

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Barbon held at Barbon Village Hall on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7pm.

There was an attendance of 22 people, including all of the Parish Councillors 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 thanks 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.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2023, having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Councillor Anstiss welcomed everyone to the Public Meeting and explained that the meeting is open for any resident to make comments or ask questions of the Council. Any resolutions from this meeting are not legally binding but would need considering by the Parish Council at a future meeting.

The following matters were raised:

- a. Birds, including sparrows, wrens, robins and many others are being killed by crows. Since 2019 it has been legal for them to be shot, whereas previously it was not. A licence could be necessary and there are legal implications to a 'cull' being carried out. The comments were noted.
- b. Removal of bin; details of this had been circulated and the residents are been asked if they wish to retain the bin after all.

Councillor Anstiss is in touch with Westmorland & Furness Council in order to ascertain dates when bins are emptied.

Councillor Brown will ask the Village Hall committee if the bin can be re-sited. Feedback is welcomed.

It was felt that there should be a bin on the verge at the Church and at the Village Hall.

- c. The Village Hall committee is applying for a grant from the Parish Council, in view of the vastly increased costs of this facility.
- d. Speeding vehicles have been noted on the Dent to Barbon Church Road and Councillor Hodgson has also brought this to the attention of the Council. Discussion took place as to whether 'please drive slowly' signs could be unofficially erected, ie in private gardens etc.

- e. Concern continues regarding the destruction of wildlife, ie hedgehogs, squirrels, rabbits and even a hare recently. This is all related to the request for further traffic calming/speed restrictions. The Council has lodged a request for a 20mph limit throughout the village and awaits the outcome in due course. It is likely to be a slow process, as all applicants are assessed for priority over the next three years.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm, when refreshments were provided in the main hall, before the Annual Parish Council Meeting was held.

Signed:

Dated: