

Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge
MINUTES of the MEETING held Tuesday 14th September 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, Laura Harker (LH) EDCouncillor, Paul Mackey (PM).

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Edward Lowthian, who was Parish Clerk for 35 years, our Auditor and former resident of Pooley Bridge, which he loved. His family, the Bardgetts, have a long association with the village.

1. **Apologies for absence:** none.
2. **Requests for dispensations:** none.
3. **Declaration of Interest – SB –** planning application 7/2021/3124.
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice): See 13 below – Village warden
5. **Minutes of last meetings held 13th July** were unanimously approved. Matters arising: none.
6. **Planning:**

Application No.	Location	Description	Response BPBPC	Decision LDNPA
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	
2021-3070	Lake Ullswater, Park Foot	Proposed replacement jetty	Neutral	
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	Refused
2021-3123	Eusemere	Amended scheme for alterations, extensions and new garage wing following approval 7/2013/3126	Support	Granted
2021-3144	Almond Cottage, Finkle Street	Internal alterations and general repairs, replacement rooflights, insertion of high level stove flue externally	Initially Support subsequently withdrawn upon inspection of inaccurate plan submitted with application and site visit.	
1604.436	Woodland at Eusemere	Tree Preservation (No.436) Order (made 26.8.21.) Provisional basis, will continue for 6 months or until the Order is confirmed by LDNPA, whichever is first.		

Planning Application No. 7/2021/3124 – Erection of one local needs dwelling and one affordable local need dwelling at Wreay Mansions, Watermillock, (Matterdale Parish) – BPBPC sent a letter of support on grounds that it would free up a local occupancy and affordable dwelling in PB for a local family and for which there is known demand, making clear that although the applicant (SB) is a member of BPBPC, she played no part in this response. However, upon taking advice, BPBPC realise that this response was taken without due consideration and was unconstituted. Letter of support withdrawn within 24 hours of submission. Subsequently, various Freedom of Information Act 2000/Environmental Information Regulation 2004 requests were received from Robert W Munn of Wreay Mansions, Watermillock, and responded to within the regulation 20 working days. Matter reported to EDC Monitoring Officer 20.8.21.

7. County Council & Eden District Council Matters:

- Housing needs survey – consider as part of new Community Led Plan
- EDC – District Heat Network system – on hold pending covid restrictions. Clerk to update. **Action:Clerk**
- Various potholes very dangerous on Roe Head Lane – some work has been done.
- Contain Outbreak Management Funding for Eden (CCC) – Funding as yet not applied for. Clerk to check if still available. **Action:Clerk**

8. Public Toilets

- ✓ MV reported 1 ladies toilet not working – he will arrange for plumber to attend. Need to consider how long to keep open for winter/heating system? **Action:MV**
- ✓ Electricity : as of 29.6.21. on Cumbria County Council contract. Awaiting contract price from CCC. Meters (3) changed 12.8.21. to one meter number E21ML00505.
- ✓ Water rates: estimated £600 pa? Possibility of waterless urinals.

- ✓ Awaiting July breakdown figures from Nayax.
- ✓ Letter of complaint re entry charge – responded explaining BPBPC cannot afford to subsidise the running costs, but are keeping situation under review.

9. **Common Land at Eusemere Lodge** – Open Spaces Society response/CALC – MM to follow up. **Action:MM**

10. Finance:

- **Receipts:**

Received from	Description	£
Nayax	Public toilets March-April 2021	372.53
Nayax	Public toilets May 2021	688.69
Nayax	Public toilets June 2021	999.75
Nayax	Public toilets July 2021	1411.63

- **Payments approved:**

Payee	Description	£
Mrs B K Heath	Toilet cleaning July	744.00
Mrs B K Heath	Toilet cleaning August	744.00
Elm House	Toilet rolls, liquid soap (for use in public toilets)	404.54
Water Plus Ltd	Water/wastewater April, May, June, July	275.28
NPower	Electricity 1.4.21.-31.5.21.	164.03
M MacInnes	Lunches for CLP Scoping meeting 15,7,21,	34.65
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit fee	360.00
Mrs G M Mackey	Remuneration April-September 2021	1450.00

