

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 14th April 2025

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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 A	C Youngs (Chair) P
S Kellett P	M Goan (CWaC Footpaths Officer) A

A: apologies

P: present

Minutes of Last Meeting on 10th February 2024

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

1/ Guidebooks - Since the record listed in the minutes of 10.2.24; 12 books have been sold.

Date 16.24	Balance from last record:	£814.12
Income	2 books sold at Bluebell Café 2 books sold at Meadow Lea 2 books sold at Tarvin 0 book sold at Guilden Sutton Proceeds from sales:	£49.00
Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Tarvin PO, Meadow Lea, CY.		
	Expenditure:	£0
	Latest total:	£863.12

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. No update.

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.

MG has suggested using a pedestrian gate which will act as a kissing gate with the posts that are already in place, which the Committee are happy to accept. It would be helpful to maintain the existing signs, warning walker to 'beware traffic'.

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. No update.

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. CY to confirm with MG who the Landowner is.

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. Await update from MG.

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. Await update from MG.

8/ FP9 - DC happy to walk and report on this path – confirmed with CY. 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. Need to monitor growth and update MG re cutting.

Other Matters

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

2/ Church Lane (Sunken Lane) - Review in summer. There are now several planks on the bridge that have rotten and broken. Signs placed advising this route is closed and walkers should divert over the Milton Brook bridge. CY to ask MG if he could recommend someone to complete repairs.

3/ FP 26 (Village Hall to Church) - A resident has offered to pay for the re-surfacing work and is keen to compare costs; CY to liaise with resident and MG on this.

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 – await update.

5/ FP 29 - MG has chased previously, awaiting update.

Any Other Business

The Chair led a minute standing at the start of the meeting, to pay respects to Phil Young, who was a long standing member of the Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 30th June 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	Gowry 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