

Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge
MINUTES of MEETING held Tuesday 14th January at 7.00pm in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge

Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Samantha Bunting(SB), Justin Ray (JR), and Clerk Jill Mackey.
In attendance: Councillors Neil Hughes (NH) CCC and Laura Harker (LH) EDC.

1. **Apologies for absence:** - MV (holiday), DD (family bereavement).
2. **Requests for dispensations** – none.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – none.
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice): all dealt with in minutes.
5. **Minutes of last meeting held 12th November** were approved/signed. **Matters arising:** none.
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. Ben Long has been in touch with Thwaites who are in process of drawing up revised proposals in consultation with the Environment Agency and “they fully intend (subject to EA) to have an application submitted before the end of November. Subject to planning the full intention is to have works completed between Jan-March ahead of Easter”. **See new application 7/2020/3002.**

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

7-2019-3118 – Hillcroft – Use of land for the siting of caravans, tourers, camping pods and tents for holiday occupation all year round. BPC: Neutral. LDNPA: Approved with conditions.

T/2019/0189 – 1 Sharrow Cottages – prune 1 ash (T1). BPC: Support. LDNPA: Approved with conditions.

7-2019-3121 – Ullswater House – Demolition of part of rear building and construction of two storey extension to provide additional bedroom accommodation. BPC: Neutral. LDNPA:

7-2019-3141 – Post Office – New shop entrance doors and covered area to rear terrace. BPC: Support. LDNPA:

7-2019-3144 – Howfoot – Amendment to roof slate specification, condition 3 on planning permission 7-2019-3116 (demolition of existing dormer bungalow and construction of a new two storey detached house and garage). BPC: Support. LDNPA: Approved with conditions.

7-3020-3002 – Crown Hotel – Amendment to ground levels in existing beer garden. Agreed to consult adjoining property owners. BPC:

7. County Council & Eden District Council Matters:

- Coach and Bus Schemes – completed.
- Housing needs survey – Meeting held 14.1.20. Megan/Kate and MM/JR/SB/Clerk and Megan kindly provided a summary of the survey. There was a 43% response rate (46 no. questionnaires) and 12 no. expressed a requirement to move within the parish in the next 5 years, of which 2 would be eligible for some form of affordable housing. 39% felt no further homes are required. Study suggests small scale development of affordable units, with strong consideration of location and type to limit the strain additional housing may have on a small parish, with the suggestion of extending existing developments in order to limit disruption. Megan recommended no more than 2 units of affordable home ownership (unless we have backing of local registered provider). BPC to speak to LDNPA re possible sites (MM), speak to EHA (Clerk) re site already in their ownership and possibility of Community Consultation (Prince’s Foundation) in Autumn. Possibility of attending Community Led Housing Hub event in future. **Action: MM/Clerk**
- CCC Working Together – awaiting CCC to get back in touch with BPC – Clerk to progress. **Action:Clerk**
- EDC – District Heat Network system – MM had meeting with Jane Langston (EDC) and George Dobson (Head of Projects North for the Government’s Heat Networks Delivery Unit HNDU) on 13.1.20. GD outlined how an open loop heat network with individual building heat pumps might be viable with river or lake heat source. Scheme highly dependent upon community and stakeholder support. Hopefully meeting in March to consult community. MM to confirm BPC happy to proceed. **Action:MM**
- Siting of defibrillator (currently at PBI) – possibility of re-locating to Ullswater Steamer Shop **Action:SB**
- Pocket Parks – SB brought to attend of council possible funding for parks-gardens-play areas. Clerk to get more details and circulate to councillors. **Action:Clerk**

8. EDC Devolution of Services –

- **Footway Lighting** – annual recharge from EDC £24.19 basic maintenance, £42.32 electricity supply = **£66.51 per light per annum plus VAT** (took on additional 2 lights in Dacre parish on 1st November 2019 so pro rata charge for these two in 2019/20 expected).
- **Public Toilets** – GKM Solicitors to provide legal advice (£300 plus VAT) when instructed; N Buck email 11.12.19. was considered and noted and LH to check with EDC if any change of policy. It was decided to take no action at the moment. Clerk to write to Chair of EDC, Virginia Taylor, asking for clarification on long term plan for public toilets in Eden etc. **Action:Clerk**

