

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 30th June 2025

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Attendance

S Bartsch A	R Simpkin P
P Bond (Minutes) P	J Walsh A
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 14th April 2025

There was a correction made to a name raised (from Phil Youngs to Phil Jones), but pending this change, the minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

1/ Guidebooks - Since the record listed in the minutes of 14.4.25; 12 books have been sold.

Date 16.24	Balance from last record:	£863.12
Income	5 books sold at Bluebell Café 7 books sold at Meadow Lea 0 books sold at Tarvin 0 book sold at Guilden Sutton Proceeds from sales:	£48
Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Tarvin PO, Meadow Lea, CY.		
	Expenditure:	£0
	Latest total:	£911.12

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. Awaiting update from MG.

3/ FP 4 (Barrowmore corner to B5132) - 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 this suggestion. It would be helpful to maintain the existing signs, warning walkers 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. Awaiting update from MG.

Path is now very overgrown, request that MG liaise with CWaC contractors to cut this and advise when the work may take place.

Pixie steps - Awaiting update from MG. He had previously met with Paul Johnson about the sandstone blocks, but was keen to speak to a contractor as any gravel would simply wash away. This is a concern as the drainage ditch has gone.

5/ FP 12 (Hollowmore Heath to Broomhill House Farm) - CY has confirmed the Landowner with MG. Awaiting update as will become wet again when we have rain.

6/ FP 2 (Ferma Lane to Guilden Sutton) - New stone has now been washed away. MG had met with a contractor to discuss putting a longer bridge in and moving it slightly, MG was hoping to allocate CWaC funds as financial year ended. Await update.

7/ FP 23 (Barrowmore to Broomhill) - Awaiting update from MG re positioning of electric fencing and proximity to hedge line.

8/ FP9 - Near Long Green Farm, MG had previously organised two bridges over the stream and brook which will help despite ongoing flooding problems. MG was still keen to speak with Landowner regarding the electric fencing; await update.

9/ - MG requested an update in Spring when paths become overgrown, please see item 4 above re cutting. FP 29 will also require cutting.

Other Matters

1/ FP 20 (Barrow Mill to Tarvin) - Awaiting update from MG.

2/ Church Lane (Sunken Lane) - Note on Care for Barrow re broken bridge. Several planks on the bridge have rotten and broken, and there were signs placed advising this route is closed and walkers should divert over

the Milton Brook bridge. Update needed from MG to see if he could recommend someone to complete repairs.

Badger spoil may now be removed carefully from sets along Church (sunken) Lane now we are into July. DW offered to liaise with Andy Porter to engage the Chumpers.

3/ FP 26 (Village Hall to Church) - CY to liaise with resident and MG on this.

4/ FP 19 (Mill Lane path to FP 30) - Awaiting update from MG re log store on the path.

5/ FP 29 - Awaiting update from MG.

Any Other Business

None this time.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on either Monday 11th or 18th August 2025 to suit MG's availability, 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

Update from MG required on Footpaths 30, 4, 24 including the Pixie Steps, 12, 2, 23, 8, 20, 26, 19 and 29 please.

Actions required from MG:

- Liaise with contractor re cutting required on Ferma Lane (FP24) please and also FP29 at the same time.
- Church Lane – please could you suggest someone who may be able to repair the bridge?
- We are keen that you are able to join our next meeting. Please let PB or CY know whether you are able to join us on either 11th or 18th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.