerk had obtained an extension of time on this application until Friday 13.5.16. and 3 councillors eligible to vote to consider details before making any decisions.

Eusemere Lodge – Common Land CL131 belonging to BPC – still awaiting news from Land Registry.

8. Finance:

- i. Accounts for year ending 31.3.2016. were presented by RFO and approved unanimously. Clerk advised that NS&I interest rate from 1.7.16. would be 0.45%.
- ii. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2015/16. was approved unanimously.
- iii. Section 2 Accounting Statements 2015/16. Was approved unanimously.
- iv. Annual budget final figures approved as updated and presented.
- v. Payments approved: J Robinson £9 (plants for royal visit), £29.02 (toner), £105 (wax torches), £106 (CALC subs), £459.23 (Zurich insurance).
- vi. Receipts: £4,000 precept and £19 council tax reduction scheme.
- vii. NALC Update to model financial regulations dated 29.1.16. approved and adopted.

9. BRIDGE:

- Permanent – MM is to meet representatives of the Prince's Foundation in London on Friday. CCC have offered their support to this and Keith Little has been most helpful and supportive. It was noted that part of the damaged date stone had been rescued and is kindly being stored by Wm Coulston at Hole House Farm.

Action: MM

- Opening of temporary bridge event 20.3.16. had been a great success. The WI was wonderful and a great day was had by all. Clerk/Chair to chase up Fred Wilson re: photos so that we can finalise accounts. **Action: MM/Clerk**
- 10. Public Toilets update** – nothing to report.
 - 11. Parish Online update/Website & Communications Working Group** – MV/Clerk to go to Kendal for a training day in June.
 - 12. Village signs and notices (CLP)**
 - Roe Head Lane – CW confirmed that the two Roe Head name and no parking signs had been installed by Easter, as promised. Three metal posts have also been installed at three passing places ready for no parking signs. Salt/grit bin ongoing. **Action: CW**
 - Signs for High Street – Amanda Ward EDC ongoing – Clerk had chased but as yet no response.
 - 13. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – DA tabled Report No.25, with a slight increase in crime figures due to raids on bungalows following the floods; confirmation of Public Liability Insurance. June National NW week, with new stickers and booklets; EDC Sandbag Policy - a feedback to Scrutiny Committee; no progress on Finkle St/Crown Square survey or Community Emergency Plan; 4 new village NW signs available for collection. It was agreed that names of those wanting to get involved in a Community Emergency Plan would be collected for the July meeting. **Action: All**
 - 14. Community Led Plan**
 - **UU Sewerage works** – Clerk to chase UU re planting etc. **Action: Clerk**
 - **Coach parking** – see minute 20 below.
 - **Litter** – Clean for Queen (WI ladies cleaned bus shelter); litter pick organised by Distant Horizons on Dacre side of bridge; QEII village litter pick.
 - **Toilet area** – this has been tidied up by EDC.
 - **Bridge Memorial** – ongoing.
 - 15. UVP/Affordable Housing** – covered by Liam McAleese.
 - 16. Heat Network Feasibility Study** – this is on Phase 2, although Pooley Bridge sector not being actively progressed on the district heating concept, due to heat loads, but alternatives such as decoupled heat pump system and hydro being explored. **Action: CW**
 - 17. EDC Local Delivery of Service Pilot Scheme** – Neil Buck, Contracts Manager is now co-ordinating project 01768 212337 neil.buck@eden.gov.uk. The footway lighting column (next to the recycling centre), which was awaiting a lamp replacement, has been examined following reports of vibration from traffic crossing the bridge. Options being considered by EDC.
 - 18. Village Warden** – the village is looking very clean and tidy with thanks to Ian, who is also liaising with various other bodies on behalf of BPC. A BPC Grapevine notice has drawn attention to the importance of observing recycling guidelines on a "use or lose" basis.
 - 19. Garden Waste Skip Service** – new agreement signed April-October 2016 with a new contractor (and smaller skip).
 - 20. See More Cumbria and the Lakes** – CW reported that the coach feasibility study (covering coach and car parking issues in/around Pooley Bridge and Ferry Terminal) had not yet been issued but that Paul Marriott, (CCC) had provided a brief overview of key options. No discussion took place, pending detail on how schemes have been developed and shortlisted.
 - 21. Ullswater Way Heritage Trail**– this was successfully launched with good publicity and media exposure. The Heritage Trail is now being run by the Friends of Ullswater Way with each parish taking charge of their own parish. MM to circulate terms of reference and BPC to take on responsibility of Stone Shelter on fell. It was agreed that BPC will be the lead parish for Ullswater Heritage Trail in respect of financial transactions.
 - 22. QEII 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal** – gift to children of parish – as only had interest from 6 children (minimum purchase quantity of 50) it was decided not to pursue this.
 - 23. LDNPA outstanding matters:**
 - Coach parking in Eusemere Car Park
 - Safety issues around notice board next to recycling centre
 - No news yet on World Heritage Bid.
 - 24. Notifications/correspondence:** LDNPA East Area Evening meeting 5 July, 5-8.30pm Lowther Castle (2 places only – Clerk and DA probably to attend – places to book). **Action: Clerk**
 - 25. Proposed dates of 2016 PC meetings: 7pm - 12 July, 13 September, 8 November 2016.**

G Mackey, Clerk to Barton Parish Council