

Parish Council of Barton

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting held TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017 at 7.00pm in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge (following Annual Parish Meeting)

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

In attendance: Maureen Wilson, Claire Armitage, John Beer, Trevor Smith, Colin Hindle, Cllr Neil Hughes, Cllr Mike Smith.

- 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Miles MacInnes (Chair) (proposed CW, seconded DW) and David Wood (Vice Chair) (proposed CW, seconded DA) were unanimously elected. MM thanked his fellow councillors for their trust in him and welcomed everyone to the meeting, congratulating NH on his re-election to CCC.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Mark Vause.
- 3. Requests for dispensations** – none.
- 4. Declaration of Interest** – none.
- 5. Public Participation session:**
 - o Arrangements for meeting of Flood Resilience Group re: Crown Square, were a fiasco, with meeting being arranged at 9.30pm for the next morning. NH advised only 2 flood officers covered a huge number of flood reports, but he would follow up. Meeting scheduled for 15th May now to be held on 26th June at Eamont Bridge followed by visit to Finkle Street. CW to follow up.
Action: CW/NH
 - o W Coulston reported, via a councillor, potholes on "C" road leading to Hole House Farm. NH advised to use online reporting system so can track report. WC to be advised. **Action: CW**
 - o NH reported possible administration for CCC on hold until after General Election.
- 6. Minutes of last meeting held 14 March 2017** were approved as a true record. Matters arising not on agenda:
 - **Bridge noise** – as the new bridge will not be in situ for about 18 months, the bridge noise was unacceptable to residents. NH to contact John Banks/Stephen Hall for latest update.
 - **Cumbria in Bloom** – possible interest when new bridge in place.
 - **Field on riverside** – CW has been in touch with the owner, Simon Hutton, who intends to repair the gate and fence shortly, but has given BPC authority to enter his land and litterpick. CW to maintain contact with owner re: future use and condition. **Action: CW**
 - **Flooding on B5320 opposite Barton Hall Farm**– thanks to CCC for clearing drain and also getting UU to tend to leak – hopefully problem sorted.
- 7. 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:
7/2017/3032 – Arqiva Pooley Bridge Transmitter Station, Roe Head. Installation of 1 AC Electricity Generator – prior notification for information only.
7/2017/3039 – Hillcroft Caravan Park – proposed new general manager's dwelling. BPC: no response. LDNPA:
7/2017/3041 – Eusemere – proposed render finish to existing walls and alterations to roof line (including permitted alterations to window openings). BPC: support.
7/2017/3018 – Crown Hotel – formation of new landscape levels in existing beer garden. BPC: Object (After discussions, objection to be submitted in agreement with objections raised by C Watson and C Hindle [flood plain, landscape level, fire escape location and use], especially the heightened flooding risk).
Land at Roe Head – Mr W Coulston – appeal lodged against planning permission refusal.
Eusemere Lodge – Common Land CL131 belonging to BPC - meeting to be requested with owners after DA and Clerk attend Common Land CALC Course on Tuesday 18th July.
- 8. Finance:**
 - i. Accounts for year ending 31.3.2017. were approved (copy attached).
 - ii. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 approved and signed.
 - iii. Section 2 Accounting Statements 2016/17 approved and signed.
 - iv. Annual budget final updated figures approved as presented.
 - v. Receipts: £4029 Precept, £142.01 recycling credit October 16-March 17.
 - vi. Payments approved: £24 Joyce Robinson (compost/plants around notice boards) along with letter of thanks to Joyce; £25 donation to Eden Animal Rescue (for F Wilson photographs); £229.99 Printer; CALC subscription £108.12. Approval also given for Zurich insurance renewal of £545.09 when received.
 - vii. FOUW: Balance in our account of £4657.33 as of 9.5.17; therefore BPC balance £7981.42 c/a.
 - viii. Budgetary control: healthy start to new financial year following successful 2016-2017.
 - ix. Staff Pension Auto Enrol – staging date 1 May 2017. BPC confirmed that Clerk does not wish to be put into a pension scheme. Pension Scheme to be used in future if required would be NEST (National Employment Savings Trust). Clerk to complete Pension Regulation Declaration form online. MM to write to Clerk to confirm. **Action: MM/Clerk**
- 9. NEW BRIDGE:** MM reported positive meeting held on Friday 5.5.17. with CCC/Prince's Foundation etc; overall timescale still in place; should be up and running by Winter 2018; two consultations to take place, first one being mid June 2017; designer appointed for design criteria.
- 10. EDC Devolution of Services** – Toilets - MS met EDC team today – contacting legal team to confirm requirements of toilet payment scheme – becoming big problem being out of action due to faulty paddle entry system and also a goodwill issue amongst visitors. Confirmed freehold; we can buy out of cleaning contract; handover will be with maintenance budget of 100% year 1, 75% year 2, 50% year 3, 25% year 4. BPC to get all revenue from takeover date plus maintenance budget. Footway lighting – response required re vibrating post near bridge. Report awaiting from EDC. Clerk to cc MS with previous email correspondence. Various matters to "iron out". MM and Clerk to review earlier correspondence and contact EDC. **Action: MM/Clerk**
- 11. Public Toilets update** – £113 taken since November.

