

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held at Underbarrow Institute on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Peter Swindlehurst (Chairman), Richard Carruthers, Charlotte Cartwright and Sally Soady, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Stuart Fairclough.

24/1 Public participation:

- a. Postal deliveries in the parish have been very spasmodic in recent months and sometimes there is no delivery of mail for two days. Councillor Bavin will pass the information on; it is a problem affecting a number of local parishes.
- b. It is hoped that the mobile phone mast will be agreed before too long, as there is very little coverage in this parish.

24/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/5 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin mentioned the following points:

- a. 20 potholes in the parish have been reported recently but there is a backlog of such requests at present.
- b. Provision of a grit bin for Gregg Hall Lane has been agreed.
- c. The culvert at the foot of Mount Joy/Broom Lane has been reported again. Councillors are encouraged to keep on reporting problems to W & F Highways.
- d. Green bins are being emptied again; residents should leave bins out as there will be additional collections.
- e. The A5074 between Damson Dene and Hubbersty Head will be completely closed for re-surfacing during the week leading up to Easter.

24/6 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

7/2024/5022 Low Greenriggs, Underbarrow. Retrospective planning approval for the demolition and rebuilding of Barns A and B to two dwellings.

24/7 Finance:

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

HMRC	£445.43	PAYE
CALC	£20.00	Councillor training
John Metcalfe		
	£270.00	Digger/planter for Daffodil Day
Great North Air Ambulance		
	£500.00	Grant
North West Air Ambulance		
	£500.00	Grant
British Heartbeat Foundation		
	£500.00	Grant
K M Price	£139.38	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The setting up of the Council's new bank arrangements with Lloyds Bank is progressing. It will no doubt take a few further weeks yet.

24/8 Village maintenance:

There is a tree lying into the road at Mount Joy. This has been reported several times and the Clerk will report it again. The Council's recent request for that road to be swept was turned down as the sweeper could not deal with the problems.

A number of highways issues were discussed – at present it seems extremely difficult to get work carried out.

24/9 Defibrillator:

The defibrillator is now in place, on the outside wall of the Institute, and the Council's thanks are recorded to Councillor Carruthers for dealing with this so promptly.

This will be advertised on Facebook and elsewhere and leaflets placed in suitable places in the parish. Some training can be offered where required – there are also full instructions that can be followed, should an emergency arise.

24/10 Community Resilience Plan:

It is recommended that all Parish Councils have a Resilience Plan. Helsington PCC is currently preparing one and the Clerk will request a copy when it is completed.

In the meantime, the Clerk will circulate Councillors with any plans from his other Councils. It will be necessary to obtain permission from the Institute to provide power to a generator, should one be loaned in an emergency. Councillor Carruthers will supply the Clerk with the electrical specification.

24/11 Date of the next meeting:

***Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7pm at Underbarrow Institute
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting)***

24/13 Open Forum:

- a. The Clerk thanked the Trustees of the Poor's Allotment Charity for the annual distribution in December. All the receipt slips have been returned and there were a number expressions of thanks with them, which were shown to the Council.
- b. Concern was expressed that Parish Councillors are, apparently, automatically Trustees of the Underbarrow Institute. The present list on the Charity Commission website also shows those who are no longer Councillors and should not therefore be included. The Clerk will contact the Institute committee and ask them to clarify who their Trustees are and that these should be appointed by the Institute committee in future.
- c. Councillor Swindlehurst agreed to check with the present tenant of Smithymire if he wishes to continue the lease for a further year from 1st April 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated

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