

Mintes of the Annual Meeting of Barbon Parish Council held at Barbon Village Hall on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7..55pm.

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

The Chairman announced that Councillor Roger Groves had resigned from the Council, due to ill-health. The good wishes of the Council were expressed to him together with thank for his many years of work as Councillor and Chairman.

The Clerk has declared a Casual Vacancy and this is currently being advertised in the usual way.

24/14 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Charles Howarth was elected Chairman for 2024-25. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

24/15 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Janatha Anstiss was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024-25.

24/16 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/18 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/19 Reports:

Councillor Hodgson had reported by email as follows:

“At the last Locality Meeting it has been noted that the Barbon Traffic plan has not been allocated for 24/25 working plan, so I will meet Officers on 6th June to discuss. It might be advisable to contact Victoria Upton for a progress report..

The first 11 schemes have been approved. 45 more are progressing 50/50 Eden and South Lakes in 2024-25.

Sustainable Travel Grants for £250,000 have been approved for footpath and pavement improvements that are under way.

There are drop in Centres were residents can meet W&F Council Locality staff during the Appleby Horse Fair. Traveler sites are open from 28th May to 16th June at Kirkby Lonsdale, Middleton and Sedbergh.

There is a Respect meeting in Barbon on 11th July.

Speed and noise checks continue at bank holiday weeks/weekends too along the A683 Casterton and A684 to Garsdale Head and village”.

24/20 Highways:

It was reported that some chipping work in the village has been carried out and the ‘sweeper’ has been through.

24/21 Finance:

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

CALC	£157.74	Annual subscription
Zurich Municipal	£257.60	Annual insurance premium
K M Price	£125.51	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The Interim Accounts for 2023-24 were circulated and were noted.
- c. The effectiveness of the system of internal audit was reviewed and was considered perfectly adequate for a Council of this size.
- d. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement. The Clerk distributed copies to all Councillors and explained the importance of each document.
- e. It was resolved to add the names of Christine Brown and Kevin Price to the Bank Mandate, any two signatories to sign. Councillor Anstiss will visit the bank in order to action this.
- f. It was resolved to make a grant of £1,500 to the Village Hall, in response to their application. Councillor Brown will inform the Clerk when payment is requested.

24/22 Planning: None.

24/23 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

This is a group formed by Councillors from a number of parishes between Ingleton and Hawes and aims to cut down on the speed vehicles (especially motor cycles) are travelling at, on roads such as the A683 and A684, which is particularly bad on Sundays. The Police Forces of Cumbria, Lancashire and North Yorkshire are supportive of the venture. The group is currently without a Chairman/Convenor and has not met recently. The Clark agreed to keep everyone informed.

24/24 Correspondence: None.

24/25 Date of place of the next meeting:

Monday 15th July 2024 at Barbon Village Hall at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: