

Minutes of a meeting of Barbon Parish Council held at Barbon Village Hall on Monday 17th July 2023 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Janatha Anstiss (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Charles Howarth and Neil Udale, four members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Councillor Roger Groves, due to illness. The Council sends best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

23/12 Public participation:

- a. A question was asked about local governance, Westmorland and Furness Council and the present and future MPs area of responsibility. This was answered by Councillors.
- b. Parish Council notice board. As reported at the last meeting, this requires some repair and at present the notices cannot be seen in it. The Council believes that Mike Hart had agreed to repair it, for the cost of the materials. The Clerk will ask him if this is still the case.
- c. Some discussion took place on how residents might become more involved/interested in the work of the Council. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. In the meantime, a volunteer for co-option to fill the vacant seat, has come forward.
- d. Following a recent accident in which a hedgehog was killed, it was agreed to have an agenda item for the next meeting on 'speeding in the village'.
- e. There is no further news on the Planning Consultation referred to at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Ian Mitchell has agreed to convene a public meeting, as and when further information is to hand. The Parish Council cannot comment until there is an actual planning application, when the Council will be a consultee.
- f. The dangerous junction at Stone Dross crossroads was discussed. The Clerk agreed to contact W&F Highways to ask if the cross roads sign could be reinstated and any further safety improvements made.

23/13 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/14 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/15 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/16 Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors: None.

23/17 Highways:

It was reported that no less than 84 'markings' for repair have appeared on main roads in the village. The Council awaits repair in due course.

23/18 Finance:

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

CALC	£30.00	Councillor training
William H Hartley	£61.88	Maintenance
HMRC	£301.20	PAYE (noted)
K M Price	£123.57	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The report from the Internal Auditor, on the Council's Accounts for 2022-23 was received with thanks. There were no issues arising.

23/19 Planning: None.

23/20 Correspondence: None.

23/21 Date of the next meeting:

***Monday 11th September 2023 at 7pm at Barbon Village Hall
(please note change of date).***

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: