

**Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge**  
**MINUTES of MEETING held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge**

Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Mark Vause (MV), Samantha Bunting(SB), Daniel Dinham (DD), Justin Ray (JR), and Clerk Jill Mackey.

In attendance: Laura Harker (LH) (EDC Councillor), Neil Hughes (NH) (CCC Councillor) and three members of the public.

Miles welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** - none.
2. **Requests for dispensations** – none.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda – DD expressed interest in planning application 3109 (business reasons).
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice):
  - Damage to wicket gate outside Eusemere Lodge on path to lake shore – MM thanked Trevor Smith for his actions following random act of vandalism causing damage to this gate. LDNPA asked if this would be opportunity to remove gate thus improving access. After input from public, BPC would prefer it to be replaced, mainly for safety reasons of access to busy road junction. **Action: Clerk**
5. **The Minutes of last meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> July** were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters arising:**
  - **State of Lime tree by boat hire/boat house on lakeshore** – Clerk contacted Paul Greenhalgh of Eusemere House, who is more than happy to speak to Paul Phillips on the matter. Both have been in contact.
  - **Sewerage smells in village** – Alastair Carruthers, UU, confirmed there had been a problem which was now sorted. Advised residents to call dedicated 24/7 number to report any more instances – 03456 723 723; a remote alarm system would be the ideal solution and monitoring the number of incidents may help towards achieving this. Councillors to pass this number on to anyone concerned. **Action: All**
  - **Parking issues on High Street** – Clerk emailed Manager of Crown (Paul Turner) who apologised for any car parking problems and will speak to all concerned. He is more than happy to help with any concerns raised within the village and give his support.
6. **Planning:**

**7/2016/3175 – Crown Hotel** – variation of conditions no.2 & 7 on planning approval ref: 7/2015/3159 relating to relocation of acoustic fence and addition of extract flues. BPC: Neutral. LDNPA:

**7/2018/3155 – Crown Hotel** – formation of new landscape levels in existing beer garden (retrospective application). BPC: Object. LDNPA: Refused. BPC to keep on agenda as possible new application to be submitted. Clerk raised subject with Ben Long. MM to contact Ben Long for update. **Action: MM**

**7-2019-3067 – Ullswater Yacht Club – extension of mooring area and relaying of existing number of moorings.**  
BPC: Support. LDNPA:

**7-2019-3093 and 3094 – Pooley Bridge Inn – Installation of 1 ANPR cameras and signage.** BPC: Neutral. LDNPA:

**7-2019-3109 – Post Office – change of use from A1 to A3 to enable the rear riverside garden area to be used by the general public for the consumption of hot meals and snacks prepared in a converted outbuilding with all associated operational development works.** The owner confirmed with BPC that there had been confusion with LDNPA over need for planning permission, hence retrospective application. He confirmed that no flood plain had been altered in any way and a flood risk assessment had been done. BPC: Support. LDNPA:
7. **County Council & Eden District Council Matters:**
  - Coach and Bus Schemes – work started near steamer pier.
  - Housing needs survey – response to Megan Henderson email of 2.9.19./meeting of 29.8.19. BPC to confirm that amended questionnaire is fine; Clerk to send amended list of commercial properties; covering letter to include EDC letterhead; ask for residential properties over bridge to be included in survey. **Action: Clerk**
  - CCC Working Together – Clerk to progress. **Action: Clerk**
  - EDC – District Heating system – Jane Langston (EDC) reported that she is currently obtaining consultancy quotes.
8. **EDC Devolution of Services –**
  - **Footway Lighting** – BPC agreed to take on additional 2 No. footway lights situated in Dacre parish outside The Conifers and Tigh Na Mara. Grant funding for additional 2 lights: 2019/20 £91; 2020/21 £121; 2021/22 £60. Contracts signed for return to EDC. **Action: Clerk**

- **Public Toilets** – Received £1000 cash rebate for 2018-19 and no more funding available. Meeting held at 6pm with Neil Buck and Jane Langston of EDC before the BPC meeting to discuss further progress. Main issues for BPC are legal costs incurred and new payment system to be installed prior to signing contracts. Site meeting to be held with Gary Atkinson and BPC to discuss new payment system(s) available. Alterations to contract required (New Payment system to be included in Schedule of Works; definition of Controllable Budget costs). LH to check on plans for public toilets generally after March 2022. **Action: All/LH**

