

Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge
MINUTES of the MEETING held Tuesday 10th November 2020 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) part meeting. Emma Bray (public participation)

1. **Apologies for absence:** none.
2. **Requests for dispensations:** none.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – MM interest in Planning Application 3127 – abstained. MV/SB/CH interest in Planning Application 3113 – abstained.
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice): MM welcomed Emma Bray, Parish Councillor from Matterdale PC, who is part of a working group set up to look at sustainable transport for Ullswater. Matterdale are keen for all Parish Councils in the valley to have a representative on the group and Colin Hindle kindly volunteered to represent Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council.
5. **Minutes of last meeting held 14th September** were approved. MM to sign at later date. No matters arising.

6. **Planning:**

Application No.	Location	Description	Response BPBPC	Decision LDNPA
2020-3068	Swarthbeck Farm	Proposed restoration and extension to existing boathouse	Support	Refused
2020-3110	Seat Farm, Howtown	Allow static caravans site occupation from 1 st January to 31 st December	Neutral	Approved with conditions
2020-3108	Mains House Farm Buildings	Erection of new shed to cover over cattle yard and midden.	No response	Approved with conditions
2020-3106	Seat Farm, Howtown	Amendment to the design of the house, condition 3 (roof of atrium) of planning permission 7/2018/3162: Demolition of existing timber framed single storey dwelling and detached garage. Construction of new two storey detached dwelling.	Support	
2020-3121 **	Ullswater Yacht Club	Approval of details reserved by condition no.3 of planning consent 7/2019/3067 (extension of mooring area and relaying of existing number of moorings). **Cond 3 requires UYC to submit a method statement for the work re: 3067 so LDNPA can review and agree.	Any comments required by 12 th November	Method Statement
2020-3113	Elm House	Replacement dwelling, premised on internal alterations to replace current owner's accommodation as commercial kitchen space and letting rooms.	Unable to respond as majority of our councillors have an interest in this application.	
2020-3127	Swarthbeck Farm	Proposed restoration of historic boathouse following refusal of 7-2020-3068.		

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 – public engagement event to determine level of interest – physical meeting preferred and the possibly of incorporating into Community Led Plan.
- Siting of defibrillator – MV has re-sited back on Pooley Bridge Inn front external wall. MV has replaced both sets of chargers and pads which will last for approx two years. MV to contact Fire Brigade to advise new location. MV to look at defibrillator signs at entrances to village as these will need amending/may need new signage. **Action: MV**
- Reopening High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF) – funding ex EDC (£695) in pipeline.

8. **EDC Devolution of Services –**

- **Public Toilets** – Contract received and it was agreed to get legal advice from GKM Solicitors. MV has been liaising with EDC.
 - BPC costs would be £4300 (plus VAT) new door; £372.68 aperture; £100 electrics; total of £4772.68 plus vat (total £5632.68). Additional cost of legal advice, estimated £300 plus vat and subsequent fee to register purchase at Land Registry of £100 plus vat and Land Registry registration fees £27.80.
 - EDC funding: contribution to door £3600 plus vat.
 - EDC funding 2020/21 100% (of £7520) less amount already spent by EDC, dependent upon takeover date.
 - EDC funding 2021/22 75% (£5640) less any amount already spent if not transferred before April 2021.
 - EDC grounds maintenance funding 2020/21 100% (£457) less EDC expenditure
 - EDC grounds maintenance funding 2021/22 75% (£343) if transferred before April 2021.

It was noted that EDC have already spent approximately £4000 in 2020/21. Funding is made up of building maintenance/building cleaning/electricity/water testing/rates/water charges/window cleaning.

Patterdale are operating the same system and are charging 30p entrance. JR is to look at costings/budget and MV/JR to have a brief meeting within the next week to go over details.

Action: MV/JR/MM/Clerk

9. Common Land at Eusemere Lodge - reinstatement of boundaries. MM liaising with Craig Mitchell (CCC)

10. Finance:

- **Audit:** SBA had query which was answered via email by Clerk.
- **Receipts:**

Received from	Description	£
Yanwath & Eamont Bridge PC	Contribution to bus June-August 2020	62.35
Sockbridge & Tirril PC	Contribution to bus June-August 2020	124.69

- **Payments to approve:**

Payee	Description	£
Designworks	Design and print safety posters(RHSSF)	474.00
Stagecoach	Bus service 23 August-19 September	7.50
Stagecoach	Bus service 19 th September-17 th October	186.17
Stagecoach	Bus service 18 th -23 rd October – final account	19.61
Defib Pad (M Vause reimburse)	Charge-Pak and Defib Pads x 2	350.40
Carl Scrivens	Village cleaning April 2019-September 2020	840.00
James Reynolds	Commemoration Stone (Community Fund)	3500.00

