

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 8th April 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

R Tomlinson - resignation accepted and huge thanks to Bob for over 20 years of service to this Committee.

A: apologies

P: present

Minutes of Last Meeting on 19th February 2024

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

1/ Guide Books – Since the record listed in the minutes of 19.2.24; 11 books have been sold.

Date 19.2.24	Balance from last record:	£594.62
	PC Clerk spotted an error when finalising accounts - amended to:	£625.12
Income	11 books sold at Bluebell Café 0 books sold at Meadow Lea 0 books sold at Tarvin 0 books sold at Guilden Sutton Proceeds from sales:	£44.00
Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Tarvin PO, Meadow Lea, CY.		
	Expenditure: 1 book gifted to the new Footpaths Officer	£4
	Latest total:	£665.12

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 two kissing gates supplied to the owner of the Margates. JW has shared photos and What3Words locations for FP's 20, 21 and 22. PB to share with MG and group.

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) - CY has received a complaint re the overgrowth. Could CWaC contractors give us an idea of when the cutting will occur? MG unable to assess due to flooding. Will reassess when the weather improves, including the fallen tree.

6/ FP 12 (Hollowmore Heath to Broomhill House Farm) - MG to speak to Landowner re drainage issues as per note.

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

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 to be shared as per point 3 above.

2/ Church Lane (Sunken Lane) - Note from Natural England to CY, cannot remove spoil from Set at certain times of year. DW to share pictures with a colleague for their opinion.

Discussion around submitting an application to turn this Permissive Path into a PRoW.

3/ FP 26 (Village Hall to Church) - MG to re-examine the surface due to the amount of mud. Finger post will be replaced with a metal one.

MG has some Permissive Path discs.

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) - MG to liaise with Farmer re repairs.

7/ FP 29 - MG to request contractor cuts this.

Any Other Business

Huge thanks to Bob for his 22 years of service to the Footpaths Committee. PB and CY to put a letter of thanks together.

Playing field and Sports England map is the remit of the BPPFF as these are sport routes rather than specified footpaths.

JW queried the route down to Ferma Wood from The Hollies and whether this is still a Permissive Path. Committee believes so, but JW to check visibility. Field below is ploughed so path needs to be reinstated.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd June 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 Report from 21/03/2024

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.

FP24 - Could not view due to flooding. It is to be cut back by the contractor when weather is drier. I will inspect to assess flooding.

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.

Barrow FP9 - 3 stiles to be replaced with new stiles – have contacted Landowner to arrange fitting.

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.

Barrow FP4 - Pedestrian kissing gates – not sure this is appropriate as there is no livestock in fields. Will discuss further with my boss as there could be safety issues with path adjoining Barrow Lane. No gates are showing on the definitive map though a gate post and hinges are clearly visible on site.

Barrow FP 23 - Electric fence is too close to the stile, I will speak to landowner. Path may have been diverted from definitive line will need to reinspect as I believe path should join field further down the lane and not where the electric fence is.

Permissive path linking Barrow FP1 with Barrow FP 26 - Bridge is not on a PROW. I have checked Council files and the agreements states Chester County Council (as it was at time of agreement) will maintain signposts to permissive path, but it does not mention maintenance of the bridge.

Rotten permissive path signpost on FP 26 - Will replace with metal post and permissive path finger-blade. I also have permissive path discs.

Will re-examine FP26 surface and see if it can be scraped and resurfaced where it is muddy from Hall Cottage to St. Bartholomews Church.