

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd November 2015 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Chris Noble and Bob Pickup. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and five members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Ken Blenkarn (ill), Ian Stewart (work) and Steve Yates (holiday)

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5th October 2015, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda - none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 5th October 2015 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whassett (5.1) - no developments.

5.2 Beetham parish sign survey (5.4) - the Parish Steward would be undertaking this shortly.

5.3 BPC member co-option (5.5) - Cllr Meakin and the Clerk had met Mrs Margaret Knowles to discuss her interest in this vacancy and recommended her appointment as a co-opted member of Beetham Parish Council - **approved**. Clerk to proceed with the appointment formalities and invite Mrs Knowles to attend the December meeting.

5.4 Hale Marble Quarry ROW public inquiry (5.7) - public hearing now deferred until 2016 due to the illness of the inspector.

5.5 Mill Lane, Beetham (6.4) - Cllr Meakin had received acknowledgement of his second letter to Dallam and a more detailed response was awaited.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - none received.

6.2 County Council matters - none in the absence of Cllr Stewart.

6.3 District Council matters - none in the absence of Cllrs Jupe and Stewart.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - Beetham WI now wished to change two of the previously agreed sites and form a cluster of three planters on the northern verge of the main village entrance from the A6. Clerk to clear with Cumbria Highways. Parish Steward to carry out the move, once cleared. There were objections from nearby residents to Dallam's proposal for creating a public car-park in a field next to Parsonage Fold, Mill Lane, Beetham, although a valid planning application had yet to be submitted. The longstanding problem of non-resident car parking in Stanley Street, Beetham, was certain to increase following the removal of the school playground as an overspill option for theatre patrons. There was criticism of the inspector's long delay in publishing his decision on Fishwick's proposal for a new crematorium at Beetham Hall.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Policing in Cumbria - a letter from CALC drew attention to the concern of a number of parishes with proposed cuts to the budget of Cumbria Police, on the basis of recent publicity, although specific cuts and their consequences had not been quoted. Clerk to research detailed proposals for consideration by BPC.

7.2 Response letter from Windermere PC to the minister (on this same policing issue) – had been provided and all parishes invited to make their own response. **Agreed** – BPC to make no response at this time (but see 7.1 above).

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Nov 2015 meeting

Type A applications – SLDC response deadline precedes next PC meeting – Clerk to respond. (Members on relevant ward committee to email comments to Clerk ASAP & before deadline)

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	Response deadline	BPC response

Type B applications – SLDC deadline falls after next PC meeting – members to discuss at mtg.

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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2015/0713	Mossdale Service St	Vincent	Replacement signs	Approver with conditions
SL/2015/0722	Dungarth,, Carr Bank Road	Smith	Front conservatory	Approved with conditions
SL/2015/0753	Keasdale, Carr Bank Road	Milne	Rear conservatory	Approved with conditions
SL/2015/0650	22 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Naylor	Single-storey extension	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

8.4 Related matters & correspondence: none

9.0 Financial Matters:

9.1 BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – OCTOBER 2015		MEETING – 2 nd November, 2015	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	£
01/10/15	Opening balances					12,728.33	19,229.92
31/10/15	Receipts					-	-
31/10/15	Payments:						
	363	1010	Brabners	Legal fees	1,500.00		
				VAT	300.00		
					1,800.00		
	364	1011	Lanc Canal	Sub. 2016		14.00	
	365	1012	Scargill	Clerk's sal Oct. (net)	380.58		
				Postage & Stat'y	84.85		
				VAT	14.92		
					480.35		
	366	1013	M Bay P	Donation	200.00		
	"	Total payments in month				- 2,494.35	
31/10/15	Closing balances					10,233.98	19,229.92
31/10/15	Total funds all accounts					£29,463.90	
Reserve Funds at 30/09/15			Street lamp reserve		4,800.00		
			General Reserve		14,429.92		
			Total reserves		19,229.92		

Resolved – that the above payments be **APPROVED**

9.2 Other financial matters:

- Budget and Precept 2016/17 – deadline for submission to SLDC notified as 31 January 2016.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 PS's update on current events – emphasised the Stanley Street car-parking problem. Suggested making enquiries of M J Robinson Digger Hire for path clearing work.

10.2 Additions to PS's work programme – the PS read out his proposed list of jobs for the coming months – **agreed**. Clerk to add to PS worklist as appropriate. Dallam had requested that no work be done by the PS on Whassett Common (Job 102); this was Dallam land and Dallam would deal with any necessary work if they were made aware. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Blenkharn & request that he writes a letter to Dallam describing the work that was necessary on Whassett Common. It would then be the responsibility of Dallam to action the necessary work.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Pickup** – continued traffic speeding on B5282 and Carr Bank Road. Potholes in Carr Bank Road. Dangerous trees in Sandside Cutting.
- **Cllr Clark** – ‘shambles’ at start-up of SLDC's new waste collection/recycling arrangements.
- **Cllr Meakin** – Beetham parish to get loan of Speed Indicator Device (SID) in March/April 2016. Need to make progress with installing supporting pole at selected site. Clerk to expedite with Highways.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1- Land at Dixies - Clerk to inform Dallam before each stage of progress – currently making the site as safe from estuary waters/tides as reasonably possible and at minimum expense. The Council considered that the intended work would not intrude on the foreshore and thus on Dallam land, rather it would be restricted to within the Dixies area. Cllr Jupe to be asked to contact Fran Truscott re the disputed invoice from Curtins.

13.2 - Plot 4 – A feedback from the recent meeting with tenants had been received from one of those tenants – more expected. Possible further meeting(s) with tenants, either individually or collectively and as soon as practicable, to finalise tenancy agreement details.

13.3- Sandside Cutting – Parish Steward had confirmed he had the expertise and equipment to undertake the necessary tree-felling work – but insurance was the stumbling block, as he did not have the necessary competency certificates for this. However, Cllr Pickup did have such certificates and was also a member/volunteer worker for the Trust. **Agreed** – that the possibility of insurance cover for the tree-felling (to be undertaken by Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward) via the Landscape Trust insurance policy for volunteer workers be investigated by Cllr Pickup.

14.0 General Correspondence :

22 October 2015 – CCC - re consultation on new plan, budget savings and ways of working.

22 October 2015 - NW Ambulance Service – on using telephone boxes a storage cabinets for defibrillators. Clerk to express interest re Beetham parish telephone boxes.

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15.0 Reading Matter:

Landscape Trust – Keer-to-Kent, autumn/winter 2015

Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 102 – November 2015.

CALC – Annual Report 2015

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (December 2015) – nothing additional to those items mentioned above.

17.0 Date of next meeting - Monday 7 December 2015 at Storth Village Church at 7.00pm - to be preceded at 6.45pm by any planning meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.