

Parish Council of Barton

MINUTES of meeting held Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.00pm in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge

Present: Miles MacInnes, Mark Vause, Daniel Dinham, Samantha Bunting, Justin Ray and Clerk Jill Mackey.
In attendance: Cllr. Neil Hughes, Cllr. Mike Slee and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** none.
2. **Requests for dispensations** – There was discussion as to whether MV and DD should request dispensation to speak on the planning application for Granny Dowbekins (7/2018/3192) but decided that as neither could vote, BPC would not be quorate and therefore unable to comment on the application.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – JR (Mains House planning); MV/DD (Granny Dowbekins planning).
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice):
 - Local residents highlighted parking problems up Roe Head Lane and at Roe Head - unauthorised vehicle parking causing difficulty for neighbouring residents and access for emergency vehicles; it was noted that this is becoming more problematic in winter. The possibility of making the top into a turning point only was raised. BPC to request CCC, via NH, to look into as a matter of urgency. **Action/Clerk/NH**
 - Resident complaint re parking on High Street causing oncoming vehicles to go across their property and cause damage to cobble stones. MV to speak to owners of property in question. **Action: MV**
 - Neighbourhood Watch have been contacted re logging of incident in Heughscar Close over Christmas period involving a resident and the fence between HC and PB Inn.
 - Bin outside Crown Inn covered in unsightly cigarette ends. MV to follow up. **Action: MV**
5. **Minutes of last meeting held 13th November 2018** approved and signed. No matters arising.
6. **Planning:** (MM is LDNPA Eastern Distinctive Area representative so does not vote)

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:

7/2018/3152 – Park Foot Holiday Park – proposed relocation of five static caravans (nos. 1,2,10,66,69) and provision of five additional static caravans on terraces. BPC: Support. LDNPA: Approved with cond.

7/2018/3155 – Crown Hotel – formation of new landscape levels in existing beer garden (retrospective application). BPC: Object. LDNPA: Refused. BPC to keep on agenda as possible new application to be submitted.

7/2018/3162 – Seat Farm, Howtown – variation of conditions 2 (atrium roof) and 5 (windows) on planning application 7/2016/3164 (new dwelling). BPC: support. LDNPA: approved with conditions.

7/2018/3173 – Thwaite Hill, Howtown – new entrance porch. BPC: Support. LDNPA: Approved with cond.

7/2018/3177 – Roe Head – erection off new agricultural building to act as sheep shed and general agricultural storage facility. BPC: support. LDNPA: Approved with conditions.

7/2018/3188 – Mains House – replacement front door. BPC: Support. LDNPA:

7/2018/3192 – Granny Dowbekins – balcony from apartment living room as alternative means of escape stairs above Granny Dowbekins. BPC: Due to conflict of interest BPC not quorate to comment on this application.

7. **County Council & Eden District Council Matters:**

- Coach and Bus Schemes – NH advised of complaint re loss of car parking in village to make way for coach parking. Concern valid but hoped it would not delay scheme. CCC will respond and decide what further action is required. The need to consider parking generally in the long term was noted.
- EDC Community Fund – Colin Hindle unable to attend Ulverston Dickensian Christmas Market. BPC not to pursue this fund.
- EDC Scrutiny Work Programme – **Public Toilets** - MS reported that a report will go to the Executive in February recommending the paddle system be removed and replaced with coin operated doors.

MM queried disabled toilet with MS. **Garden Waste Bins** – MS reported that EDC are holding meetings with contractors/getting costings etc, to move this forward, probably resulting in an annual fee added to council tax bills for those participating.

- EDC Community Governance Review – change of name of BPC – EDC Re-Organisation Order will come into force on 1st April 2019. The Electoral Registration Officer is able to make the appropriate arrangement in relation to the forthcoming elections once the Order is made.
- Housing needs survey – MM put forward the need for an up to date survey to be carried out and is to contact Kate Skillicorn (EDC Policy and Projects Officer) to give a presentation at our next meeting.

Action: MM

8. EDC Devolution of Services –

- **Footway Lighting** – invoice received ex EDC re costs for year (see finance)
- **Public Toilets** – noted that tree survey must be done prior to take over and insurance/annual survey to be looked at (CALC guidance sent on liability of trees near highway). Garry Atkinson EDC progressing works.

9. **Eusemere Lodge** MM reported that Land Registry has awarded Mrs Bate Possessory Title to common land. MM to contact Burnetts for more information.

