

Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge
MINUTES of the MEETING held Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.00pm
Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge

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

In attendance: CCCouncillor Neil Hughes (NH) part meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** attention drawn to NALC Legal Topic Note 5, para 29: apologies with a reason for absence must be submitted in writing to the Clerk before the meeting. The Council should then be made aware of the apology and the reason for the absence and then must either approve the absence or decline to give approval. This must be recorded in the minutes.
 - o Clerk had received written apologies from Councillor S Bunting (illness) – approved by Councillors.
 - o Apologies for absence received from Laura Harker.
2. **Requests for dispensations:** none.
3. **Declaration of Interest:** none.
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice): nothing to report.
5. **Minutes of last meeting held 14th September** were 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	Granted
2021-3005	Low Brow Farm, Tirril	Convert existing farmhouse dwelling into 3 holiday lets – listed building consent	Support	Granted
2021-3039	Waterfoot Temporary Car Park	Retention of car park for further 2 year period	Letter of support submitted – n.b. in Dacre parish	Refused
2021-3070	Lake Ullswater, Park Foot	Proposed replacement jetty	Neutral	
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general repairs, replacement rooflights, insertion of high level stove flue externally	Initially Support subsequently withdrawn upon inspection of inaccurate plan submitted with application and site visit.	Withdrawn
T/2021-0132	Waterside House	T1- Large ash tree with possible Ash die-back to pollard	No response	Granted
2021-3172	Waterside Farm Campsite	Proposed replacement washroom, toilet and potwash facility	Support	
2021-3174	Cross Dormont	Change of use of agricultural land to camping and touring caravan site, as part of a farm diversification scheme (retrospective)	Site visit 10.11.21. before decision	

Planning Application 7/2021/3124 –site at Wreay Mansions – application has now been withdrawn. EDC Monitoring Officer's response not as yet received.

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 – contact now Meryl Roberts at EDC.
- Various potholes very dangerous on Roe Head Lane – MM to investigate. **Action:MM**
- Contain Outbreak Management Funding for Eden (CCC) – Funding application submitted to CCC 30.9.21. for 4 new bins and 3 sanitiser units for toilets. Committee meeting late November to consider application.
- Local Government reorganisation - on behalf of BPBPC MM had contacted all Cumbrian Parish Councils asking them to consider our objections to the Government's proposal for two unitary authorities in Cumbria – "East & West". The principle objections are:
 - o Single authority is more appropriate
 - o East/West divide is illogical, inappropriate and unworkable
 - o If there are to be two authorities it should be on a North/South divide.

CCC have applied for a Judicial Review, but it was pointed out by NH that a Structural Change Order (SCO) has already been published. BPBPC has advised Michael Gove of our objection.

- Clerk attended Election Process Forum 20.9.21. by Karen Thompson EDC. (May 2022 Shadow Unitary Council, 2023 Full Unitary Council). Next Parish Council elections 2023.

8. **Public Toilets**

- ✓ 1 toilet not working is now in working order thanks to Becky our cleaner.

- ✓ Electricity : Clerk has been in touch with Alison Henderson CCC as we have not paid an electric account since 31.5.21. NPower confirm that “the change of occupier is still in progress at the moment”.
- ✓ Water rates: late payment charge of £40 (charged last invoice **) has been credited to our account.
- ✓ Winter opening hours to remain unaltered (8am to 9pm). Cleaner to reduce hours to 1 hour/day for next 3 months, under review/liase with MV.
- ✓ Waterless urinals are a consideration and MV to investigate costings etc and also look at ways of saving money with regards electricity usage etc. **Action: MV**
- ✓ Grounds maintenance – MV/Paul Mackey to keep under review, keeping toilet signage visible.
- ✓ Long term future of site – Councillors asked to consider this for future discussion. **Action: All**

9. **Common Land at Eusemere Lodge** – Informal advice from Tim Cartmell (retired solicitor) had been circulated and having taken advice, it is apparent that any action to recover this land will involve risk and cost, neither of which BPBPC can afford. Although there is a case to reclaim ownership, as the owner of Eusemere Lodge is apparently unwilling to negotiate, it was regrettably decided not to pursue the matter further. MM to organise a gift for Mr Cartmell in thanks for his informal advice and help. **Action: MM**

10. Finance:

• Receipts:

Received from	Description	£
Nayax	Public toilets August	1638.82
Nayax	Public toilets September	1275.37
Nayax	Public toilets October	

• Payments approved:

