

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held by ZOOM on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Ben Cunliffe (Chairman), Richard Carruthers and Peter Swindlehurst, District Councillor John Holmes and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Charlotte Cartwright, Sylvia Gibson and Mark Simpson.

**21/24 Election of Chairman:**

Councillor Ben Cunliffe was elected Chairman for 2021-22

**21/25 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

Councillor Peter Swindlehurst was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2021-22

**21/26 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**21/27 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**21/28 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**21/29 Mushroom on Scout Scar:**

The repairs have not yet been carried out; it is proving extremely difficult to find anyone local who will deal with it, despite there being adequate funding in the 'Scout Scar' account. The Council continues to receive comments from members of the public about this and recently Kendal Town Council was in touch with this Council about the problem.

**21/30 Village Hall:**

Councillor Carruthers said there is to be a meeting of the hall committee in about two week's time and he will ask if they are happy for the Parish Council to discuss with them the possible funding of some essential repairs/improvements in the building. Matters previously discussed included improvements to the heating, insulation, toilets, and windows. It is understood the committee is applying for grants and the Council is keen to be involved.

**21/31 Phone box - Underbarrow:**

BT is consulting again regarding the possible removal of the phone box at Underbarrow. The Council resolved to reiterate its previous comment, that the box should be retained, despite its low usage. As the mobile signal in the parish is poor, the retention of this box is considered important.

### **21/32 B4RN:**

There was no report as such, but it is known that B4RN projects are going ahead well in neighbouring parishes and are expected to spread into Underbarrow in due course.

### **21/33 Water at Thorns Corner:**

*It was resolved to repeat the minute of the last meeting:*

There is a lot of water on the road at Thorns Corner - this had been discussed at previous meetings. Councillor Carruthers had not been able to obtain details of the owners of the adjacent house and Councillor Cunliffe agreed to ask local contacts if they could help with this information.

### **21/34 Parish Land:**

The Clerk is still awaiting a response from SLDC about this and follow it up again.

### **21/35 Finance:**

- a. The provisional accounts for 2020-21 were noted:
- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement.

### **21/36 Planning:**

*The following application was considered and approval recommended:*

7/2021/5215 Yew Tree House, Underbarrow. Addition of a dormer extension to the existing bathroom above the existing rear porch.

### **21/37 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Thursday 29th July 2021 at 7pm at Underbarrow Institute  
(Councillor Carruthers agreed to check the availability of the hall for the return to face to face meetings.)***

## **21/38 Open Forum:**

- a. Councillor Swindlehurst raised the issue of the three cattle grids on the road to Bonfire Hall which are in very poor condition. The road is believed to be a CCC road but the cattle grids were originally put in by residents. The likely cost of replacing all three is around £4,500. Four houses and six people are affected by this problem. The Chairman felt that if the residents would fund half of the cost between them, the Parish Council could consider, at the next meeting, whether to fund the remainder. Councillor Swindlehurst agreed to approach the residents initially, in time for an agenda item at the next meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk will ask CCC for clarification as to the ownership of the road.
- b. Potholes in the parish, especially at Dobby Lane and the road leading from the B5284 at Crook Brow to the Crook Golf Course, have been reported numerous times, but nothing has been done.
- c. There is no further action with a possible mobile mast in the parish.

*The meeting closed at 7.55pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*