

**Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge**  
**MINUTES of the MEETING held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm**  
**Virtual Meeting held via Zoom**

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: Councillor Neil Hughes (NH) and EDC Councillor Laura Harker (LH), Suzy Hankin LDNPA (SH), part meeting

1. **Apologies for absence:** none.
2. **Requests for dispensations:** none.
3. **Declaration of Interest – SB – roadside advertising (6)**
4. **Public Participation session: (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice):** none other than on agenda.
5. **Minutes of last meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021** were approved. Matters arising:
  - Letter of thanks received from Cyril Wilson, Treasurer, Barton PCC, for donation to churchyard maintenance.

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	
2020-3154	Lake Ullswater – Pooley Bridge (Park Foot)	Erect a Jetty	Neutral	Withdrawn
2021-3155	Park Foot Sandall Camping Field	Proposed 6 camping pods	Support	Granted
2021-3003	Waterside House, Howtown Road	Proposed general agricultural building (hay store)	Support	Approved
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	
2021-3006	Elm House	Replacement dwelling, premised on internal alterations to replace current owner's accommodation as commercial kitchen space and letting rooms following refusal of pp 7-2020-3113	unable to respond as the majority of councillors have an interest in application.	
2021-3007	Thwaite Hill Farm	Restoration of stream at Thwaite Hill to its original course	Support	
2021-3028	Ullswater Yacht Club	Proposed balcony extension to the Clubhouse	Support	

- ❖ Waterfoot Car Park – a planning application is expected shortly for the retention of the temporary car park and associated works for a 2 year period (Dacre parish). If the Planning Office recommends refusal BPBPC hope this application will go to committee and strongly support the application, but screening/landscaping required if the carpark is retained after two years. MM to draft response.

**Action: MM**

- ❖ The Parish Council held a virtual meeting in January with Ben Long, LDNPA, who gave advice regarding planning policy on Caravan Parks and also roadside advertising. BPBPC to contact Village Stores/Hillcroft re roadside banners at crossroads.

**Action:Clerk**

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 to check. **Action:LH**
- Siting of defibrillator – MV will progress signage alteration asap. **Action:MV**
- W2081021336 – Potholes on Celleron Road (for reference) – length of road.
- W2081019695 – Potholes on A592 near Waterfoot triangle and past boathouse (for reference) – repaired.
- W2181035533 – Potholes on Celleron Road opposite Barton House (Mrs Wedgwood had accident) – repaired.
- Various potholes very dangerous on Roe Head Lane  
 The subject of local potholes was discussed and MM asked NH to pass on our thanks to CCC for their speedy action in repairing the pothole opposite Barton House. The whole of Celleron Road and Roe Head lane are in need of repairs and are on the list for resurfacing. Thanks to NH for his help also.
- Response to Local Government Reorganisation Consultation to be submitted (by 19.4.21.) after MM has attended Zoom event 18.3.21. with presentation from each of the four proposals. **Action:Clerk/MM**
- CCC Highways Feedback Survey – results to be shared with PC's shortly. Attention drawn to Ask Kevin inbox regarding roadworks – this inbox is to support Parish Councillors with a platform to feedback and provide suggestions on how the service and customer experience can be developed.

8. **EDC Devolution of Services –**

- **Public Toilets**

- ✓ Installation report – MV reported that the doors are being fitted w/c 22.3.21. and he will check handover date with EDC (aimed at 1.4.21.). Electrician then to wire up.
- ✓ Bank account report – Clerk unable to progress new bank account until CH is added as a signatory.
- ✓ Insurance – Clerk to arrange insurance in place (£150,000 cover) at 1.4.21. **Action:Clerk**
- ✓ MV organising cleaners.
- ✓ Thanks expressed to NH for his grant of £400 towards costs of installing toilet doors.

• **Footway Lighting**

- Insurance now covered for public liability and damage.

9. **Common Land at Eusemere Lodge** - MM to contact Open Spaces Society (as advertised in "Clerks and Councils Direct" and report back. **Action:MM**

10. **Finance:**

• **Receipts:**

Received from	Description	£
LDNPA	Grant towards cleaning Eusemere Car Park	500.00
NS&I	Annual interest Investment Account	28.59
Eden District Council	Recycling credits October 2019-March 2020	96.84
Eden District Council	Recycling credits April 2020-September 2020	113.45
Cumbria County Council	Councillor N Hughes grant towards public toilets	400.00

• **Payments approved:**

Payee	Description	£
Mrs G M Mackey	Remuneration October 2020 to March 2021	1450.00
Mrs G M Mackey	General expenses 2020-21	25.41
Eden District Council	Footway lights maint/elect (2) 2020/21	143.04
B&PB Community Fund	Balance of their monies held in BPBPC c/a	32073.11
Information Commissioner	Data Protection fee	40.00
Parkin Memorial Hall	Hall hire 2020-21 (2 meetings only)	10.00

- **BPBPC current account:** current account balance after cheques cleared of £3359.34
- **NS&I Investment Account** – interest now only 0.01% noted.
- **Section 137 Expenditure** – increased to £8.41 2021-22 noted.
- **Community Fund** – all funds now transferred from Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council current account to Barton and Pooley Bridge Community Fund. Dodd & Co Terms of Engagement passed to JR.
- **Cheque signatory:** C Hindle has provided proof of identity but not sure if transferred online correctly. MM to progress with NatWest. **Action:MM**
- **Annual review of internal control and risk management** – JR will carry out this week. **Action:Clerk/JR**