**9. Common Land at Eusemere Lodge** - on hold.

**10. Finance:**

- Receipts: £1000 EDC – public toilets rebate for cash collection for year 2018-19 (last payment); £0.01 interest (July 2019);
- Payments approved: £105 EDC (Parish elections recharges); Clerk remuneration April-September 2019.
- New bridge footway paver sponsorship initiative – SB working with Craig Mitchell (CCC) investigating sale of pavers to raise money for community fund. JR to speak to Dodd & Co Accountants on the possibility of setting up a Trust to administer fund. **Action: SB/JR**
- JR/RFO had checked through the NALC Model Financial Regulations 2019 for England and amended where necessary to suit BPC. JR proposed these be adopted by BPC and this was unanimously agreed.
- Annual review of Clerk salary to be undertaken by councillors.
- Purchase of projector – SB confirmed donation of projector.

**11. NEW BRIDGE/FOOTBRIDGE:**

- Query why Eusemere Car Park cannot be used for storage of containers. **Action: MM**
- CCC Highways have agreed to sort out drains from steamer pier to car park, with approval of residents concerned.
- Footbridge/general: Road now closed; MM to look into car park signage; shuttle bus to run until footbridge opened; hopeful that Fellrunner may operate an interim service although MM still progressing a twice daily service with Stagecoach; use of Rural Wheels (01768 891878) and Voluntary Car Scheme (01228 226428); concerns over SatNav directions.
- Bridge Opening Event – MM to write and invite Prince Charles to “open” the bridge at a later date than the actual opening, possibly Spring 2021? **Action:MM**

**12. Village/parish updates:**

- **Village Warden** – DD is liaising with Carl over bridge closure/cleaning matters as required. Carl had kindly trimmed some saplings in front of the Little’s seat at Roe Head.
- **Recycling centre** – tidy.
- **Garden Skip** – Tina Mason (EDC) confirmed she will get contractor to mark skips with “Garden Waste Only” but confirmed that the law unfortunately does not provide the Council with powers to grant discounts to people who do not use or receive some of these services, i.e. no household garden waste bins. Trevor Smith and John Beer kindly removed litter left behind from skip. Waste collection services currently under review and no decisions have been made to extend the kerbside garden waste service so far.
- **Wheelie Bin in Eusemere Car Park** – this needs a thorough clean/disinfect. LH to progress. **Action: LH**
- **Pooley Bridge Events** – SB/MV reported that Ullswater Winter Droving will take place on Friday 25.10.19. being a bigger event than last year with street theatre, procession and stalls, and Eden Arts have taken on the responsibility for getting sponsorship (see below re UU sponsorship).
- **Wall and fencing at Mains Farm** – in abeyance pending farm sale but keep on agenda.
- **Speed control in village** – New survey w/c 24.5.19. and w/c 26.7.19. at different locations. Clerk to chase up conclusions. **Action:Clerk**
- **Parking problems Roe Head:** MM is currently liaising with Nigel Butcher/Robert Hasell-McCosh and will include local resident in any meetings. **Action:MM**
- **Funding/United Utilities** – UU have kindly offered £2,500 grant towards a village event and it was agreed that this is to be donated towards sponsorship of the Ullswater Winter Droving event in October 2019.
- **VE Day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020** – ideas needed.
- **Flooding at Waterfoot corner** – still a big problem – Clerk to ask Dacre to pursue. **Action:Clerk**

**13. Website/Parish Online**

- **Village newsletter/website** – SB is looking into.
- **Website** – SB working with Dreamworks with updates and problems with spam junk mail.
- **Laptop** – Runs on Windows 7 – SB offered to check if we can get updated etc. **Action:SB**

**14. Barton Community Resilience Group** – volunteers still required – nothing to report.

**15. LDNPA matters:**

- **Local Plan Review/Ullswater Showcase Area** – nothing to report.

**16. Notifications/correspondence:**

- **EDC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places** – Clerk to query district and mention we are trying to incorporate part of Dacre parish into Barton. **Action:Clerk**
- **EDC Council Plan for 2019-2023 – response by 4.10.19.** LH advised consultation at Rheged 1.10.19. Councillors to respond to Clerk before 4.10.19. and also respond request for individual garden waste bins.
- **EALC AGM Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7pm Fire & Rescue HQ Penrith** – no one available.

**17. Dates of 2019 PC meetings:** 10<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> November. Dates agreed for 2020 (Tuesdays):

January 14<sup>th</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup> (AGM and Parish Meeting)

July 14<sup>th</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup>

November 10<sup>th</sup>

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Clerk, Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council (BPC)