Action: MM

10. Finance:

- i. Receipts: £62.40 Ullswater Ass (50% bridge banners)
- ii. Payments approved: £1000 Eden Arts Limited (authorised for payment upon receipt of donation ex LDNPA); EDC £418.68 (Footway lights 2018/19 maintenance and electricity charges).
- iii. 2019/2020 Budget presented by JR – small deficit of £140 included in budget with no finance included for additional expenditure in year. MM thanked JR for his work on this and the budget as presented was unanimously approved by BPC.
- iv. 2019/2020 Precept - JR recommended to councillors a 5% increase in the precept, and BPC unanimously approved the precept to be set at £4200 for 2019/20. **Action: Clerk**
- v. Annual internal audit review carried out by JR who was satisfied with all accountings practices and thanked Clerk. JR highlighted need for cheque signatories to also initial the cheque stub.
- vi. FOUW: balance in BPC current account £1000.71. Changes to structure of FOUW taking place and hopefully account with be closed by end of March 2019.
- vii. Section 137 expenditure now increased to £8.12 per elector.

11. NEW BRIDGE/FOOTBRIDGE:

- Drains – MM liaising with David Simpson and John Beer re drains from steamer pier to bridge and is to attend next Dacre PC meeting. Also trying to set up meeting with all parties to discuss. **Action: MM**
- Various ongoing matters, balustrades/comms group/coach parking/ etc to be discussed at pre-meeting on Monday 14.1.19.
- Community meeting 16th January 2019 at 6.30pm – members of public had requested more structured meeting and need for a Chairman. MM to bring up at pre-meeting. **Action: MM**

12. Village/parish updates:

- **Public Toilets** – see (8)
- **Village Warden** – DD/Clerk to meet warden and request invoice for work to date.
- **Recycling centre** – fly tipping cleared up and disposed of by local resident.
- **Pooley Bridge Events** - MM/MV/SB looking for corporate sponsorship for 12 months for the “Pooley Bridge Open for Business” campaign (to include 3 events: Winter Droving, Christmas Fair and Daffodil Fest/Bridge Opening).
- **Wall and fencing at Mains Farm** – land possibly up to sale, but keep on agenda.
- **Speed control in village** – busy time probably best, so Easter suggested. **Action: MM/NH**
- **Drain Gulley cleaning** – Cedric Bell of Tirril has continually ensured over the last 20 years that 3 major gulley grid tops on Barton Church bend and 4 gulley tops at Kirkbarrow Farm are kept free from obstruction and has reported to CCC the large pothole created in the area (B5320) by the blocked gulley. More problems are also currently being monitored by MV on the mini-roundabout near 1863 in the village.

13. Website/Parish Online

- **Village newsletter/website** – SB/MM/Henry Pitt felt that in principle a joint newsletter between two parishes would work. Ongoing.
- **Website** – councillor photos (MM and DD) to update on website. SB kindly offered to update website on behalf of council on a voluntary basis.

- **Website – change of hosting.** SB reported that Designworks would provide a better service than our current supplier and it was agreed to move from RWS to Designworks immediately. Costs involved would be £150 for SSL (one off), £150 annual standard hosting, £80 SSL annual certificate. Dreamworks have also agreed to do some free goodwill work on our website.

Action: SB

14. Barton Community Resilience Group – DD looking into way forward and to liaise with C Wilson who has previous experience of this matter and may be able to provide useful information. **Action: DD**

15. New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

- Councillor to sign individual Councillor Checklist (received from SB/DD/MM and JR). **Action: MV**

16. LDNPA matters:

- **Local Plan Review/Ullswater Showcase Area** – MM/MV/SB had meeting with Jim Lowther 4.12.18. to discuss plans for projects linking PB/Askham/Lowther, especially using bridleway as a cycle route/loop extension to the Ullswater Way. Possibility of bike hire in village/road train. Lowther to pay for signage. SB currently liaising with Suzy Hankin etc.
- **ACT “World Heritage Status”** MM/MV/SB attended meeting 20.11.18.
- **£250 grant application submitted** – for projector to assist with planning applications.

17. Notifications/correspondence

- **Gulley Cleaning** – DD/MV supervised in week commencing 26th November
- **CALC courses for new councillors** - new dates released for councillors attention. Clerk highlighted useful “New Councillor” courses available.
- NALC L09-18/2018 Model Standing Orders amendment noted.
- **Clerk** to attend Funding Discovery Appleby 29.1.19.

18. Dates of 2019 PC meetings: 7pm on 12th March, 14th May, 9th July, 10th September and 12th November.

G Mackey, Clerk to Barton Parish Council