

## Barrow Parish Council – Footpaths Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Present

C Youngs, P Atkinson (CWAC), J Armstrong, R Dann, M Moulstone (Chair, Barrow PC), F Rackham, R Tomlinson, P Walsh, S Weaver, A Frew (minutes).

### Apologies

G Higginbotham, P Jones, R Simpkin.

### Minutes of Last Meeting on 8/5/17

Minutes were accepted as correct.

### Matters Arising

1/ **Guide Books** – Since the record listed in the minutes of 8/5/17, 7 books have been sold from the Bluebell and 1 from Helsby PO.

<b>Date 13/3/2017</b>	<b>Balance from last record</b>	<b>£ 74-07</b>
<b>Income</b>	8 new books sold	
	Proceeds from sales	£ 24-00
Stock locations: Bluebell Café, Guilden Sutton PO, Helsby PO, Tarvin PO, Foxcote, CY.		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Print of 50 stock location lists	£ 5-00
	4 maps for notice boards	£ 10-00
	<b>Latest total</b>	<b>£ 179-07</b>

2/ **Path 2** – PA would check for missing signage. CY also believed there was incorrect reference to a permissive footpath.

3/ **Path 3** – Path now overgrown by maize between points 5 and 6 and impassable. PA will contact the farmer to discuss clearing the route.

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

5/ **Path 7** – Work had not yet been done. PA commented that he would have been able to arrange access if the contractors had notified him of the problem.

6/ **Path 13** – PA would review works undertaken by the landowner to improve drainage where path 29 meets path 13. Claudia Carter had said that she was prepared to install new stiles but it was thought that these might not be on the definitive route of the footpath, due to consideration of horses. PA will make contact. Two new gates are to be installed. Ditching has been completed and the path is now dry.

7/ **Path 12** – Notice had been sent to the occupant requesting reinstatement of slope.

8/ **Path 20** – Still no progress on requested work but PA believes a worksheet has been prepared. MM stated that the normal practice with worn sandstone steps would be to reverse and refit them and that there had been no need to remove these original steps, which were the property of Barrow. PA advised that the Committee now make its own requests for action, since the budgeting process was not working properly at present. He would 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 dog-waste bin has been replaced. CWAC had now cut up to the junction with 5.

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

11/ **Footpaths Committee Minutes** – SW confirmed that it had been agreed that the minutes should appear on both the PC and Community websites.

12/ **CWAC Reorganisation** - PA confirmed that Rich Ankers was now responsible for the Barrow area. To preserve continuity, PA will continue to attend Footpaths Committee meetings when available.

### **A.O.B.**

**Sunken Lane (off Church Lane)** – MM reported that he had strimmed off the weed growth and that a working party was now needed to cut back overhanging branches and dog rose on both this area and the adjoining Church Lane footpath. If the work could be done in October, the cuttings could be disposed of on the November 5th bonfire. PA confirmed that he would be able to bring a chain saw to assist with this work. MM reported that he was also strimming the Jubilee Path.

**Path 9** - RT reported that the path at the foot of the steps at point 4 had collapsed and was full of water. A plank bridge was also required across the stream. At point 6 the steps on stile were rotten and need replacing.

**Path 11** - RT reported the stile was broken at point 1.

**Path 25** - PA reported that the gate by the turkey farm had been relocated but in the wrong place. He will progress.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **SW to book the hall.**

**Appendix of Outstanding Footpaths Work**

<b>Path</b>	<b>Point</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Work Required</b>	<b>Actions</b>
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.
Path 3	11		Metal gate across sleeper bridge. No way-marks. The landowner has agreed to fit a new stile (provided by CWAC)	CY will enquire whether the new stile has been fitted.
Path 4	1	25/07/16	Gate on Barrowmore corner needs repair	It was suggested that a long-term solution might be through replacement with a kissing gate.
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	Loose rung on stile and footboard missing. Field by stile almost impassable due to slurry.	Progress not known.
	9	11/07/11	Wobbly stile needs fixing.	
Path 13		22/01/08	Destination sign at junction with Path 29 needed.	PJ has destination sign to fix on the stile. FR is now path warden, so if agreed, PJ may pass sign on to FR to fit
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	New sleeper bridge needs repair.	The bridge over Salters Brook has been repaired. Not known if the repair of the small footbridge at position 6 has been done.
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.