9. Common Land at Eusemere Lodge - possibly under new ownership, MM to progress.

Action:MM

10. Finance:

- Receipts:** EDC Recycling Credits April-September 2019 **£177.80**. Sockbridge and Tirril Parish Council **£500** (grant towards temporary bus service). Clerk to chase up LDNPA for £500 grant towards Eusemere Car Park upkeep. **Action:Clerk**
- Payments approved BPC: Designworks £396.00** (£150 transfer website and £180 annual hosting from 6.12.19.); **£319.25 EDC** (footway lights x 4 (Barton parish) maintenance and supply); **£499.08 Stagecoach** (108 Temporary Bus Service charges 1st October to 6th December 2019).
- Payments to approve Community Fund: S Bunting £50** (Community Fund) Facebook Ad; **Designworks £1152.00** (Amend Ullswater website to enable sale of pavers);
- BPC current account £6792.99
- Section 137 2020/21** £8.32 per elector.
- Community Fund** finance update: £61346.95 in BPC current account (as at 12.12.19.). 272 total pavers have been sold (now closed) and costs of engraving to be met, but hope to have around £50,000 net for the Community Fund. Charity Commission have not as yet registered Community Fund due to backlog, therefore banking details cannot progress. The Council congratulated Sam Bunting on the great achievement of selling so many pavers and raising the money for the Community Fund, along with the help of Mark Vause. Possibility of asking more Trustees to join was discussed.
- Temporary 108 Bus Service** – Sockbridge & Tirril PC have received £500 grant from Cumbria Community and Cumbria Grassroots Fund which they have forwarded to BPC. BPC to pay the first Stagecoach invoice of £499.08 from this grant. Thereafter, cost to be split between Barton Parish Council (4/7), Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council (2/7) and Yanwath & Eamont Bridge Parish Council (1/7). MM to contact Stagecoach about extending service until possibly end of June (or longer) and showing Waterfoot as a stop on their timetable. **Action:MM**
- Clerk's salary - £100pa pay increase from 1.10.19.
- JR presented the budget to councillors, which was unanimously approved.
- Precept** was set at £4700 after consideration of the budget.
- Letter of thanks received from Barton PCC for grant given towards St Michael's Church Barton repointing project.

11. NEW BRIDGE/FOOTBRIDGE: At the meeting 9.1.20. held at Granny Dowbekins it appears that there will be a delay in completion until possibly the first two weeks of June. A more accurate date, within an eight week period, would be confirmed at the Bridge Meeting to be held 22.1.20. Clerk to send out reminder about meeting. Still problems with diversion signs – MM to contact Caroline Leigh (who has taken over from Nick Raymond).

Action: MM/Clerk

12. Community Led Plan – MM reported that Kim Hitch of the Prince's Foundation would run a workshop session in the village, possibly in September, and BPC were in favour. MM to progress.

Action:MM

13. Village/parish updates:

- **Village Warden** – MM has inspected sign at crossroads and Tony Burns, CCC, has in hand.
- **Recycling centre** – nothing to report.
- **Wheelie Bin in Eusemere Car Park** – LH to report back
- **Village Sports Day** – National Lottery application for £1,000 submitted.
- **Bridge Opening event** – dates to be considered etc.
- **Wall and fencing at Mains Farm** – MM progressing.
- **Parking problems Roe Head:** MM reported on meeting with CCC/local residents on 13.11.19. CCC (Tony Burns) looking into possible remedial works to improve parking and new road signs.
- **VE Day – Monday 8th May 2020** – Clerk to approach Alan Wright/Andy McConkie/Cyril Wilson about the possibility of holding a celebration church service followed by bring and share buffet. **Action:Clerk**
- **Flooding at Waterfoot corner** – Clerk registered on CCC HMS system ref: W1980977179 – awaiting excavation/repair/renewal per John Banks CCC.
- **Sewerage smells in village** –
- **Dacre/Barton parish boundary** – em Matthew Neal 26.9.19. registering our wishes. **Action:Clerk**
- **Bench** – now in Village Hall garage.
- **State of pavements on Church Croft** – logged with CCC W1980985191 – work scheduled for completed early within the new financial year.

14. **Website/Parish Online**
 - **Village newsletter/Website** – ongoing.
 - **Laptop replacement** – Clerk to progress.
15. **Barton Community Resilience Group** – “Looking out for Neighbours” Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch – good initiative noted.
16. **LDNPA matters:** none (see finance re Eusemere Car Park)
17. **Notifications/correspondence:**
 - **EALC How to be a Transparent Town/Parish Council** Weds 19.2.20. 7pm Fire/Rescue HQ – no one available to attend.
18. **Dates of 2020 PC meetings:** March 10th; May 12th (AGM/Parish Meeting); July 14th; September 8th; November 10th.

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