Payee	Description	£
Mrs B K Heath	Toilet cleaning September	720.00
Mrs B K Heath	Toilet cleaning October	744.00
Water Plus Ltd	Toilets water charge 29.7.21.-8.10.21.	**188.76

- **BPBPC current account:** current account balance after cheques cleared of £9954.24 (£4592.56 toilets).
- **Annual pay review** – Clerk – Councillors agreed increase to £3050pa from 1.10.21.
- **Independent Internal Auditor to appoint** – CALC confirm no specific criteria, but must be independent from Council, competent to carry out role in a way that meets the business needs of authority. Some councils use other Clerks, or someone with accountancy/bookkeeping background. Clerk to approach Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council with a view to JR auditing their accounts if their auditor would audit ours. **Action: Clerk**

11. NEW BRIDGE updates:

- **Parish Council land** – MM reported no news on valuation and there was still disagreement over the valuation figure. MM to negotiate further. **Action: MM**
- **Snagging issues** – MM had met Caroline and Craig (CCC) and is awaiting feedback on the cracks that have appeared in the new benches.
- **Awards** – the bridge has been nominated for various national awards.
- **Book of Memories** – was category runner up in the Lakeland Book of the Year.

12. **Community Led Plan** – Meeting at Beulah on Wednesday 6.10.21. with recommendations as set out in MM's email of 6.10.21. Draft questionnaire to be circulated to Councillors for final approval (attached to minutes). Aim to be in February Grapevine with consultation meeting in March. **Action: All**

13. Village/parish updates:

- **Community Fund update:** last met in August. Hope to advertise/raise awareness at CLP meeting in March 2022.
- **Village Warden** – LH reported that something will be done shortly in respect of EDC road sweeper.
- **Recycling centre** – tidy, no problems.
- **Household garden waste skip** – Clerk to investigate possibility of a skip in November. **Action: Clerk**
- **SITU (Strategic Integrated Transport in Ullswater Valley)** – Funding for footpath near Kirkbarrow had been secured from CCC “COMF” (Covid Management Outbreak Fund), Work is ongoing and the footpath, from Kirkbarrow corner to Barton Church road end, will link in with the proposed permissive paths at Barton Church Farm and Hole House Farm.
- **Defibrillators** – MV has been in contact with NW Ambulance Service who now have correct location details for the two defibrillators (Pooley Bridge Inn and Village Hall Car Park) and MV can log into system weekly to show they have been checked as working. Quote for £160-£170 for 5 new signs detailing location was approved. **Action: MV**
- **Eusemere House felling of 6 lakeside mature beech trees.** Response received from Dr Hudson MP; owners of Eusemere House have been served with Restocking Notice.
- **Village bins** – see (7). Awaiting outcome of grant application.
- **WI Queens Green Canopy** – BPBPC to advise WI to go ahead asap with tree planting behind benches near bridge. **Action: Clerk**
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – 2-5th June 2022.** Beacon has been registered. W Coulston has agreed to organise beacon on Heughscar, to be lit at 9.15pm on 2nd June 2022. Clerk to contact Askham PC to

invite Askham to join us on the fell. Bring your own drinks etc. MV to investigate supplying torches to be given out at the beacon for procession down the fell.

Action:Clerk/MV

- **Disposal/archiving of old Parish Council** documents – Clerk/MM/MV/JR will meet at Village Hall Wednesday 24th November 10am.
Action:MM/MV/JR/Clerk
- **Parking in Village:** following a meeting between MM/CH/CCC draft plans had been received from Laura McClellan. It was agreed that Option A (attached to minutes) was the preferred option provided the pavement in front of the Post Office can be extended to include the hatched area; also moving the disabled bay in front of the Crown to be alongside the one in front of the Post Office. MM to respond to CCC.
Action:MM

14. LDNPA matters:

- **Waterfoot Car Park** – see (6) above – planning application 7/2021/3039 submitted for retention of this car park for a further 2 years. MM attended LDNPA Development Control Committee on 03.11.21 to speak in support. Consent refused. BPPC are very disappointed this has been turned down. The Owner is considering various options but it is likely the car park will still be available for 2022. Dalemair and LDNPA are discussing options for permissive footpath to village.
- **Safety concerns at Waterfoot corner** – awaiting response from Dacre PC and Ullswater Steamers.

15. Notifications/correspondence: Comic Relief Filming project March 5-9 2022. Macmillan Mighty Hike 18/19 June 2022.

16. Dates of next PC meetings 2022: January 11th, March 8th, May 10th (AGM), July 12th, September 13th, November 8th.

G Mackey

Clerk, Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council (BPBPC)