

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, David Crayston, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also D Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

Before the meeting commenced, Cllr Meakin asked for members to observe a minute's silence in memory of County, District & Beetham Parish Councillor Ian Stewart who had died on 21 October.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - D Cllr R Audland and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 1 October 2018, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** and signed by Cllr Meakin, subject to amendment as follows - agenda item 12, to read - 'Cllr Pickup reported complaints raised by residents over the trimming of a conifer tree on Langdale Crest'.

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

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** - on behalf of members, Cllr Meakin paid tribute to Cllr Ian Stewart. His knowledge, work ethic, interest in the community, approachability and sense of humour were qualities for which he would be most remembered. The gap left by his passing was enormous and would be impossible for any one individual to fill. Condolences were expressed for all members of his family. It was **agreed** that Beetham Parish Council donate £100 to each of the two charities mentioned in Ian's obituary notice in the Westmorland Gazette 1 November 2018. The Clerk and D Cllr McSweeney outlined the procedures that would now be followed for filling the resulting vacancies at county, district and parish levels - to be published at an early date.

On another matter, Cllr Meakin drew attention to the fact that, by May 2019, he would have held the office of BPC Chair for four years. He reminded members that, in May 2015, it had been agreed for a 4-5 year period to become the norm. Cllr Meakin indicated that he was willing to continue as Chair for a further year (ie until May 2020) - which offer was accepted by members.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 1 October 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Speed indicator (5.2)** - Clerk to renew contact with Peter Capasso (Milnthorpe PC), who had earlier agreed to help, so as to commence downloading data for analysis.

**5.2 Beetham defibrillator (5.3)** - still awaiting confirmation of phone box adoption from BT before ordering equipment recommended by Sue Cox. It had been suggested that, once adoption was complete, a plaque in memory of Cllr Ian Stewart be attached to it - **agreed** by all present.

**5.3 WW1 end commemoration (5.3)** -Wings School had arranged to hold their exhibition at the Heron Corn Mill, Beetham. **Agreed** that the two BPC Silent Soldier silhouettes be removed from their respective locations following Remembrance Sunday 2018 and stored for future use in November annually - Clerk to arrange this with Parish Steward. BPC poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday 2018 to be presented at the services at Beetham and Storth by Cllrs Crayston and Clark respectively

- 5.4 Beetham flooding (5.4)** – the CCC/Environment Agency presentation at the Heron Theatre on 24 October had been well attended by the public. Seemingly little prospect of early remedial action by these bodies, largely due to cost constraints. Suggestion that a Beetham Flood Resilience Forum be formed to undertake whatever self-help measures might be feasible, with BPC providing both financial and general support. Clerk to contact the owners of the properties most affected and also to arrange publicity to keep other Beetham residents informed.
- 5.5 Carr Bank Road issues (5.6)** – usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282 and Carr Bank Road, together with some flooding behind Nuns Avenue. Also flooding in Keasdale Avenue. CCC (Guy Timperley) had identified possible financial support for approved remedial action by residents. Some of the residents alleged to have trespassed on private land had elected to take the matter to court.
- 5.6 SLDC's Community Governance Review (7.1)** – members confirmed their agreement that the current arrangements for Beetham parish were about right and that no change was deemed necessary. Clerk to notify SLDC accordingly before 9 November deadline.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

- 6.1 Police Report** – report for October received and circulated.
- 6.2 County Council matters** – no report. D Cllrs Audland and McSweeney to keep members informed on matters they might be involved in raising with CCC and any responses received.
- 6.3 District Council matters** – some prospect of funding becoming available soon for local projects. Financial viability would be crucial for any additional bus services that might be organised between Storth and Milnthorpe.
- 6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – none.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

- 7.1 Formation of a BPC-sponsored Local Resilience Forum (flooding)** – see 5.4 above.
- 7.2 AONB Management Plan 2019-24 (as circulated)** – approved by members.
- 7.3 SLDC's AONB/DPD** – now back for further consultation following minor amendments

## 8.0 Planning Matters.

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Nov 2018 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.

SL/2018/0810	Yew Trees, Beetham		External exhaust pipe for central heating boiler	07/11/18	No objection
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### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

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(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

**8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings** – as above.

**8.4 Related matters & correspondence** – none.

## 9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – OCTOBER 2018		MEETING – 5 November, 2018	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/10/18	Opening balances				19,434.00	19,264.49
31/10/18	Receipts:					
		Barclays – bank interest to 2 Sept.				9.61
		Ground rents - B-Jones		8.34		
		- Ryan		20.00		
					28.34	
31/10/18	Payments:					
	515 1166	HMRC – PAYE July-Sept		326.40		
	516 1167	A2A – annual web hosting fee	65.00			
		VAT	13.00			
				78.00		
	517 1168	SLDC – street lighting 2017/18		2,460.95		
	518 1169	Zurich – insce prem 2018/19		406.61		
	519 1170	LancCC – AONB volunteers	130.00			
		VAT	26.00			
				156.00		
	520 1171	Scargill - Clerk's sal Oct (net)		435.84		
	Total payments in month				-3,863.80	
31/10/18	Closing balances				15,598.54	19,274.10
31/10/18	Total funds all accounts					£34,872.64
	<b>Reserve Funds at 31/10/18</b>	Street lamp reserve		9,600.00		
		General Reserve		9,674.10		
		Total reserves		19,274.10		

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

**9.2 Other financial matters** – subsequent to the above report being prepared, SLDC had indicated that a sum of £2,154.93 was to be paid to BPC in respect of its due proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) re development in Beetham parish in the period April to September 2018.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

**10.1 Update on current events** -PS able to remove fallen tree Plot 4 (see min 10.2 last mtg).

**10.2 Further additions to work programme** – to remove Silent Soldier silhouettes after 11 Nov 2018 and store for further use in later years.

**11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Knowles had been advised by SLDC that, due to staffing changes, they would be unable to provide Local Area Partnership (LAP) admin services (so LAPs would effectively be unable to function) at least over the next six months.

### 12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

**Cllr Yates** – i. complaints received from local residents about ugly roadside sign at Beetham Holiday Homes, ii. confusion over status of High Cote Lane, Slackhead, iii. signage for track from Leighton Beck Road to Fairy Steps in need of repositioning/replacement. **Agreed** – BPC to undertake the latter, subject to approval by CCC.

**Cllr Knowles** – dangerous potholes in Storth Road (to report via Highways hotline providing grid references/photographs). Overgrown hedge at Cornerlea, Green Lane – Clerk to write to householder.

**Cllr Clark** – work on overhanging trees along B5282 (Quarry Lane to New Bridge) likely to begin within next few days. Potholes – east of Parkside House in Park Road and on A6 near Beetham House.

**Cllr Pickup** – confusion over tree felling in High Cote Lane, Slackhead (involving NWElec and landowner).

### **13.0 Parish Land:**

**13.1 - Sandside Cutting** – Cllr Pickup was having difficulty in finding tree operatives able and willing to quote for agreed work as per earlier survey. Ongoing – now with more urgency.

### **14.0 General Correspondence –**

\* 26/10/18 monthly update on North West Coastal Access route (esp. Kent Estuary). This update to be circulated to all members in future months.

**15.0 Reading Matter** – Clerks & Councils Direct – Nov 2018 – issue 120.

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Dec 2018) and additional to items referred to above** – none.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - 7.00pm on 3 December 2018 at Beetham School.

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm.**