- 12. Boundary change:** draft letter to EDC with Dacre PC for approval. Clerk to chase after DPC meeting.
Action: Clerk
- 13. Parish Online update/Website & Communications Working Group (to include broadband)**
- **Installation of Broadband for village hall** – cost between £750-£850 for installation and first year. BPC need assurance from Parkin Memorial Hall that they will continue with wi-fi for following 3 years before committing to such expenditure. **Action: Clerk**
 - **Website** – clerk met Sam Bunting 3.4.17. who has kindly given assistance FOC and will advise Clerk as requested. DW to advertise website in Grapevine so local community aware of existence. **Action:DW**
 - **Parish Online** - new website launched.
- 14. Transparency Funding** – scanner now purchased. Broadband ongoing (see above).
- 15. Village signs and notices (CLP)** Signs for High Street – Amanda Ward EDC ongoing – **Action: MS**
- 16. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – CW tabled Report No.31: (i) one crime reported Jan/Feb stats, but two village crimes committed in April; (ii) Barton Community Resilience Group - meeting in Eamont Bridge changed from 15 May to 26 June followed by site visit at Finkle Street. BPC supports BCRG in seeking updated feasibility studies on e.g. weir and Howe Hill effect on flooding in village; (iii) CCTV research ongoing; (iv) recent examples of kind, simple acts by neighbours towards fellow neighbours in community is good neighbourhood watch. The Chair and other councillors and members of the public wished to record their appreciation and thanks for the hard work and effort by David and Cyril, who should be proud of the results. **Action : DA/CW**
- 17. UVP/Affordable Housing** – Suzy Hankin to send report to parish councils of outstanding matters.
- 18. Heat Network Feasibility Study** – nothing to report.
- 19. Village Warden** – Carl Scrivens started on 1.4.17. and noticeable effect already.
- 20. Garden Waste Skip Agreement** – contamination of skip due to no signage on skip indicating for garden rubbish only (and sign behind skip “No Litter”) and skip to deep to clean out. MS to pursue subject of garden wheelie bins with EDC. **Action:MS**
- 21. See More Cumbria and the Lakes** – nothing to report.
- 22. Coach Parking** – bid for funding being submitted.
- 23. Ullswater Way Heritage Trail** – Clarkson memorial event on 21.5.17. Wainwright Stone ceremony on 1.6.17.
- 24. Noel Daley Memorial Bike Run** – apology received from Bill Hughes – complaints received from villagers/businesses about the disruption, probably exacerbated as it was Easter Saturday. BPC asked to be informed in future and request that it not take place on a bank holiday. **Action:Clerk**
- 25. LDNPA matters:**
- Litter Bins – site meeting held 7.4.17.in Eusemere Car Park. Simon Hill (LDNPA) offered annual grant to BPC so that we can manage site. BPC to ask for £600. Clerk has received bin bags and litter pickers (in Hall garage). No Coaches and No Litter signs have been erected.
 - Local Plan Review – Call for Sites 2017 – response required by 2.6.17.
 - Routes to Resilience Site Visit – Mungrisdale – Tuesday 6th June 4.30pm.
 - LDNPA organised litter pick – suggested field on lakeshore path after Eusemere Lodge.
- 26. Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities** – BPC adopted updated sections 1-5.
- 27. Parking in village** – request to CCC for yellow lines outside Ullswater House submitted 21.3.17. ref: W171432295, but may take up to 24 months.
- 28. Notifications/correspondence:**
- EDC Scrutiny Priorities – no response from BPC.
 - EDC Local Plan 2012-2032 – not relevant – no response.
- 29. Proposed dates of 2017 PC meetings: 7pm - 2017: 11 July, 12 September, 14 November.**

G Mackey, Clerk to Barton Parish Council