

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 16th September 2024

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Attendance

S Bartsch P	R Simpkin P
P Bond (Minutes) P	J Walsh A
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 5th August 2024

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

1/ Guide Books – Since the record listed in the minutes of 5.8.24; 5 books have been sold.

Date 16.9.24	Balance from last record:	£741.12
Income	3 books sold at Bluebell Café 0 books sold at Meadow Lea 0 books sold at Tarvin 2 books 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:	£761.12

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) - See note from MG re chasing the fitting of the kissing gates.

4/ FP 4 (Barrowmore corner to B5132) - MG to discuss further with boss as per note re safety onto B5132.

5/ FP 24 (Ferma Lane) – MG had requested this is cut by the contractor – this has now been done, action closed.

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. MG to speak to landowner.

7/ FP 2 (Ferma Lane to Guilden Sutton) - New stone has been applied under the kissing gate. Approach to bridge still requires repair.

8/ FP 23 (Barrowmore to Broomhill) - MG to speak to Landowner re electric fencing and proximity to the stile.

Other Matters

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

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 overgrown. CY has 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. The period between 1st Jan and end of July is protected with no removal permitted. AP had volunteered the Chumpers to complete this work, CY suggested to hold for now as the path is passable currently.

3/ FP 26 (Village Hall to Church) - A resident has offered to pay for the re-surfacing work (estimate from MG was approx. £750. JW queried whether this included a membrane?). CY to liaise with MG and resident to sort; AP suggested another Committee Member may be able to help too. CY and MG to liaise and send some possible dates. The finger post has been replaced by Robbie, CY to send thanks.

4/ FP 19 (Mill Lane path to FP 30) - DW reports a new post with signage, and raised concerns with the positioning of this. CY suggests this was placed by Richard Ankers. To be checked when flooding improves.

5/ Ferma Lane, Upper Lane and FP 12 – Contractor has now cut Ferma Lane, Thanks noted from a couple walking recently who bumped into GH.

6/ FP 29 - MG to chase contractor.

Any Other Business

FP9 - Noted in MG's report and BT used to walk this. Would be sensible to reallocate this path to an FPC Member.

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.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 25th November 2024 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