11. **NEW BRIDGE updates:**

- **Boundary wall** – After consultation between BPBPC and CCC it was reluctantly agreed that the Eusemere Lodge boundary wall was in the correct position. However, CCC have used land belonging to BPBPC for the wider bridge abutment thus causing the access to the riverside to be much narrower and also losing some riverbank land. MM to investigate obtaining a Valuer and Solicitor to act on our behalf (approx 44.5sq.m. land lost). CCC have agreed to pay our costs. **Action:MM**
- **CCC signage** – a few redundant roadwork signs in and around village. MM to progress with Craig. **Action:MM**

12. **Community Led Plan** – MM in touch with Kim Hitch and having meeting shortly along with Ben Long. The plan (subject to COVID restrictions) is to have a 'scoping meeting' this summer followed by public consultation workshops in the autumn

13. **Village/parish updates:**

- **Community Fund update:** 139 Book of Memories yet to sell, should go in summer. No further funding grants handed out.
- **Village Warden** – all ok.
- **Recycling centre** – Clerk had requested clothes skip to be emptied – overflowing.
- **Household garden waste skip** – new agreement signed 16.2.21. for 8' skip April-October 2021.
- **Parking problems Roe Head:** Clerk reported that Post Lady had great difficulties one morning trying to access a property due to unreasonable parking. NH to check with CCC progress of "No Parking" signs for passing places. LDNPA to provide signs (No Turning etc) and hopefully these may have an effect. **Action:NH/SH**
- **Bus shelter redecoration** – Fellside Decorators have been instructed to do work. Cost £995 plus materials.
- **Request for yellow lines on Church Croft** – written details and plan supplied to CCC. Variation Order to the Traffic Regulation Order during 2021/22 financial year, hope of implementing early 2022/23 financial year.
- **Flooding at Waterfoot Corner** – work completed and seems to be working well.
- **SITU (Strategic Integrated Transport in Ullswater Valley)** CH reported on the aim of linking all footpaths from Penrith to Ullswater and BPBPC offered their full support and backing with an additional offer of a grant of £100 towards costs if required. **Action:Clerk**

- **New signage Howtown Road** – objection from Mrs Lewis, Waterside had been sent to CCC and Cumbria Tourist Board on the grounds of size/obstruction of view and detrimental to campsites past Park Foot. BPBPC were under the impression all parties had been consulted. NH confirmed a lot of work had gone into this and there had been a lot of pressure from Howtown/Martindale residents to get the signs erected. CCC felt the signs would not deter anyone going to campsites along the road. Clerk to contact Mrs Lewis, to get in touch with NH who will consult with her and CCC Highways. **Action:Clerk**
- **Eusemere House felling of lakeside trees** – a lot of complaints had been received about the felling of 6 beech trees on the Eusemere lakeshore. It is believed the Forestry Commission are now dealing with the matter as no felling licence had been obtained. MM had been in touch with the owner who is keen to make improvements along the lakeshore and SH would progress with him if the LDNPA could be involved/helpful. **Action:SH**
- **Cecilia Fry – FOUW** – BPBPC had expressed their support for proposed Penrith to Ullswater Walking Route (see SITU above) and a letter of support would be sent to Cecilia, who is seeking funding for some drainage and surface improvements and signing. **Action:Clerk**
- **Celleron footpath** – dangerous hole has been marked and cordoned off.

#### 14. LDNPA matters: Miles gave a warm welcome to Suzy Hankin

- **Draft Ullswater Visitor Management Action Plan** – Suzy reported on the plan which is looking at some proposals that may all help, i.e. litter picking, signage (no parking/countryside code etc). This plan was to try and help with the numbers of visitors expected (and the associated problems) after lockdown and the PC were supportive of the plan. Suzy to send details to SB for circulation via UA.
- **Parking in Village:**
  - ✓ Possibility of extending Eusemere Car Park into adjacent field – difficulty in contacting owners.
  - ✓ Ongoing discussions taking place re river bank tree planting in Dunmallard Car Park.
  - ✓ New signage for Dunmallard Car Park incorrect (says Eusemere) – SH to correct. **Action:SH**
  - ✓ Owner of Dunmallard Car Park investigating marking parking bays to maximise parking capacity **Action:Clerk**
  - ✓ CCC to be asked to be more vigilant re 2 hour parking in village.
  - ✓ Increased problems with motorhome overnight parking in village.
  - ✓ Planning application to be submitted shortly for official car park behind Holly House (but no overnight camping)
- **Waterfoot Car Park** – see (6) above – possibility of two year extension.

#### 15. Notifications/correspondence:

- **Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG)** – consultation seeking views on proposals to create a new Office for Place which would involve each local planning authority drawing up its own design code in consultation with local people that developers would have to adhere to. This would involve some changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). (email of 25.2.21.). It was noted that we are in the LDNPA so are governed by their restraints and therefore on need to respond

#### 16. Dates of next PC meetings:

- PC meetings to return to face to face after 7<sup>th</sup> May (NALC) – Hall re-opens 17<sup>th</sup> May. It was decided to reschedule the AGM for 18<sup>th</sup> May (from 11<sup>th</sup>) rather than change venue.
- **2021:** May 18<sup>th</sup> (Parish Meeting/AGM), July 13<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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