

## Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

[Foot Paths - Great Barrow Community website](#)

[footpaths@barrowpc.org](mailto:footpaths@barrowpc.org)

[Public Map Viewer](#)

### Attendance

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

**A:** apologies

**P:** present

### Minutes of Last Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The previous minutes were accepted.

### Matters Arising

**1/ Guidebooks** - Since the record listed in the minutes of 10.12.24; 2 books have been sold (by CY).

|                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                       |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Date 16.9.24</b>                                                                  | <b>Balance from last record:</b>                                                                                                                      | £781.12        |
| <b>Income</b>                                                                        | 0 books sold at Bluebell Café<br>0 books sold at Meadow Lea<br>0 books sold at Tarvin<br>0 book sold at Guilden Sutton<br><b>Proceeds from sales:</b> | <b>£8.00</b>   |
| <b>Stock locations:</b> Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Tarvin PO, Meadow Lea, CY. |                                                                                                                                                       |                |
|                                                                                      | <b>Expenditure:</b>                                                                                                                                   | £0             |
|                                                                                      | <b>Latest total:</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>£789.12</b> |

The BPC Clerk noted a discrepancy in the minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> December re: Guidebooks. Noted that an additional £45 has been banked and not noted in minutes. New total is therefore: **£834.12**.

**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 has been done just yet. GH noted it is very wet here, with walkers using wood to bridge flooded areas. MG to visit and check.

**3/ FP 4 (Barrowmore corner to B5132)** - MG unable to place a gate here as there are no livestock. SB suggested a 'Caution - Main Road' sign, and MG will explore this. Old wooden gates are rotted, MG will see if metal gates are possible within the budget.

**4/ FP 24 (Ferma Lane)** - MG has noted big drainage issues past Ferma Wood which will require work with the Landowner. MG keen to fix. CY suggested speaking to S Pym re the drainage pool. The tree has now been cleared.

**Pixie steps** - MG has met with Paul Johnson about the sandstone blocks. Keen to speak to a contractor as any gravel would simply wash away. This is now a big concern as the drainage ditch has gone.

**5/ 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 yet to speak with Landowner, but potential for a small bridge on the wet side of the stile.

**6/ FP 2 (Ferma Lane to Guilden Sutton)** - New stone has now been washed away. MG met with a contractor approx. one month ago, to discuss putting a longer bridge in and moving it slightly. MG hoping to allocate CWaC funds as financial year comes to a close.

**7/ FP 23 (Barrowmore to Broomhill)** - MG still to speak to Landowner re electric fencing and proximity to the stile. Will write a letter. MG agrees the crossing point there now is not appropriate and will check Land Registry for details of the Landowner.

**8/ FP9** - DC happy to walk and report on this path. Near Long Green Farm, MG has organised two bridges over the stream and brook which will help despite ongoing flooding problems. MG still keen to speak with Landowner regarding the electric fencing.

**9/** - MG requested an update in Spring when paths become overgrown, and to be kept up to date with activity by Chumpers, so can coordinate contractor path cutting.

## Other Matters

**1/ FP 20 (Barrow Mill to Tarvin)** - Still requires action from MG, plans to walk the route this week to check.

**2/ Church Lane (Sunken Lane)** - 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; review in spring.

**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. MG will request this is moved.

**5/ Ferma Lane, Upper Lane and FP 12** - Cleared, action closed.

**6/ FP 29** - MG has chased today, awaiting response.

## Any Other Business

The Chair welcomed Susan Kellett to the meeting; Susan is happy to report on GB paths as she walks them.

The Chair also thanked MG for his report.

MG has shared the link to the CWaC Public Map Viewer, included here for ease and will remain at the top of all minutes: [Public Map Viewer](#).

## Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 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  |