

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held at Underbarrow Institute on Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Peter Swindlehurst (Chairman), Richard Carruthers, Charlotte Cartwright, Stuart Fairclough and Sally Soady, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Steve Bavin, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

23/27 Public participation: None.

23/28 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/29 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/30 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/31 Co-option of new Parish Councillors:

There had been no expressions of interest so the Council still has two vacancies. It was agreed that this item will be taken off the agenda for the time being. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact either the Chairman or Clerk.

23/32 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin mentioned the following:

- a. A5074 Lyth Valley road is closed at present as a through route.
- b. Grit bins – a map of locations is available. Councillors should let Steve know if additional bins/grit are required.
- c. Blocked drains – a number have been cleared but there are others to do yet.
- d. The current bin strike in Eden will not affect South Lakeland.
- e. Grants are available from the Household Support Fund and also (for 16 to 19 year olds) from the Transport Grant.

23/33 Planning:

There were no planning matters.

23/34 Finance:

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

HMRC	£368.80	PAYE
Curlew Recovery South Lakes		
	£500.00	Grant
T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll administration – annual payment
Peter Swindlehurst		
	£590.00	Daffodil bulbs - reimbursement
Peter Swindlehurst		
	£299.00	Replacement bench - reimbursement
K M Price	£122.32	Clerk's expenses to 30 th September, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. It was resolved to change the Council's banking arrangements to Lloyds Bank, the signatories to be Councillors Fairclough and Swindlehurst and the Clerk. Councillor Swindlehurst will open the account online and there will be provision for online banking. The Clerk will assist if required.

23/35 Daffodil bulb planting day:

Arrangements were finalised for this special event, to be held on 14th October. His-
vis jackets were not available but Councillor Carruthers had arranged for
refreshments to be available at the Institute.

23/36 Communications:

Councillor Soady said that the Facebook page is now set up and has around 22
members and a further eight followers. It is in the early stages yet but hopefully it will
develop.

23/37 Village maintenance:

- a. Painting/maintenance of the concrete bollards and railings around the village;
Councillor Bavin said this is on the Authority's list but the timing is not known.
- b. A replacement seat has been purchased for the end of Chapel Lane and this
will be installed soon.
- c. Parish Field; because of the required compliance with the Charities Act, it now
seems unlikely if the proposed Deed of Easement will proceed. This will no
doubt be confirmed in due course.

23/38 Defibrillator:

Details were given of a grant scheme for the provision of defibrillators, whereby up to
£750 would be provided by a grant. It was resolved to apply for this and to site the
defibrillator outside the Institute. Councillor Carruthers agreed to make application.

23/39 Code of Conduct:

The new Westmorland and Furness Council Code of Conduct is now on the CALC website and Councils are asked to adopt this. It was therefore resolved that this Council adopts the new Code of Conduct.

23/40 Standing Orders:

The Standing Orders, as circulated, were adopted, with the exception of the clause pertaining to the election of a Vice-Chairman. There is no legal requirement to elect a Vice-Chairman but consideration will be given to this when the Council is back to full strength.

23/41 Date of the next meeting:

***Thursday 7th December 2023 at 7pm at Underbarrow Institute.
(This will be the Precept Meeting)***

The Trustees of the Poor's Allotment Charity will meet at 6.30pm to make the annual distribution.

23/41 Open Forum:

- a. The highway retaining wall, below the road at the south end of Broom Lane, requires urgent attention. Councillor Bavin said he would report this.
- b. At the north end of Broom Lane, there is a long-standing problem of water flooding across the road and causing severe problems when it freezes. Councillor Banin will report this.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Dated: