

BARTON AND POOLEY BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council meeting held at Parkin Memorial Hall
on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7pm

Councillors Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Justin Ray (JR), Jason Heath (JH), Geyve Walker (GW),
David Coulston (DC)

In Attendance: Sandie Watson (Clerk)
Apologies from Cllr Nicky Vecqueray Westmorland and Furness Council (NV)

Members of the Public: 5

395.1 Apologies

None

396.2 Declarations of Interests/Requests for dispensations

- a) Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
- b) Personal Interests - None received.
- c) Prejudicial Interests – None received.
- d) Dispensation Requests - None received.

397.3 United Utilities

A report was received regarding the current and upcoming projects that affect the parish. Investigations are taking place in the village to improve the treatment works and will result in a design plan by the end of the year. Ullswater Steamers old pumping station is being decommissioned in October 2026 – a letter will be circulated to residents. Sewage works plans will be given to the Council and will include removal of sludge and reduction in risk to sewage leaks. Live data tracking is available on the UU website. Upgrading of pipes taking place at Glenridding.

398.4 Minutes of last meetings held on 14th July 2026 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

399.5 Public Participation Sessions

Comments were raised concerning the car parking proposals for the village centre. A request was received for car parking spaces and loading bay/storage area to be made available for business and resident parking.

400.6 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports

W&F Councillor Vecqueray

Not in attendance but had emailed to ask if there was interest in creating an Emergency Plan and making the hall an official hub. Funding is available to support. Eamont 927 activities and events are being planned – information on the recently launched website. Martindale roadworks currently postponed. **Action: MM will liaise with the hall committee to investigate emergency planning and hub. SW to add to next agenda.**

Village Warden Report: Report received of completed works. Grass has been cut along pavement to church.

Community Fund: Funding still available for projects. The next meeting is being arranged. The landscaping at the toilets is ongoing. A replacement bench has been purchased and will be installed at the top of Row Head Lane.

SITU Hopper Bus: 2026 – daily service continues with two buses. 12,600 passengers projected to have used the service by the end of September 2026 (more than doubled since 2025). JR mentioned that further funding could be available from the Community Fund if requested.

Parish Boundary Review: W&FC has made a formal legal order with the requested alteration of boundary between Dacre PC and B&PB PC. Awaiting further update from W&FC.

LDNPA VMAP Cumbria Tourism: No further progress, communications ongoing.

20mph speed limit: report expected from Cllr Vecqueray.

Bridge Railings: DC has offered to clean the bridge railings which will be funded by the Community Fund.

Yanwath School – parking and drop off. The Council understand the issues and agree that a solution is required.

401.7 Planning

7/2026/3025 Waterside House Caravan and Camping Site, Howtown, CA10 2NA
Proposed additional "Electric Hook Up Pitches". Ratified no objection.

7/2026/3026 Waterside House Caravan and Camping Site, Howtown, CA10 2NA
Retrospective consent for Play Area. Ratified no objection with request for screening.

No provision for consultation:

7/2026/3092 Land adjacent to Eusemere Car Park, Pooley Bridge, Penrith
Replacement of existing crossings to gain access to field across small beck. Noted.

HRA/2026/0016 Hillcroft Caravan Park, Pooley Bridge, Penrith, CA10 2LT
60 day recreational campsite. Noted.

RC/2026/0044 Hillcroft Caravan Park, Pooley Bridge, Penrith, CA10 2LT
60 day recreational campsite. Noted.

402.8 A592/B5320 Junction, Pooley Bridge, Westmorland and Furness Council

The Council considered the proposed mini roundabout and 40 mph speed restriction and resolved to respond to suggest reinstatement of the raised triangle with appropriate signage. **Action: MM and SW**

403.9 Eden Speed Limit Review, Westmorland and Furness Council

The Council resolved to support the proposed speed limit amendments within the Eden locality. **Action: SW.**

404.10 Howtown Road Closure

Resolved to respond to go for least worst option avoiding peak holiday season. **Action: MM to email Highways.**

405.11 Public Toilets

▲ Concerns ongoing that the toilet costs are increasing year on year and run at a financial deficit.

Toilet paper dispensers jamming, Clerk to contact supplier: **Action: SW.**

Landscaping and installation of bench will be done in January 2027.

▲ Facilities - Clerk to investigate pricing and supply for two baby change wall mounted tables and contract sanitary bins. Quotes for November meeting, request finding from Community Fund.

Action: SW.

▲ Toilets closing 1st November 2026 and reopen 12th February 2027. **Action: JH & SW.**

Provision of public toilets survey. **Action: MM.**

406.12 Village Centre Parking and Pedestrianisation

Awaiting response and start of public consultation from Westmorland and Furness Council which is expected to circulate in December 2026.

407.13 Community Resilience Fund

Following discussion, the Council resolved to contact the Village Hall Committee to request volunteers and using the hall as a hub. **Action: MM.**

408.14 Finance

Resolved. The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation before the meeting. Closing balance on 12 August 2026 Current a/c £12,059.85 and Reserve £66.38.

The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2026.27. The bank statements were signed.

409.15 Payments to approve

Resolved to approve the following payments:

Electric	Npower	b/t	£78.18
Water	Waterplus	d/d	£579.06
Clerk	S Watson	s/o	£1098.96
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Payroll	CPSL	s/o	£40.80
Cleaning	Ten Ten Cleaning	b/t	£2480.00
Toilet Rolls	Instock	b/t	£490.76
Clerk	Software	b/t	£125.88

410.16 Clerks Report/Notifications and Correspondence

Funding request letter for financial support for toilets, continue to search for grants. **Action: SW and MM.**

LDNPA Scoping Consultation

411.17 Items for Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting

412.18 Meeting Part II. Public and Press are excluded from the meeting on agenda items below as they contain exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026/27

Resolved implementation of the salary changes from 1 April 2026

Meeting closed: 8.28pm