

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held at Underbarrow Institute on Thursday 10th August 2023 at 7pm.

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

23/13 Public participation: None.

23/14 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/15 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Soady declared an interest in agenda item 9d (Curlew Recovery grant application) and took no part in the discussion.

23/16 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/17 Co-option of new Parish Councillors:

There had been no expressions of interest in the two vacancies. The Clerk agreed to advertise these on the notice boards and in the 'Two Valleys News'.

23/18 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin was unavoidably absent so there was no report (but see minute 23/24a below),

23/19 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

7/2023/5404 Boundary Bank, Boundary Bank Lane. Proposed new business unit for B2 and B8 use. Including parking, service area, landscaping, drainage and relocation of electricity meter cabinet.

23/20 Finance:

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

CALC	£30.00	Training
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William Huck	£50.00	Internal Audit (honorary)
K M Price	£118.58	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, including use of home office and travel.

- b. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's Accounts for 2022-23 was received with thanks. There were no issues arising to be brought to the Council's attention.
- c. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- d. A grant application had been received from Curlew Recovery South Lakes. It was resolved to make a grant of £500 towards this project.
- e. Consideration was given to moving the Council's banking arrangements from Barclays to Lloyds. A volunteer is need to set up the account, which would include internet banking, and Councillor Swindlehurst said he would consider doing this this during the quieter winter months. The present arrangements will therefore continue for the time being.

23/21 Scout Scar 'interpretation boards':

Details of the proposed interpretation boards at Scout Scar had been received from Story Homes. The revised design was approved but the Council would very much like a board for both the Cunswick car park and the one at the 'quarry' The Clerk agreed to pass this request on.

23/22 Daffodil bulb planting:

It was resolved to hold a 'Daffodil bulb planting day on Saturday 14th October 2012, meeting at the Institute at 9.30am. Councillor Swindlehurst will lead on this project. Councillor Carruthers will liaise with the Institute so that refreshments can be provided for volunteers. The Clerk will ask W & F Council for about 20 hi-vis jackets, and will advertised the event both in the 'Two Valleys News' and on the notice boards.

23/23 Communications:

Councillor Soady raised the matter of communications in the parish. Apart from the website, the 'Two Valleys News', and the Revd Simon Howard's email list, it is difficult for many to discover what is happening in the village.

It was agreed that a village 'facebook' page will be started, Councillor Soady being responsible for it, assisted by Councillor Swindlehurst if required.

23/24 Village maintenance:

- a. Councillor Bavin had reported that the bollards at Gregg Hall are unsafe and will be attended to by W & F Council (minute 23/10a refers).
- b. Councillor Swindlehurst has the seat on order for the end of Chapel Lane (minute 23/13b)
- c. Parish Field – Deed of Easement: It had been anticipated that the Deed could be signed at this meeting but it is now recommended that the Council updates its address at the Land Registry, the address given being that of the previous Clerk. Whilst checking the registers, it was belatedly noticed that there is a Charities Act restriction in the registers at B3. The grant of an easement by the Parish Council will be treated by the Land Registry as a “disposition” of charity land that will caught by the requirements of the Charities Acts and therefore some additional clauses need to be added to the Deed of Easement to comply with the restriction. It was resolved that the signing of the Deed, when it has been updated, is delegated to the Clerk, after first circulating the details to all Councillors.

23/25 Open Forum:

- a. Poor’s Allotment Charity: Two additional Trustees are required, to replace former Councillors Sylvia Gibson and Mark Simpson. Councillor Fairclough agreed to be a Trustee and Councillor Cartwright will be asked to fill the other vacancy.

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be Thursday 7th December, prior to the Parish Council meeting, when the annual distribution will be agreed.

- b. The Clerk pointed out that Councillors from the previous Council are all appearing on the Charity Commission website as Trustees for the Institute. The Clerk will contact the Secretary or Chairman and point this out as the Institute should presumably appoints its own Trustees.

23/26 Date of the next meetings:

Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7pm at Underbarrow institute.

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

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: