

# **Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge**

## **MINUTES of MEETING held Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge**

Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Daniel Dinham (DD), Justin Ray (JR), Mark Vause (MV) and Clerk Jill Mackey.  
In attendance: Laura Harker (LH) (EDC Councillor) and two members of the public.

Miles welcomed everyone to the meeting, which had been re-scheduled from 8<sup>th</sup> July.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sam Bunting (SB) (holiday) and Neil Hughes.
2. **Requests for dispensations** none.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – none.
4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice):
  - **State of Lime tree by boat hire/boat house on lakeshore** – correspondence received from a parishioner about this very old tree which appears damaged and unbalanced by branch removal and his offer of help to progress any options to protect this parish asset. It is believed the tree belongs to the owner of Eusemere House and Clerk to contact the owner and ask if he will consider help/guidance on this matter. **Action: Clerk**
  - **Sewerage smells in village** – a resident of High Street outlined to the council the problems she is encountering with dreadful sewerage smells coming into her house, particularly her bathroom. She has had her drains checked and they are fine and this appears to be the ongoing sewerage smell encountered in the village, but particularly bad in the High Street area. MV has been liaising with Alastair Carruthers of UU and there appears to have been some problem at Waterside Campsite when the additive system fails and some sort of alarm system would possibly help. Clerk to write to UU with formal complaint. **Action: Clerk**
  - **Parking issues on High Street** – a complaint was read out from two households on High Street about the increased long stay parking in the two vehicle car park, especially by employees of The Crown who live in a property on High Street. It was noted that there is no two hour restriction on parking in High Street and Clerk to contact the Manager at the Crown about 24 hour parking. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Minutes of last meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May** (Annual Parish Meeting and AGM) to approve. Matters arising:
  - Bin outside Crown – MV has been liaising with Paul Turner, manager of the Crown, who has been keeping this area in a tidy state.
  - Chippy van sign – now only appearing when van is here.
  - PACT – plan to tackle single-use plastic in the Ullswater valley – BPC responded with interest and PACT are to keep us informed of future developments/initiatives.
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 to contact LDNPA for update as nothing seems to be happening. **Action: Clerk**

**7/2019/3049 – Mains House – change of use to gravelled parking area – footprint of old tin barn and corner of field.** (JR abstained from voting). BPC: Support. LDNPA: Approved with conditions.

**7-2019-3055 – Park Foot Holiday Park – use of land as a camping and caravan park for holiday occupation (consolidation of previous permissions) with an extended season (between 1 March in one year to 14 January in the following year).** BPC: Support. **Application Withdrawn (see 3080).**

**7-2019-3018 – Howfoot – demolition of existing dormer bungalow and construction of new three storey detached house and garage.** JR registered his declaration of interest and will not vote. BPC:Support. LDNPA: Refused.

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

**7-2019-3069 – Post Office – new circular surface mounted sign and replacement fascia sign.** BPC: Support LDNPA: Approved with conditions.

**7-2019-3080 – Park Foot Holiday Park – use of land for siting of 139 static caravans for holiday occupation from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December (no increase in number of caravans, change from permitted season).** BPC: Neutral. LDNPA: Approved with conditions.
7. **County Council & Eden District Council Matters:**

- Coach and Bus Schemes – works started first week in July and village bus stop now in situ and appears to be a success and a much safer option. Coach parking on triangle to be completed shortly and near steamer pier when bridge closure is in place.
- Housing needs survey – community housing fund grant submitted 2.5.19. and acceptance of funding offer signed 30.5.19. Clerk to contact Kate Skillihorn to ascertain next steps etc. **Action: Clerk**
- CCC Working Together – Victoria Percival to visit council shortly to give talk/discussion. **Action: Clerk**
- EDC – District Heating system (Jane Langston) – BPC confirmed we are happy for this project to continue.
- EDC – 2019-20 Scrutiny Work Programme – response submitted highlighting last year's request, i.e. Household garden waste skips and public toilet payment system to be repaired.
- EDC – register of members interest forms had been returned to BPC for additional information (JR and DD). Clerk to return amended forms to EDC asap. **Action: Clerk**

