

**Parish Council of Barton & Pooley Bridge**  
**MINUTES of the MEETING held Tuesday 25th November 2022 at 7.00pm**  
**Parkin Memorial Hall, Pooley Bridge**

Present: Miles MacInnes, Chairman (MM), Mark Vause, Vice Chairman (MV), Justin Ray (JR), Colin Hindle (CH), Samantha Bunting (SB) and Clerk Jill Mackey

In attendance: CCCouncillor Neil Hughes (NH) part meeting. Judith Badshaw CCC part meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** none.

2. **Requests for dispensations:** none.

3. **Declaration of Interest:** none.

4. **Public Participation session:** (attention drawn to Data Protection Policy Notice):

- MM welcomed to the meeting **Judith Bradshaw, Waste Reduction Officer, CCC** who kindly gave an informative talk on the possible initiatives to raise awareness of waste prevention within the parish. These include Litter Lotto, Resourceful Communities Programme (CCC website), a Give and Take Event (Penrith & Eden Freegle), Refill Scheme for water (Ullswater Steamers already offer this service), etc. Small grants are available towards events that benefit the community (closing March 2022). It was felt there may be an opportunity for Judith to attend the Community Led Plan Meeting in March. **Action:All**
- A query was raised about the Environment Agency (EA) regulation that no lighting should be within 8m of the riverbank, and several businesses apparently being in breach of this. BPBPC to consult with EA. **Action:Clerk**
- It was queried if planning permission was required for a recent development behind the Secret Garden; BPBPC to clarify situation with Ben Long. **Action:Clerk**

5. **Minutes of last meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> November** were approved. Matters arising: none.

6. **Planning:**

Application No.	Location	Description	Response BPBPC	Decision LDNPA
2021-3172	Waterside Farm Campsite	Proposed replacement washroom, toilet and potwash facility	Support	
2021-3174	Cross Dormont	Change of use of agricultural land to camping and touring caravan site, as part of a farm diversification scheme (retrospective)	Site visit 10.11.21. – Neutral response	
2021-3193	Almond Cottage, Finkle Street	Internal alterations and general repairs, replacement rooflights, insertion of high level stove flue externally.	Neutral	Granted
2021-3199	Howfoot	Conversion of existing detached building to holiday let	Neutral	
2021-3204	Park Foot Caravan & Camping Park	To provide 3 static caravans for staff accommodation	Support	
2021-3222	Park Foot Caravan & Camping Park	Proposed toilet block with disabled facilities and three family rooms	**Objection	

\*\* This application stated that there has been a recent on-site meeting with the Parish Council, who had approved the proposals. As there had been no on-site meeting BPBPC would request that the application be withdrawn with the recommendation that BPBPC are consulted and that the application be resubmitted. **Action:Clerk**

7. **County Council & Eden District Council Matters:**

- Housing needs survey – consider as part of new Community Led Plan
- EDC – District Heat Network system – awaiting report from Assistant Director Delivery, Laura Cadman.
- Various potholes on Roe Head Lane – MM reported that these have been repaired. However, the potholes at Barton Church road end and the corner just past Kirkbarrow, although just repaired, were already beginning to break up again, and are a constant problem. NH to raise with CCC and MM to contact John Banks. **Action:MM & NH**
- Contain Outbreak Management Funding for Eden (CCC) – Funding application for 4 new bins and 3 sanitiser units approved and £7832.96 received. MV has ordered new bins – expected delivery February, the cost being £7960.68 – the additional cost being the charge for artwork. The quote from Eden Paving for the bases (2.2 x 1.9m) is £2600 plus VAT. Clerk to contact EDC for confirmation of their contribution. Shortfall in funding to be considered – MV to look into COP26 grant and Community Fund to be alternative. Sanitiser units to be ordered. **Action:Clerk, MV**
- Local Government reorganisation - Letter received from Neil Hudson MP detailed government stance. Parish Council elections to be held in May 2023.
- CCC request any comments on Rural Clearway restriction on Howtown Road (before 16.2.22.). BPBPC approve.
- COP26 Community Fund (em 15.11.21) MM/MV to look into possible funding for new bin bases/water fountain in village. **Action:MM,MV**

8. **Public Toilets**

- ✓ Electricity : still awaiting confirmation of group rate.

- ✓ Winter opening hours – closed early December and will re-open probably for February half term. MM to investigate EDC 'Welcome Back' fund.
- ✓ Water usage – meter correct (credit received of £40 for late payment of previous account).
- ✓ Waterless urinals – cost of installation may not be worth overall water usage saving.
- ✓ Grounds maintenance – Paul Mackey has done seasonal garden pruning to area and tidied.
- ✓ Long term future of site – Clerk to check on Conveyance re: possible sale/rights of way etc.

