

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 2nd October 2023

Attendance

S Bartsch A	R Simpkin P
P Bond (Minutes) P	R Tomlinson P
D Cunningham (Barrow PC) P	J Walsh (Barrow PC) P
G Higginbotham P	D Watson P
B Partington	C Youngs (Chair) P
A Porter (Barrow PC) P	T Kinsey P

A: apologies

P: present

Minutes of Last Meeting on 7th August 2023

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

1/ Guide Books – Since the record listed in the minutes of 7/8/23: £14.00 - 3 books have been sold (plus donation).

Date 7/8/2023	Balance from last record	£ 986.57
Income	1 book sold at Bluebell Café 2 at the Horticultural show Proceeds from sales plus £2 donation	£14.00
Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Tarvin PO, Meadow Lea, CY.		
Expenditure:	New walking books - £490	-£490
	Latest total	£510.57

2/ FP 9 (Broomhill to Long Green) – RT reports that this work has been done and whilst the path becomes very wet at this time of year, it is much better.

3/ FP 30 (Mill Lane to Heath Lane) – AP has secured the membrane and will liaise with the landowner and Andy Jones to ensure there is enough gravel/planings to complete the work, or whether we need to top this

up. Concerns were raised about the possibility of gravel washing into the stream but this shouldn't be a problem.

4/ FP 21 &22 (Park Hall and Park Hall to Tarvin Sands) – There was no progress on this to report.

Update: CY has had a response from CWaC suggesting that when it is appropriate, the new appointee will be introduced. Plan is to then invite the new officer to a Footpaths Committee meeting.

5/ FP 4 (Barrowmore to B5132) – CY felt the Committee should keep a watching brief on the issue of the squeeze gap onto the B5132, since there remained some disquiet as to safety.

Update: safety concerns have been reported to Customer Services, but still awaiting response from CWaC.

6/ FP 23 (Barrowmore to Broomhill) – The electric fence is back up and close to the stile. This needs to be adequately protected and not obstructing the path. CY has spoken to BR who is agreeable to Footpaths Committee doing the work, use wood in CY's garage or consider spending £50 on more wood to create an 'H' to bridge the electric fence.

Other Matters

1/ FP 20 (Barrow Mill to Tarvin) – The upright to the bridge at Point 2 had not been replaced and there have been two complaints. CY has sent images to the Council, but it is too overgrown to assess currently.

2/ Sunken Road – The bridge has been patched by the Chumpers but gets slippery in the wet weather, could consider using chicken wire to provide grip. The Chumpers have cleared overgrowth on this path and also upper Ferma Lane (from The Hollies – see next item).

3/ FP29, Ferma Lane, Upper Lane and FP 12 - Parts of upper lane have been strimmed but this was stopped due to landowner distress, in future needs a conversation first – AP to discuss this and clearing nettles the with them. TK raised possibility of spraying nettles in spring? Would have to ask CWaC about this, due to use of chemicals – CY to ask the question.

Ferma lane is currently impassable, needs CWaC attention. Parish Council Clerk has requested this is done. CY to follow this up with photos from JW.

4/ FP 3 (B5132 to Plemstall) – There was discussion as to whether the landowner might accept responsibility for repair of the collapsed section of the sleeper bridge. CY would raise this with him. The materials supplied by RA were unlikely to be suitable. DC to follow up on this as a runner reported this has been fixed.

5/ Secretary – Thanks expressed again to AF for his contribution to the Committee. CY has had a picture printed from Alan’s favourite walk, please be in touch with CY to contribute £3 to this.

6/ New walking book printing – The new books have been printed!

7/ Footpaths email address – The website is now live: [Foot Paths - Great Barrow Community website](https://www.greatbarrowcommunity.org.uk/footpaths). Please take a look and feedback to AP with any suggestions. The email address is: footpaths@barrowpc.org.

Any Other Business

There has previously been discussion around the map used and who may have the original file. CY has hard copies, linked from CWaC’s license with OS. AP and JW or possibly the Clerk to GBPC will follow up with CWaC and Ward Councillors, or possibly the new CWaC liaison, on Monday at the PC meeting, to determine whether we link can in with CWaC OS license.

Lisa’s latest version is available but this doesn’t have all paths, we could add a layer to show all footpaths? This could link to different coloured tapes on route markers/poles to aid walkers. The map could go on the outside/inside of the pavilion – different surfaces (e.g. aluminium) are available so there’s no damage if outside.

The routes marked for Sports England need to be made clear. PC to fund perhaps with grants? Perhaps for a couple of maps. Outside initial priority as the pavilion is only open on Saturday mornings currently. DC asked about sharing this on the website, but it is a bit too detailed. AP suggests one outside the Pavilion and one outside the Pub.

This prompted a discussion as to whether the White Horse could sell walking books? – CY to explore.

CY to Report to Customer Services:

No new items raised for concern.

CY update: FP29 as this is not passable so isn’t a round (loop) walk (walk 8) CY has placed a caveat on this one in the book. – up-to-date info on this walk available on the website, so when/if it is passable the website will need updating.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Appendix of Outstanding Footpaths Work

Path	Pos	Date	Work Required	Actions
Path 6	4	24/05/10	Gowy crossing steps very steep. Extra step needed.	No funds available.

Path 19	2	07/09/15	New gate needed at Mill	No action at present
Path 29		12/11/18	Barnhouse Lane to FP 13 impassable	CWaC responsibility