

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held at Underbarrow Institute on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Peter Swindlehurst (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Richard Carruthers, Charlotte Cartwright, Sylvia Gibson and Mark Simpson, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes, Shadow Councillor Steve Bavin and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

22/56 Public participation: None.

22/57 Requests for Dispensations: None.

22/58 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

22/59 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2002, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/60 Village Hall: Noting to report at present.

22/61 B4RN: No further progress has been made.

22/62 Parish Land:

There is not likely to be any further progress until the Westmorland and Furness Council takes over on 1st April.

22/63 Notice Boards:

A site meeting was held yesterday with the Sign Man from Kendal and it was resolved to replace all three notice boards (including the Underbarrow Institute one, as a grant to them) and the one on Brigsteer Road. A deposit of £1,200, which is approximately 50% of the total cost, was agreed.

22/64 Parish Elections 2023:

The Clerk outlined the procedures for the Parish Elections to be held on 4th May 2023. As soon as the timetable is issued, he will contact all present Councillors and arrange for them to receive an Election Pack, unless advised to the contrary.

22/65 Reports:

Both Councillor Bland and Councillor Holmes said there was little to report as both Councils are winding down prior to the new Authority, Westmorland and Furness coming into being on 1st April 2023.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to both Councillor Bland and Councillor Holmes, for their regular attendance, interest and support of this Parish Council. It was noted that Councillor Bland has now completed 30 years as a Councillor. It was resolved to note in the minutes the Council's gratitude for work done by County and District Councillors over many years.

22/66 Finance:

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

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| K M Price | £137.80 | Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel. |
| K M Price | £37.28 | Back pay (not paid by bank) |

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. *It was resolved to make grants as follows:*

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| Great North Air Ambulance | £600.00 |
| North West Air Ambulance | £600.00 |
| Two Valleys Santa Tours | £300.00 |

22/67 Date of the next meeting:

***Thursday 18th May 2023 at Underbarrow Institute at 7pm
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting_***

22/68 Open Forum:

- a. Correspondence had been received regarding the atrocious state of the car park surface at Scout Scar. The Clerk agreed to report this to LDNPA.
- b. The state of some of the signage in the parish had been drawn to the Clerk's attention, especially the older 'metal' signs. It was resolved to ask for these to be repaired and restored if possible.
- c. The question of an easement being granted across the Parish Field is being investigated by the Chairman and Clerk. This situation goes back for many years, well before the present Clerk's term of office.
- d. As the pre-Christmas distribution of funds from the Poor's Allotment Charity has been well received for the past two years, it was agreed to continue with this arrangement. The Trustees will meet in November/early December and agree the distribution.

It was felt that the present tenant of the Parish Field should be asked if he wishes to continue the tenancy, rather than proceed to auction as formerly.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:

Dated: