

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held at Underbarrow Institute on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 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 Authority Councillor Steve Bavin, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ben Cunliffe.

**22/41 Public participation:** None.

**22/42 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**22/43 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**22/44 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**22/45 Village Hall:**

Councillor Carruthers reported that new windows and doors had been installed and quotations are being obtained for insulating the main hall.

**22/46 B4RN:**

No official news has been received but it was reported that B4RN is making significant advances in neighbouring parishes.

**22/47 Parish Land:**

This is still being investigated. Due to the impending change in Local Government on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, progress is slow on many issues.

**22/48 Notice Boards:**

The Clerk has contacted the Sign Man in Kendal and awaits a site meeting to progress this.

**22/49 Road drains etc:**

Councillor Carruthers raised the issue of the many blocked rains in the parish, especially those on the Kendal side of the bypass bridge. Councillor Bland agreed to investigate. It was suggested that the Parish Council might pay an authorised contractor to deal with them, if CCC Highways is not prepared to carry out the work.

The 6' by 6' sign at the top of Garth Row Lane on the scar road, is missing, possibly having been hit by a vehicle. The Clerk will contact CCC Highways to request reinstatement.

### **22/50 Reports:**

- a. Councillor Bland said there was not a lot of report at present. Helsington Moss bridge has now been re-opened after a long period of closure.
- b. Councillor Holmes had circulated his report and this will be appended to these minutes in the file. SLDC continues to be very busy with the usual issues as well as working towards the takeover of Barrow, South Lakeland and Eden when the new Westmorland and Furness Council comes into being on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

### **22/51 Planning:**

*The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2022/5381 Broom Cottage, Broom Lane, Underbarrow. Solar array with associated infrastructure. Granted.

7/22022/5517 Tullythwaite Cottage, Underbarrow. Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey extension. Extension of first floor with associated roof alterations & dormer extension. Granted.

### **22/52 Finance:**

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

K M Price	£109.15	Quarterly expenses to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, Including use of home office and travel.
K M Price	£94.34	Back pay (Pay Award)

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The National Joint Council has agreed this year's Pay Award for Clerks and, as recommended by CALC and NALC it was resolved to pay the appropriate backpay and to amend the Standing Orders at the bank.
- d. The Budget Report prepared by the Clerk was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council/Westmorland and Furness Council in the sum of £8,343 for the financial year 2023-24. There is therefore no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.
- e. It was resolved to revise the Bank Mandate. Councillors Carruthers, Cunliffe, Swindlehurst and the Parish Clerk will be authorised, any two to sign on behalf of the Council. All other names, if any, will be removed.

**22/53 Open Forum:**

Councillor Swindlehurst raised issues relating to the Underbarrow Mosses, where severe flooding is currently being experienced and the dykes need cleaning out. The Environment Agency has been contacted and has said it is no longer their responsibility. The Clerk agreed to make contact with Tim Farron MP, to seek advice on how to proceed.

**22/54 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

- a. To consider making a grant to the Two Valleys Santa Tours, as in previous years.
- b. To consider planting of bulbs around the parish, as discussed before the pandemic.

**22/55 Date of the next meeting:**

***Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 7pm at Underbarrow Institute.***

*The meeting closed at 8pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*

## Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council

**Precept 2023-24 as agreed at the Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

Salaries & PAYE	3737
Insurance	175
Subscriptions	240
Audit	50
Donations	800
Village Hall	200
Parish Council website	250
Training	200
Admin	350
Maintenance	1500
Contingency	439
Use of home office	312
Payroll Administration	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>8343</b>