

Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge
MINUTES of the MEETING held Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.00pm
Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge

Present: Miles MacInnes, Chairman (MM), Mark Vause, Vice Chairman (MV), Samantha Bunting (SB), Justin Ray (JR), Colin Hindle (CH) and Clerk Jill Mackey

In attendance: CCCouncillor Neil Hughes (NH) part meeting

1. **Apologies for absence:** Laura Harker.
2. **Requests for dispensations:** none.
3. **Declaration of Interest –** none.
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice): none other than on agenda.
5. **Minutes of last meetings held 18th May 2021 (Parish Meeting and AGM)** were approved. Matters arising: no feedback on entertainment event in village.

6. **Planning:**

Application No.	Location	Description	Response BPBPC	Decision LDNPA
2020-3127	Swarthbeck Farm	Proposed restoration of historic boathouse following refusal of 7-2020-3068.	Support	Granted
2021-3004	Low Brow Farm, Tirril	Convert existing farmhouse dwelling into 3 holiday lets	Support	
2021-3005	Low Brow Farm, Tirril	Convert existing farmhouse dwelling into 3 holiday lets – listed building consent	Support	
2021-3039	Waterfoot Temporary Car Park	Retention of car park for further 2 year period	Letter of support submitted – n.b. in Dacre parish	
2021-3054	Swallows Barn, Seat Farm, Howtown	Installation of enlarged window	Support	Listed Building Consent granted
2021-3070	Lake Ullswater, Park Foot	Proposed replacement jetty	Neutral	
2021-3069	Ullswater Yacht Club	Use of field for camping, parking and dinghy storage for up to 28 days.	Approved	Granted
2021-3051	Kirkbarrow Hall	Creation of 5 touring caravan pitches, conversion of a barn into a toilet block and change of use of associated and	Objection	
2021-3077	Ullswater Yacht Club	Approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Construction Method Statement) on planning permission ref:7/2018/3093 – to demolish the existing clubhouse and erect new clubhouse and race box	Cond 4 requires UYC to submit a method statement for the work re: 3093 so LDNPA can review and agree.	Complies with conditions

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

- Housing needs survey – currently on hold. Consider as part of new Community Led Plan
- EDC – District Heat Network system – on hold pending covid restrictions. LH had nothing to report.
- Various potholes very dangerous on Roe Head Lane – some work has been done.
- Contain Outbreak Management Funding for Eden (CCC) – MV/CH to apply for funding for 3 sanitizers for public toilets and possibly extra/replacement litter bins in village (see 13) **Action: MV/CH**
- Potholes near Barton Church turnoff remain a constant problem.

8. **Public Toilets**

- ✓ MV reported entrance fee had gone up from 30p to 50p on 13.7.21. Signage amended. Income for June was £1042.50. There is a £10/month service fee and a card bank clearing monthly fee, from Nayax. They deduct this monthly from our receipts.
- ✓ Electricity supplier is currently Npower. Clerk has been in contact with supplier/EDC/CCC and we are eligible for CCC (Alison Henderson) who are a Public Sector Buying Organisation (PSBO), to procure electricity on our behalf, which should be a much better rate. This is also through Npower, who have confirmed this is advantageous to us. There is an outstanding account from 1.4.21. but we hope that the new contract rate may be backdated. There are currently 3 meters, although one is ineligible. **Action: Clerk**
- ✓ Joyce Robinson has kindly replanted the flower planters in the area and asked for assistance in watering. Chestnut House are happy for us to use their outside water tap, and MV is also to ask Becky (cleaner).

9. **Common Land at Eusemere Lodge** – request to be sent to Open Spaces Society for advice, and also consult CALC. **Action: MM**

10. **Finance:**

- **Receipts:**

Received from	Description	£
EDC	Public toilets 1 year transfer asset grant	5640.00
EDC	Public toilets 1 year ground maintenance grant	95.00

• **Payments approved:**

Payee	Description	£
Mrs B K Heath	Toilet cleaning May 2021 (31 days)	744.00
Mrs B K Heath	Toilet cleaning June 2021 (30 days)	730.00
Mrs J Robinson	Plants/compost for toilet area	33.91

- **BPBPC current account:** current account balance after cheques cleared of £9396.72

11. NEW BRIDGE updates:

- **Parish Council land** – H&H Valuers (joint appointment) have valued the land at £6,500 but CCC disagree. MM to follow up our case with CCC. **Action: MM**
- **Dunmallard Car Park restoration** – the riverbank trees have been replanted and are budding, but will take time to grow and mature.

12. Community Led Plan – MM reported that the Scoping meeting will take place on Thursday 15th July 12 noon.

13. Village/parish updates:

- **Community Fund update:** meeting again 17.8.21.
- **Village Warden** – Carl Scrivens has tendered his resignation due to a change in work practices and Councillors expressed their thanks to Carl for his commitment and hard work. After Zoom meeting on 7.6.21., Councillors were grateful that Paul Mackey has agreed to undertake village warden duties, liaising with MV. Risk Assessment is in place. Public Liability Insurance is covered on BPBPC insurance. Contract signed by MM.
- **Recycling centre** – has been tidied.
- **Household garden waste skip** – working well.
- **Parking problems Roe Head:** “Turning Only” sign now erected at top. No further reports.
- **SITU (Strategic Integrated Transport in Ullswater Valley)** – CH reported there have been numerous meetings and there is funding available for cycling/walking routes and bids are being submitted.
- **Defibrillators** – MV felt that it would be a better option to obtain 2 new signs. **Action: MV**
- **Howtown Road** – CCC propose an experimental 24 Hour Rural Clearway, which has been approved. Various concerns had been expressed, but overriding concern was access denied on busy days to emergency vehicles.
- **Eusemere House felling of 6 lakeside mature trees** – the Forestry Commission have decided not to prosecute but have served notice to replant the trees. As so many parishioners felt strongly on this issue, as does the Council, it was decided to write to our local MP (cc Forestry Commission). **Action: MM**
- **Village bins** – Village litter and overflowing/inadequate litter bins is becoming a huge problem. MV/CH to survey current stock and report back to Councillors asap. Possible funding available. Dunmallard car park bin has been installed by EDC, but is also overflowing.
- **Safety concerns re: Ice Cream van outside Post Office** – Parish Councillors held an onsite meeting 20.5.21. to assess the situation, attended also by a CCC Highways Officer. The points raised, including moving disabled bay closer to road/repositioning parking bays between Post Office/Granny Dowbekins closer to road boundary/ repositioning parking bays in front of Crown, are being considered by Highways Team.
- **WI** – request to plant tree for the “Queens Canopy 2022”. It was suggested perhaps a Weeping Willow type tree would be suitable behind the Bridge Crag Stone. Clerk to follow up with WI. **Action: Clerk**
- **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations – 2-5th June 2022.** The Hall Committee have agreed to keep the hall free for these dates in the hope that a village celebration can be organised. SB to look into a Sports Event. MM hoped we could have a Beacon (last one was in conjunction with Askham on the fell). **Action: MM/SB**

14. LDNPA matters:

- **Parking in Village:** nothing to report.
- **Waterfoot Car Park** – see (6) above – planning application 7/2021/3039 submitted for retention of this car park for a further 2 years. Did not go to LDNPA July meeting. Awaiting outcome.
- **Adoption of LDNPA Local Plan 2020-2023** – noted with immediate effect.

15. Notifications/correspondence:

- ✓ **Neighbourhood Watch** – email 23.6.21. to consider re: communication in rural communities etc – BPBPC not active but would be interested in setting up WhatsApp group etc. **Action: Clerk**

16. Dates of next PC meetings:

- **2021:** September 14th, November 9th.