- **BPC current account:** current account balance £5206.71 (BPC £9240.91; Community Fund £76017.25)
- **Bridge Memories Book** – payments to go into BPBPC current account.
- **Cheque signatory:** C Hindle - NatWest have accepted paperwork etc. Awaiting confirmation.
- **Annual review of internal control and risk management** – JR will carry out after current lockdown eases.
- **Budgetary considerations** (budget to be set in January) – JR has in hand.
- **Stagecoach bus service** – 1st October 2019 to 23rd October 2020. This has now ended and our thanks go to Stagecoach for all the help running the service and a big thank you to Cumbria Community Foundation for their £500 grant funding. The final total cost of the service was £3194.76, paid for by Cumbria Community Foundation (£500), Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council (£1539.48), Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council (£770.18) and Yanwath & Eamont Bridge Parish Council (£385.10), providing a service to 2751 passengers. A joint letter of thanks to be sent to Stagecoach from the 3 parish councils. **Action: Clerk**

11. NEW BRIDGE/FOOTBRIDGE/Bridge re-opening event:

- **Bridge re-opened Friday 23rd October – hurrah!** Due to Covid this was a low key affair, with a brief opening ceremony attended by MM, CCC Cllrs Markley (Vice Chair) and Little, Cumbria Tourism, Eric Wrights and John Beer, followed by a flock of sheep being herded over the bridge by the Coulston family with a few locals in attendance
- **Goodie bags**– the goody bags proved very popular and a letter of thanks has been sent to all the businesses who so kindly donated the gifts to parishioners.
- **Temporary car park at Waterfoot** – discussions taking place as to the future of car park.
- **Flooding at Waterfoot corner** – adverse comments received as flooding worse than ever. Hopefully this can be sorted whilst bridge works still underway. **Action: Clerk/MM**

12. Community Led Plan – on hold – possibly early 2020. MM meeting with LDNPA and Prince's Foundation before Christmas.

13. Village/parish updates:

- **Community Fund update:** Bank account still in progress. Book of Memories sales over 220 with receipts coming into BPBPC current account. MM thanked SB/MV for their hard work and effort put into this.
- **Village Warden** – invoice received for work up to September 2020. Due to bridge closure and Covid restrictions, Carl did not work as many hours as anticipated.
- **Recycling centre** – all ok.
- **Garden waste skip** – skip finishes October but will hopefully resume in April 2021.
- **Ice Cream van location on car parking space** – CCC Highways confirmed no parking restrictions in this area and the van is parked legitimately. However, safety concerns were expressed about the queuing system into car parking spaces and blocking disabled parking space. MM to draft email to Post Office. **Action: MM**
- **Sewerage smell – High Street area** – complaint again from resident and Alastair Carruthers of UU attended and hopefully sorted.
- **Parking problems Roe Head:** Road markings near fell entrance and entrance to Barry's house required. This is unadopted roadway and NH confirmed Nigel Butcher (CCC) is putting forward to the Eden local committee. MM has spoken to Keith Little, as it was felt that we could look at the possibility of joint funding, i.e. PC/CCC/land owners/locals residents. However costings are required – MM to contact Nigel Butcher of CCC Highways. **Action: MM**
- **Bus shelter redecoration** – awaiting additional quote from Sissons Decorators.
- **40mph speed limit Pooley Bridge to Howtown** – response from Park Foot considered and MM to reply to Barbara Allen – possibly include in Community Led Plan. **Action: MM**

- **Request for yellow lines on Church Croft** – two resident requests – CCC require clarification. It was thought best to consult with home owners affected on Church Croft and then decide action. Clerk to distribute letter to affected properties. **Action:Clerk**
 - **Drain problem No3 Church Croft** – Mr and Mrs Dickinson have confirmed that this problem has been identified as a blockage outside No4 and CCC are involved.
- 14. Website/Parish Online/Village newsletter** – quote received from Designworks £1030 plus VAT to rebuild parish council website. It was decided this was a matter for future consideration.
- 15. Coronavirus outbreak/Barton Community Resilience Group** – nothing to report.
- 16. LDNPA matters:** staffing levels and redundancies were being considered and we are hopeful that Suzy Hankin will remain as she has always been very helpful and proactive. There is a virtual event on 19th November which MM is to attend. **Action:MM**
- 17. Notifications/correspondence:**
- **Local Government Reform** – to be monitored.
 - **Concurrent Incident & Flood Plan Briefing – 20.11.20. 10am-12.30pm** – CH to register/attend. **Action:CH**
- 18. Dates of next PC meetings: 2021:** January 12th, March 9th, May 11th, July 13th, September 14th, November 9th.

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