- **BPBPC current account:** current account balance after cheques cleared of £10331.63 (including income from toilets for August of £1638.82).
- **Annual Audit** – BPBPC was selected as part of the random 5% sample subject to intermediate level review procedures this year. External Auditor Report and Certificate dated 25.8.21. received – no matters arising.
- **Annual pay review** – Clerk – Councillors to consider. **Action:All**
- **Independent Internal Auditor** – Clerk to check with CALC for criteria. **Action:Clerk**

11. NEW BRIDGE updates:

- **Parish Council land** – MM/CCC still in discussion on valuation figure.
- **Snagging issues** – MM chasing up with CCC.
- **Awards** – Bridge currently in for two awards; People's Choice (ICE) and Civic Trust Awards (on site viewing 4.10.21.) **Action:All**
- **Pooley New Bridge Book of Memories** – shortlisted for Cumbrian Book of the Year "Illustration & Presentation" category.

12. **Community Led Plan** – Scoping meeting held Thursday 15th July, (Kim Hitch, Princes Foundation, representatives of CCC, EDC, ACT, LDNPA, BPBPC) - follow up meeting will be held at Beulah on Wednesday 6.10.21. at 10.30am. **Action:All**

13. Village/parish updates:

- **Community Fund update:** meeting held 17.8.21. Hope to organise November community meeting to update community/get feedback.
- **Village Warden** – PM reported he was now on top of grass cutting. Would like to perform trimming/light pruning above/around recycling area. Paul Coulston helps with litter picking in village. Need road sweeper in village – LH to advise when/where etc, noting early morning preferable as not as many cars. More village bins have improved litter problem greatly. BPBPC happy with work and thanked Paul. Toilet area needs attention – MV to arrange meeting with Bea Ray and PM on site to discuss work required etc. PM happy to continue on voluntary basis till end of year. **Action:MV/LH**
- **Recycling centre** – ok.
- **Household garden waste skip** – continual litter problem – Warden cleaning rubbish out of skip.
- **Parking problems Roe Head:** slightly improved after new signage.
- **SITU (Strategic Integrated Transport in Ullswater Valley)** – Walking route (to be known as The Eamont Way): CH reported funding has been secured from CCC for protected footway past Kirkbarrow to church lane end. When this is done, LDNPA will offer support. Discussions with owner and tenant of Barton Church Farm re possible permissive path through roadside fields. Route agreed down field to back of Sun Hotel. The Multi User Route is being considered by external consultants. Questionnaire currently circulating asking visitors how they move around the NP.
- **Defibrillators** – MV to arrange new signage and will check/update official location at PBI. **Action:MV**
- **Howtown Road** – 24 Hour Rural Clearway – seems to be working satisfactorily.
- **Eusemere House felling of 6 lakeside mature beech trees** – request sent to our MP 9.9.21. He has contacted Forestry Commission and will report back in due course.
- **Village bins** – MV/CH reported Stephen Hill, EDC, provided extra bins for summer and three collections/week. This has been a great success. Clerk to thank EDC and progress way forward re: new bins etc. **Action:Clerk**
- **Safety concerns re: Ice Cream van outside Post Office** – nothing to report.

- **WI** – Woodland Trust to give advice on tree etc. – in hand.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – 2-5th June 2022.** Beacon to be discussed at November meeting. Hall at disposal of village for community celebration.
- **Disposal/archiving of old Parish Council** documents – date to be arranged at November meeting.

14. LDNPA matters:

- **Parking in Village:** MM liaising with Laura McClellan, CCC. Short term plan to improve road markings. CCC (Julian) to put forward feasible drawing. Further actions to be considered under Community Plan.
- **Waterfoot Car Park** – see (6) above – planning application 7/2021/3039 submitted for retention of this car park for a further 2 years
- **Damage** to kissing gate at Eusemere Lodge on lakeshore path
- **Safety concerns at Waterfoot corner** – visitors crossing road to use unauthorised access to lake for leisure pursuits etc. MM to consult with landowners. **Action:MM**

15. Notifications/correspondence:

- **CCC Route Strategy review** – consultation until 30.11.21.
- **CCC HIAMS project update**

16. Dates of next PC meetings:

- **2021:** November 9th.
- **2022:** January 11th, March 8th, May 10th (AGM), July 12th, September 13th, November 8th.

G Mackey
 Clerk, Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council (BPBPC)