

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held by ZOOM on Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 7pm.

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

20/28 Public participation:

Maggie Stockdale wondered if the high reserves the Council hold at present could be used for some sort of village project. An interesting discussion followed, and possibilities mentioned were:

- a. Assistance to the village hall - possibly for re-decoration.
- b. A Christmas tree, sited close to the hall if land is available.
- c. A children's play area.
- d. Planting of more daffodil bulbs (*see later in the minutes*)

20/29 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/30 Declarations of Interest:

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

20/31 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2020, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/32 Council Vacancies:

There had been no expressions of interest in the one remaining vacancy on the Council.

20/33 Mushroom on Scout Scar:

Councillor Cunliffe said the mushroom metal work is ready and has been collected. Discussion followed as to the best method of installing it to deter future vandalism. It was resolved that authorisation would be given to Pier 1 metal work to install it and accept their recommended installation method.

20/34 Poor's Allotment Charity:

A list of possible recipients was drawn up by Councillor Carruthers and the Clerk. A meeting of the Trustees is being arranged and a letter will be sent to each person. Councillor Cunliffe offered to produce the letters. The Clerk will liaise regarding arrangements and notify the Trustees of details.

20/35 Reports:

Councillor Bland said that the proposed Unitary Authority is a priority at present at CCC, with the deadlines to the various consultations drawing closer.

Councillor Holmes went through each item on his very full report. This has been circulated to all Councillors, together with the map of the new 'locality' areas, and will be appended to these minutes in the file.

20/36 Finance:

The cash and budget statements were noted.

20/37 Planning:

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

7/2020/5518 Bonfire Hall, Underbarrow. Demolition and replacement of former dairy building to form secondary ancillary annex accommodation following withdrawal of application. Granted.

7/2020/5449 Dale View Farm, Underbarrow. Amendment to design and materials: condition nos. 2 and 4 on planning permission 7/2019/5786: 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). Granted.

- b. *The following application was considered and approval recommended:*

7/2020/5680 Low Greenriggs, Underbarrow. Restoration and extension of existing farmhouse.

20/38 Date of the next meeting:

***Thursday 21st January 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm.
(this will be the Precept Meeting).***

20/39 Open Forum:

- a. The marker bollards that mark the drainage ditch just above Thorns corner have been knocked down/ damaged by a large vehicle. This was noted.
- b. Councillor Swindlehurst suggested planting daffodils on verges around the village, and he agreed to look into the cost. If bulbs are available, a date will be arranged for planting.

The two cattle grids on the Cold Harbour/ Bonfire Hall Road are in a poor state of repair. It may be possible for one to be repaired but the other requires replacement. Councillor Swindlehurst agreed to obtain a new quotation from John Metcalfe for this.

(When this was previously discussed, CCC had indicated that it is the responsibility of the residents. A quotation had been received at that time by the Council for this work but no action was taken).

- c. There is water flowing down the Scar road and building up at the bottom of Thorns corner and in the end of Thorns Lane, the majority of which is running from a piece of land further up the Scar road. The water should go down a drain, under the road and down a stream long before it reaches Thorns corner/Lane but it runs through the land's gateway and down the road, damaging the road/ roadside, overwhelming the current drains and appears at Thorns Corner. Councillor Carruthers will try to obtain an address for the owners of the land, who are not local, so that a letter could be sent to explain the situation and hopefully get them to fix the land drains.
- d. Councillor Carruthers reported that the road above Mount Joy (to the side of the wood) is narrowed due to the build up of unswept leaves etc and the drains are being blocked. A digger is required in order for the leaves to be pushed back. Councillor Bland agreed to request this.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: