

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held at Underbarrow Institute on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Ben Cunliffe (Chairman), Richard Carruthers and Mark Simpson, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Sylvia Gibson and Peter Swindlehurst.

20/1 Public participation:

Maggie Stockdale presented proposals from the WI for planting trees in the parish and these had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Council resolved to fully support the project and, if required, to contribute financially to it. The proposals will be attached to these minutes in the file.

20/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/3 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

20/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/5 Council Vacancies:

Councillor Simpson informed the Council that a local resident is willing to be co-opted to fill one of the vacancies. The Clerk will contact the person concerned with an invitation to the next meeting.

20/6 Mushroom on Scout Scar:

The Chairman said the repair is still in hand and may be ready for Easter, although this is not guaranteed. The Clerk had received communication from a resident of the area, hoping that the repair would be completed soon.

20/7 Reports:

- a. **Police:** PCSO Jayne Park reported that there were no logs of note in the immediate area but there is a night time operation ongoing to try and combat the spate of rural thefts, particularly of quad bikes. Sightings of suspicious vehicles can be called in at any time on 101 (or 999 in an emergency) and registration numbers are a big help to the Police.
- b. **County Councillor:** Councillor Bland said he had met with the CCC Engineer this week and attention is being given to the repair of culverts and potholes in the area.

- c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Holmes submitted a full written report and this will be appended to these minutes on the file. This covered a number of issues, including the new septic tank regulations, Climate Change, recycling and where this is taken to, and the SLDC 'Customer Connect' which is progressing well and will be rolled out to the community during the year.
- d. **Parish Clerk:** The Clerk is still making enquiries regarding the impact the new Accessibility Regulations will have on the Council, which must be complied with by September. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/8 Milestone on the road over the scar:

Councillor Carruthers has cleaned the moss from the milestone and it is now visible. The Chairman thanked him for this work, on behalf of the Council. Sadly, former Councillor Frank Hodson, who raised the matter at the last meeting, has recently passed away.

20/9 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

K M Price	£87.94	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.
Underbarrow Sports Committee	£300.00	Donation (included in Precept)

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

20/10 Planning:

- a. *The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2019/5735 Tranthwaite Hall, Underbarrow. The introduction of diagonal bracing to the underside of one pitch of the roof to prevent further leaning of the principal roof structure. The omission of torching to the underside of slates following re-roofing to allow good ventilation to the accommodation for calves below. Granted.

- b. *The following application was considered and it was resolved to make no comments.*

7/2019/5828 Field adjacent to Thorns Lane, Underbarrow. Agricultural access.

- c. *The following applications arrived since the last meeting but no comments were submitted on them:*

7/2019/5785 Dale View Farm, Underbarrow. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic residences. Demolition of existing disused agricultural structures, construction of 3 new dwellings (resubmission of withdrawn application 7/2019/5572)

7/2019/5786 Dale View Farm, Underbarrow. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic residences. Demolition of existing disused agricultural structures and a caravan, construction of a new affordable dwelling (resubmission of withdrawn application 7/2019/5629).

20/11 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 31st March 2020 at 7pm at Underbarrow Institute (the meeting will commence with the letting of Smithymire).

The Chairman agreed to ask Mr Colin Tomlinson to auction the letting rights as usual.

20/12 Open Forum:

- a. The telephone cable by Beckside Farm entrance is hanging loose. Councillor Carruthers agreed to report this.
- b. The road sweeper has not carried out work from Mount Joy upwards. Councillor Bland agreed to contact SLDC who are responsible for the sweeping.
- c. The Chairman had received an email from Matthew Jessop (Crosthwaite School on behalf of Underbarrow Sports Committee). The committee, in conjunction with other organisations aim to make a grant application to Cumbria Community Foundation to fund a new (second hand) marquee. It was resolved that the Council is happy to be listed on/supportive of the application. Should the application be unsuccessful, the committee would need to apply to a future meeting of the Parish Council, so it could be an agenda item.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: