

Minutes of a meeting of Barbon Parish Council held at Barbon Village Hall on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Janatha Anstiss (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Chris Brown and Neil Udale, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from the Chairman, Councillor Roger Groves.

24/1 Public participation: None.

24/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/5 Reports:

Councillor Hodgson reported as follows:

- a. A working group had met this week to assess the condition of bridges in the area and which require structural repair. The reinstatement of Rigmaden Bridge is included in the budget for the coming year and tenders have been issued. Access in meantime is uncertain.
- b. Severe frost has resulted in many potholes appearing; these will be addressed in due course.

24/6 Highways: No report.

24/7 Finance:

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

Barbon Village Hall	£12.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£166.81	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

24/8 Planning: None.

24/9 Parish Council Newsletter and website:

Councillor Brown reported on the production of a Parish Newsletter which had been circulated to Councillors and others. 55 residents have registered to receive it by email and a limited number of hard copies will be available upon request. It is anticipated that it will be a quarterly production.

She thanked Merlin Hibbs for his considerable help in producing the Newsletter as well as help in increasing the Parish Council use of the website.

Councillor Hodgson suggested making contact with Gill Holmes at Westmorland & Furness Council, who may be able to help with funding for this venture.

24/10 Proposed 20mph speed limit in the village:

This is likely to be a lengthy process and applications will be considered in due course, bearing in mind that other locations may have a higher priority.

24/11 Correspondence: None (most items had been circulated already).

24/12 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Emergency Plan for the village.
- b. Village Hall children's playground - proposed refurbishment - to consider funding.

24/13 Date of the next meeting:

***Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7pm at Barbon Village Hall.
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting).***