

Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting 11th September 2017

Present

C Youngs, G Higginbotham, P Jones, S Weaver, A Frew (minutes).

Apologies

P Atkinson (CWAC), F Rackham, R Simpkin, R Tomlinson.

Minutes of Last Meeting on 17/7/17

Minutes were accepted as correct.

Matters Arising

1/ **Guide Books** – Since the record listed in the minutes of 17/7/17, 10 books have been sold from the Bluebell, 2 from Helsby PO, 1 from Gulden Sutton PO and 1 by CY.

| Date 13/3/2017 | Balance from last record | £ 74-07 |
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| Income | 14 new books sold Proceeds from sales | £ 43-00 |
| Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Gulden Sutton PO, Helsby PO, Tarvin PO, Foxcote, CY. | | |
| Expenditure | | |
| | Latest total | £ 222-07 |

2/ **Path 2** – PA would check for missing signage. CY also believed there was incorrect reference to a permissive footpath. No action known.

3/ **Path 3** – No progress yet on clearing the route through the crop. Noted that Graham Johnson has fitted the stile provided by CWAC. GH had refitted the kissing gate on the junction with 24 that had been lifted off. GH and his wife Sue had also cleared away a large amount of hawthorn cuttings that had been left on 24.

4/ **Path 5** - Headland not yet cut.

5/ **Path 7** – Work had not yet been done. Path now impassable due to crops – PA was aware of the issue.

6/ **Path 12** – No action known with regard to reinstatement of slope.

7/ **Path 13** – Signage on the route down from Norton's Lane was inadequate/confusing. PJ confirmed that he was in possession of replacement signs but had not yet fitted these. It was noted that FR had offered her husband's help in doing this. CY believed that PA might have plans to sort this out.

8/ **Path 20** – No progress known. PA has yet to provide CY with a list of works outstanding with the Access Team, to enable her to raise these with Paul Davis.

9/ **Path 24** – The route from 5 to The Hough had been blocked for some years due, it was thought, to the farmer's concerns that it might be used by horseriders who might leave gates insecure. SW undertook to arrange communication from the Parish Council to seek to resolve this issue.

10/ **Path 30** – Cutting had been done by CWAC.

A.O.B.

Sunken Lane (off Church Lane) – Plans were in hand to arrange a working party to assist in clearing overhanging branches and dog rose on both this area and the adjoining Church Lane footpath

Path 9 – CY would try to progress action on the points identified by RT, once PA had provided the promised list.

Path 11 – No progress yet on the broken stile.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is on **Monday 13th November 2017** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **SW to book the hall.**

Appendix of Outstanding Footpaths Work

| Path | Point | Date | Work Required | Actions |
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| Path 2 | 4 | 21/11/12 | Stiles on/off bridge are difficult. The rails had gone and the bridge needs replacing as it is dangerous | Replacement rails are inadequate. Other progress not known. |

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| Path 3 | 11 | | Metal gate across sleeper bridge. No way-marks. | New stile has been fitted. |
| Path 5 | 1 | 15/02/16 | Steps need further attention No sign showing position of steps in field. Headland of path is overgrown | PA is planning to use sandstone retrieved from dismantled steps on Path 20 to use here. No other progress known. |
| Path 6 | 4 | 24/05/10 | Gowy crossing steps very steep. Extra step needed. | |
| Path 7 | 4 | 11/07/11 | Two stiles provided by CWAC need to be installed but contractors could not obtain access. | Progress not known. |
| | 9 | 11/07/11 | | |
| Path 13 | | 22/01/08 | Signage inadequate. | PJ has a destination sign to fix on the stile. but PA may be reviewing generally. |
| Path 15 | 1 | 04/04/16 | Step onto stile very high | PA plans to use sandstone from Path 20 to add further risers. |
| Path 16 | 5 | 15/02/16 | Small footbridge needs stabilising. | No progress known. |
| Path 19 | 2 | 07/09/15 | New gate needed at Mill | Progress not known. |
| Path 20 | 2 | 15/02/16 | Replacement steps are far too high. More steps needed. | CY to press Action Team to progress. |
| Path 23 | - | 14/10/13 | The path is overgrown | PA will progress this when work on Path 12 is complete. |