#### 8. EDC Devolution of Services –

- **Footway Lighting** – EDC request that PB&BPC take on two lights in Dacre parish (No.11 outside Conifers and No.12 outside Tigh Na Mara). It was agreed that BPC would take these two lights on as it was felt that they are in the village, although not in our parish. **Action: Clerk**
- **Public Toilets** - EDC unable to progress installation of paid entry system until transfer agreements finalised signed and returned. However, after considerable discussion, the Council felt they could not sign the agreement until the new entry system had been installed and was working successfully. They also would need legal advice on the transfer and would wish EDC to cover our legal costs. It was noted that BPC had not yet received the £1,000 annual allowance from EDC and although no monies had been collected, this was not the fault of BPC and we have budgeted for the £1,000 in our accounts for 2019/20. Clerk to advise EDC of our requests and confirm that we are committed to taking over the toilets subject to these requests being met. Business rates on public toilets is to be removed at some point in the future. **Action: Clerk**

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

#### 10. Finance:

- Receipts: Reserve account interest £0.03.
- Payments approved: Joyce Robinson £17.72 (plants etc near public toilets).
- £1,000 Public Toilet allowance from EDC not received as yet. (see above).
- Clerk salary – confirmation from Clerk's accountant that she is paid under a PAYE scheme and each monthly repayment is reported to HMRC under RTI.
- Purchase of projector – SB to update at September meeting. **Action: SB**

#### 11. NEW BRIDGE/FOOTBRIDGE:

- Drains on west side of river – MM and interested local residents had a meeting with Doug Coyle (CCC Flood & Development Manager) and a representative of Eric Wrights. Drains are to be checked with CCTV and a new drain installed opposite John Beer's going through the car park with catchment tanks installed. All agreed by interested parties.
- Footbridge/general: Bridge meeting held 15.5.19. and also 17<sup>th</sup> July. Bridge closure to commence 2<sup>nd</sup> September with pedestrian access dependent on works. It had been agreed that the "Diversion" signs would be replaced by "To Pooley Bridge" signs.
- Funding – United Utilities – see Village/parish updates.
- Footway paver sponsorship initiative – MV reported that it is hoped to sell 250 pavers on the bridge for approximately £250-£300 each, with up to 12 characters on each paver. The money raised is for a residual fund for the community. These are to be sold over the internet (locals having preference) and MV/SB to update at September meeting. The administration of the fund has yet to be determined.

**MV/SB**

#### 12. Village/parish updates:

- **Village Warden** – DD to liaise with Carl over bridge closure/cleaning matters as required.
- **Recycling centre** – tidy.
- **Garden Skip** – no "Garden Waste Only" signs on skip again. Clerk to contact Tina Mason. LH reported that EDC will not review the need for individual garden bins until 2022. This puts our residents at a distinct disadvantage and perhaps a council tax reduction would be helpful. Individual members of the public can email a request to EDC. **Action: Clerk**
- **Pooley Bridge Events** – MV reported that the Winter Droving event is experiencing a shortage of funds and MV/SB are liaising with Eden Arts, hopefully to resolve the funding issue. It was felt that a trimmed down event was much preferable to no event taking place.
- **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.
- **Parking problems Roe Head:** MM had meeting with Nigel Butcher (CCC Highways) at Roe Head and other parking issues had been raised re: parking in passing places since coach park introduced near Pinfold. MM to follow up with NB. Agreed BPC would help funding of additional signage if necessary. **Action: MM**
- **Funding/United Utilities** – UU have kindly offered £2,500 grant towards a village event, as yet to be decided.
- **VE Day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020** – ideas needed.

#### 13. Website/Parish Online

- **Village newsletter/website** – SB progressing and update at next meeting.
- **Website** – SB working with Dreamworks and will report at next meeting.

**Action: SB**

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**14. Barton Community Resilience Group** – volunteers still required.

**15. LDNPA matters:**

- **Local Plan Review/Ullswater Showcase Area** – nothing to report.
- **Honister Aerial Flight** – approved following Government decision not to call in the application.
- **LDNPA Parish Member East Distinctive Area election result** – Kevin Jackson (Patterdale Parish Council). BPC to advise Kevin of meeting dates.

**Action: Clerk**

**16. Notifications/correspondence:**

- **Community Led Housing Hub meeting – Glenridding VH Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 3-5pm** – no one available to attend.

**17. Dates of 2019 PC meetings:** 10<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> November. Dates for 2020 to be reviewed at September meeting.

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