

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd November 2014 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Pru Jupe (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Jupe, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Ian Stewart (illness), David Clark and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6th October 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Jupe.

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 6th October 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whassett (5.1) - retained on agenda awaiting suitable conditions for inspection and until resolved.

5.2 Beetham village traffic, inc Mill Lane (5.2) - Wit Lazurek had reported delays with the solicitors employed to investigate title and requested more patience in pressing for a conclusion.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - received and circulated on the day of the meeting. Since last meeting - 47 reported incidents in general area and 10 recorded crimes - none in Beetham parish.

6.2 County Council matters - no report in the absence of Cllr Stewart.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr P Jupe) - discussions about a new public car-park at Arnside and the AONB Development Plan.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - the title deeds of Parsonage Fold residents clearly stated that they were responsible for maintenance of the short stretch of Mill Lane nearest their properties although it was agreed that ownership of the lane, including this same short stretch, was Dallam's. The increased traffic along the lane as a result of recent development of the Corn Mill as a tourist attraction had already resulted in damage to the road surface and this was likely to become worse. It placed these residents in an unfortunate and potentially costly position, which they regarded as unfair.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Nov. 2014 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
SLDC/2014/0939	Sandside Farm, Carr Bank Rd	Smith	Demolition of farmhouse & outbuildings & erection of 2 detached dwellings	29/10/14	No objections

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

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

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence: reported that Fishwick’s planning application (SL/2014/0701) to construct a crematorium at Beetham Hall had been refused by SLDC – official notification awaited. Cllr P Jupe thanked Cllr Yates for the invaluable contribution he had made in formulating BPC’s response to SLDC on this matter.

8.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – OCT 2014	MEETING – 3 rd November 2014		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	£
01/10/14	Opening balances					8,752.11	19,220.33
31/10/14	Receipts:						
31/10/14	Payments:						
“	312	958	HMRC	PAYE Sept. qutr	270.00		
“	313	959	Info Com	Data protection. registration	35.00		
“	314	960	Scargill	Clerk’s sal Oct (net)	360.63		
				Postage & Stat’y	19.12		
				VAT	1.66		
						381.41	
“	315	961	A2A	Annual web hosting fee	65.00		
				VAT	13.00		
						78.00	
“	Total payments in month					-764.41	
31/10/14	Closing balances					7,987.70	19,220.33
31/10/14	Total funds all accounts					£27,208.03	
Reserve Funds at 31/10/14		Street lamp reserve			2,400.00		
		General Reserve			16,820.33		
		Total reserves			19,220.33		

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

8.2 Other financial matters - Budget and Precept for 2015/16 – the Finance W Grp had met and recommended acceptance of the draft Budget/Precept, subject to any further instructions/clarification from SLDC. As it stood, this budget showed the need for a £350 (2%) precept increase over the previous year – **APPROVED**.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS’s update on current events – no change (PS absent).

9.2 Additions to PS’s work programme: none.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies : Cllr Meakin reviewed discussions at an AONB Executive Committee meeting on 15th October. An AONB Planning Sub-group is responsible for dealing with the AONB response to individual planning applications which impact on the AONB. Cllr Yates, Beetham Parish Council, was elected onto this sub-group in view of his specific expertise on planning issues. A Joint AONB Planning Meeting is scheduled for 12th November to discuss progress with the AONB Development Plan.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Meakin** – the overgrown hedge at Rocklands had now been trimmed back, presumably as a result of the Clerk’s letter to the occupier.

- **Cllr Pickup** - reported flooding in Carr Bank Road as a result of recent rain. Also the usual excess traffic speeds on the B5282 in the Carr Bank area.
- **No other reports.**

12.0 Parish Land:

12.1/12.2 - Land at Dixies and Beetham A6 layby - more stones had been requested from Sandside Quarry to form a water barrier at Dixies. Users were becoming familiar with the new restrictions in the A6 layby at Beetham.

12.3 - Plot 4 - Wright & Lord had been instructed to prepare the leases and all material passed over.

12.4- Sandside Cutting - Cameron Durie was ready to start felling work as arranged and had agreed for Bill Haddow to assist with the smaller trees. **Agreed** - that local publicity was desirable to explain the purpose of the work being undertaken - Cllrs Pickup and Meakin to implement.

13.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT) - a response had been received from Pete McSweeney and improved future contact would be arranged.

14.0 Remembrance Sunday - BPC representation - Cllr D Jupe to attend the service and lay the wreath at Beetham. Cllr Clark had offered do this at Storth.

15.0 General Correspondence:

- 16/10/14 - CCC (South Lakes area) charge proposals for residents' annual street parking permits.
- 21/10/14 - Planning Inspectorate - date of postponed Burntbarrow Woods public inquiry 10/03/15.

16.0 Reading Matter:

- AONB - Keer to Kent - issue 85 - autumn/winter 2014
- Clerks & Councils Direct - issue 96 - November 2014.
- Lancaster Canal Trust - Waterwitch number 153 - autumn/winter 2014/15
- Lancaster Canal Trust - special extra publication - October 2014.

17.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Dec 2014) - in addition to those items mentioned above:

- report from the forthcoming AONB Development Plan meeting.
- long-term planning considerations for Sandside Cutting.

18.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 1st December. 2014 - 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.