

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 10th December 2024

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Attendance

S Bartsch A	R Simpkin A
P Bond (Minutes) P	J Walsh P
D Cunningham (Barrow PC) A	D Watson P
G Higginbotham P	C Youngs (Chair) P
A Porter (Barrow PC) A	M Goan (CWaC Footpaths Officer) A

A: apologies

P: present

Minutes of Last Meeting on 16th September 2024

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

1/ Guide Books – Since the record listed in the minutes of 1.9.24; 5 books have been sold.

Date 16.9.24	Balance from last record:	£761.12
Income	4 books sold at Bluebell Café 0 books sold at Meadow Lea 0 books sold at Tarvin 1 book sold at Guilden Sutton Proceeds from sales:	£20.00
Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Tarvin PO, Meadow Lea, CY.		
	Expenditure:	£0
	Latest total:	£781.12

2/ FP 30 (Mill Lane to Heath Lane) - Recommendation from the Environment Agency for work (application in, just waiting to hear regarding funding though some mention of funds on National news), no work on this to be done just yet.

3/ FP 21 & 22 (Park Hall and Park Hall to Tarvin Sands) - Kissing gates installed, action closed.

4/ FP 4 (Barrowmore corner to B5132) - Query with MG. GH noted no change/activity as yet.

5/ FP 24 (Ferma Lane) - MG had requested this is cut by the contractor which has now been done although path to The Hough has not been cut (it was noted this has not been cut for years).

Action: GH noted a large tree has fallen across Ferma Lane which needs to be cleared. There was a query over ownership for clearing this and it was noted it may be difficult to access, and as this is such a well-used path, CY will notify MG.

Action: JW noted a concern to the top of the 'pixie' steps where path 5 joins the lane. In the recent wet weather, the soil has drained/shifted from behind the wooden step and there is now a hole behind the step which poses a risk to walkers. JW will send a photo to CY for reporting to MG in the hope this can be repaired. Please also send 'What3Words' location for ease.

6/ FP 12 (Hollowmore Heath to Broomhill House Farm) - This is still a concern, fine when dry but the compacted soil makes it a swamp when wet. Unsure if MG has spoken to Landowner, but potential purchaser contacted Footpaths email and CY has confirmed the paths.

7/ FP 2 (Ferma Lane to Guilden Sutton) - New stone has been applied under the kissing gate. Approach to bridge still requires repair, PB to walk down and check. Path not used as much due to flooding in the fields at this time of year.

8/ FP 23 (Barrowmore to Broomhill) - MG to speak to Landowner re electric fencing and proximity to the stile. Unsure if this has been actioned, DW to query with the Buzzards who run this route and CY to query with Bill Rose

Other Matters

1/ FP 20 (Barrow Mill to Tarvin) - Photographs from JW shared with MG and Committee previously.

2/ Church Lane (Sunken Lane) - GH has walked the sunken lane and the badger spoil is still encroaching on the path, and it is quite wet and muddy now. CY has previously been in touch with Wirral and Chester Badger Group to discuss whether the spoil can be removed from the path, spoil can be removed gently by scraping

away but no digging is permitted. Discussed removing enough to allow for a 1m wide path, scraping horizontally rather than vertically, however the period between 1st December and end of July is protected with no removal permitted, so no work to be done now. Review in summer.

3/ FP 26 (Village Hall to Church) - A resident has offered to pay for the re-surfacing work and is keen to compare costs so will likely wait till spring now. The finger post has been replaced by Robbie, PB to send thanks.

4/ FP 19 (Mill Lane path to FP 30) - MG has looked and has spoken to Landowner as there is a log store across the path. Likely not a well-trodden path now due to flooding so check again in spring.

5/ Ferma Lane, Upper Lane and FP 12 - Ferma lane and upper lane cleared, and PB to check path 12 from Hollowmoor Heath to the wooden bridge.

6/ FP 29 - MG to chase contractor.

Any Other Business

FP9 - CY suggested DC could take this one. To be confirmed.

New members required including a Chair. Agree text to share via Care for Barrow and Barrow News, to see if anyone wishes to join the Committee. JW will draft text and DW will post on Facebook Care for Barrow page. A note will also be sent for display in the Bluebell Café.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th February 2025 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