

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 5th August 2024

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Attendance

S Bartsch P	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) P	M Goan (CWaC Footpaths Officer) A

A: apologies

P: present

Minutes of Last Meeting on 3rd June (8th April) 2024

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

1/ Guide Books – Since the record listed in the minutes of 3.6.24; 8 books have been sold.

Date 5.8.24	Balance from last record:	£701.12
Income	4 books sold at Bluebell Café 4 books sold at Meadow Lea 2 books sold at Tarvin 0 books sold at Guilden Sutton Proceeds from sales:	£40.00
Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Tarvin PO, Meadow Lea, CY.		
	Expenditure:	£0
	Latest total:	£741.12

2/ FP 30 (Mill Lane to Heath Lane) - Recommendation from the Environment Agency for work (application in, just waiting to hear regarding funding) so 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) – GH reported FP still difficult and verging on impassable. MG has requested this is cut by the contractor.

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 a Badger charity to discuss whether the spoil can be removed from the path, will update when able.

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 still needs to be replaced.

It was noted that the nettles are particularly bad here, and grass cuttings are still being dumped. CY has checked and these aren't the cuttings from the Church.

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 - AP to liaise with landowner (adjacent) when cutting is needed.

6/ FP 3 (B5132 to Plemstall) - Cattle bridge has now been repaired. Action closed.

7/ 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.

CY has expressed her wish to retire as Chair of the GBPCFPC, but to remain on the Committee and access meetings remotely via MS Teams. With the support of the Committee CY wishes to continue to sell the guidebooks and act as Treasurer. This was agreed by Committee members. As such, new members are required including a Chair.

AP suggested sending a note out via Care for Barrow, to see if anyone wishes to join the Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th September 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

Barrow Inspection 01/08/2024

By Mike Goan CWaC PROW Officer

- FP22 – Two kissing gates have been supplied to the owner of the Margates. One to be installed at the road by the Margates the other to replace broken stile after the Margates garden.
- Inspected 01/08/2024 m- still not installed have emailed owner to chase up, and advise hedge is overgrown.
- FP24 – Impassable by Firma Wood. Inspected 01/08/2024 Contractor advised to cut this back.
- Barrow FP12 - very muddy and waterlogged by stile – drainage issues. Will need drainage channels to be dug out and possibly piped and gravelled by stile. Will speak to landowner. Other alternative would be to fit footbridge but drainage issues do need to be sorted.

- Barrow FP13 – Very Muddy where path enters field by farm, churned up by animals – need to speak to Landowner (possibly permissive path could be solution).
- Barrow RB 29 – overgrown from dog leg until it meets FP13 – I have requested the Contractor to cut this back. Inspected 01/08/2024 work still not completed will chase up Contractor.
- Barrow FP9 – 3 stiles to be replaced with new stiles – have contacted Landowner to arrange fitting. Inspected 01/08/2024 – 2 stiles have been replaced, hedge overgrown and electric fence in the way. Have contacted landowner to cut back and reposition electric fence.
- Barrow FP3 – Rotten Boards on the bridge – I will speak to the farmer to repair as this is a footpath and he is using it as access for his farm machinery. Inspected 01/08/2024 – landowner has repaired bridge.
- Rotten permissive path signpost on FP 26 – will replace with metal post and permissive path fingerblade. I also have permissive path discs.
- FP26 surface and see if it can be scraped and resurfaced where it is muddy from Hall Cottage to St. Bartholomews Church. Quote obtained from contractor for work. Material to be used – buff coloured limestone.