9. **Common Land at Eusemere Lodge** – nothing further to report.

10. **Finance:**

• **Receipts:**

Received from	Description	£
Nayax	Public toilets October	1638.82
Nayax	Public toilets November	312.63
Nayax	Public toilets December	89.42
Cumbria County Council	COMF funding grant	7832.96
NatWest Reserve account	Interest July-December 2021	0.01
LDNPA	Grant towards keeping Eusemere Car Park tidy	500.00

• **Payments approved:**

Payee	Description	£
Mrs B K Heath	Toilet cleaning November	360.00
Water Plus	Public Toilets Water charges 9.10.21.-16.1.22.	691.80
Mr M MacInnes	Gift for T Cartmell – legal advice	39.00
Designworks	Annual hosting fee	216.00
EDC	Footway lights maintenance and supply (4) 2021/22	274.27
EDC	Footway lights maintenance and supply (2) 2021/22	137.12

- **BPBPC current account:** current account balance after cheques cleared of £17522.44 (including £7832.96 CCC Grant and £4589.96 toilets)
- **Independent Internal Auditor** – Rachael Kelly has agreed to be our independent auditor, with an estimated charge of £50.
- **Request for donation St Michael's Barton Churchyard Fund** – agreed to donate £400.
- **Budget for 2022/23** was presented by JR and approved unanimously.
- **Precept for 2022/23** was set at £5200 (3.7% increase). Clerk to advise EDC asap. **Action:Clerk**
- **Footway Lighting** charge for 2021/22 is £25.88 basic maintenance and £31.28 electricity supply (£57.14 per light x 6 lights = £342.84 plus VAT) EDC looking for this service to continue until 31.3.2027.

11. **NEW BRIDGE updates:**

- **Parish Council land** – CCC offer £5340 plus BPBPC legal costs. BPBPC agreed to accept this offer plus legal costs and MM to follow up and appoint a Solicitor. **Action:Clerk/MM**
- **Snagging issues** – CCC are pushing to get works complete with expansion joints etc. Main concerns of BPBPC are cracks in benches and green discolouration on bridge stonework.

12. **Community Led Plan** – meeting Wednesday 9.2.22. 10am at Beulah to finalise details.

13. **Village/parish updates:**

- **Community Fund update:** fund currently stands at £55,000. £500 is to be donated towards organ repairs at Barton Church. Plan to hold meeting before 13.3.22. consultation meeting.
- **Village Warden** – budgeted expenditure of £2000 for 2022/23. Grateful thanks expressed to Paul.
- **Recycling centre** – cleaned weekly along with bus shelter by warden.
- **SITU (Strategic Integrated Transport in Ullswater Valley)** – meeting soon re: Eamont Way.
- **Defibrillators** – new signage – MV has obtained 5 new signs, 2 of which are already in situ. MV to liaise with Paul re weekly checks on defibrillators. **Action:MV**
- **Eusemere House felling of 6 lakeside mature beech trees** – no further updates. Monitor replanting.
- **Village bins** – see (7). Grant approved for 4 new large bins.
- **WI Queens Green Canopy** – WI have planted Rowan tree near bridge – report in Herald.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – 2-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** MV to report at March meeting on torches for procession down from fell. Beacon registered with Bruno Peaks. William Coulston organising. **Action:MV**
- **Disposal/archiving of old Parish Council** documents – Clerk/MM/MV sorted through and identified documents and Clerk has taken to Archive Centre at Kendal.
- **Parking in Village:** Option A with pavement in front of Post Office extended and moving disabled bay in front of Crown to be alongside one in front of Post Office agreed by CCC. Work to start after Easter but be completed before summer holidays.
- **Holly House Car Park:** planning application imminent.

14. **LDNPA matters:**

- **Waterfoot Car Park** – an appeal or re-submission may be possible. Hopes to improve path through Dunmallet.

- **Safety concerns at Waterfoot corner** – awaiting response from Dacre PC and Ullswater Steamers.

**15. Notifications/correspondence:**

- Letter from Neil Hudson MP re Local Govt Reorganisation and confirmation that Remote Meetings are still not allowed for Parish Councils.
- Ullswater Trust Grassroots Fund – ongoing fund to keep in mind.
- Welcome Back to Eden Grant Fund Round 2 – MV to look into. **Action: MV**

**16. Dates of next PC meetings 2022:** It was necessary to reschedule the March meeting, which will now be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> (AGM), July 12<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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