

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 6th November 2017 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble and Bob Pickup. Also D Cllr Pete McSweeney (up to and including item 9) and Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Clark, Stewart (work) and Yates (holiday). Also Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2nd October 2017, had been circulated by email and were subject to correction as regards items 6.3 (D Cllr McSweeney) and item 12 (Cllr Pickup). A final version had been prepared by Cllr Meakin, was **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin. This final version would now be put on the website.

It was agreed that the procedure for approving the minutes of all Beetham PC meetings would in future be as follows:

Clerk to prepare **first draft** and email to Meeting Chair. Meeting Chair to email Clerk with suggested amendments (if any), which Clerk would incorporate as **second draft** and circulate this to all members for comment. Members to email any comments to Meeting Chair with seven days of receipt of second draft. Meeting Chair then to email Clerk with his/her approved amendments. Clerk to incorporate these approved amendments into a **final version** of minutes, circulate this to all members and distribute hard copies around parish as normal. Cllr Meakin to put final version on website. Final version to be formally approved by members at next following PC meeting.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - Cllr Meakin emphasised the need for BPC members engaging in correspondence as parish residents (as opposed to BPC members) to make this clear in that correspondence. Official BPC correspondence to be issued only by BPC Chair or BPC Clerk.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4th October 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) - Cllr Knowles reported further progress in finalising the maps, which it was hoped would be ready for installation by BPC during the early part of 2018.

5.2 Slackhead signpost (5.2) - the signpost and all refurbishment materials were still with the signwriter for completion of the project.

5.3 A6 signage for paper mill and corn mill (5.4) - no further progress - ongoing.

5.4 Beetham ghost footpath (5.6) - no further progress - ongoing.

5.5 Donation for replacement seat (7.2) - Cllr Meakin had agreed with the donor that the donation would be used to refurbish the BPC-owned seat at Four Lane Ends. Parish Steward to be asked to undertake this work.

5.6 'Smiley'-type speed indicator sign (7.4) - after detailed discussion it was **agreed** that BPC would purchase one such solar-powered sign at a cost of +/-£3,000 for use at various possible locations around the parish, using existing posts where possible and arranging the erection of new posts at other critical locations. Full advantage to be taken of discount available for bulk purchase of such signs in conjunction with neighbouring parishes. Clerk to approach Tarmac, the paper mill and Beetham Nurseries for donations towards the net cost. Parish Steward to be asked to take responsibility for maintaining and moving the sign between locations. Cllr Meakin to attend a presentation by Endmoor PC (at Milnthorpe PC meeting) in Milnthorpe on 13 November; other BPC members invited to join him.

5.7 Replacement of Carr Bank bus shelter (12) - the shelter, recently demolished by a car, had now been removed from its site, organised by the Parish Steward. BPC's insurers had requested photographs of the damaged shelter and the cleared site, together with at least

two quotes for a replacement shelter. Clerk to arrange this, to include a like-for-like shelter and also a more substantial custom-built one (on the grounds of increased safety for any occupants). The cost of a like-for-like replacement would be borne by the third party.

5.8 Measures to deal with flooding at The Ship Inn, Sandside (12) – permission had now been received for the proposed work by CCC to commence on 13 November.

5.9 Four Lane Ends, Storth signpost (14) – CCC’s permission had been requested for BPC to undertake the small modification (increasing its height) needed to make the sign safe.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – for October received from Cumbria Police and circulated.

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

6.3 District Council matters – the DPD had now been approved by SLDC. Natural England had proposed routing the coastal path across the estuary via the Arnside/Grange viaduct, thereby bypassing Beetham parish altogether (see also 7.4 below).

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 ACTION – Household Emergency Planning – following discussion, **agreed** that no action needed to be taken by BPC.

7.2 Beetham village defibrillator – a condition attaching to the defibrillator to be provided for Beetham School via its own sources of supply, was that it must be sited on the school premises. This site had been ruled out by local First Responders as being too far from the village centre. The church PCC had decided against use of the church porch as a possible site. Clerk to enquire about the possibility of using the wall running from the Wheatsheaf corner to and beyond the shop on the west side of Church Street. Until an agreed site could be found, the project could not proceed.

7.3 WW1 – 2018 end of hostilities anniversary commemoration – Clerk to approach the schools, Beetham Church, Storth Village Church and parish organisations to gauge their interest in commemorating this occasion in some way, either individually or jointly with BPC.

7.4 Kent Estuary coastal path – Natural England have proposed that the train from Grange to Arnside be used as a “ferry”. This was considered disappointing since some spectacular views north from Sandside would be missed if the path was not routed around the upper part of the estuary. A number of local bodies are known to be opposed to the idea for this reason. A formal consultation process expected in due course. It was noted that the walk/cycleway across the viaduct is a long-term aim and may never happen.,

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Nov 2017 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
SL/2017/0899	O/S field 1700 – A6 Beetham - east side	Bland	New roof over midden	01/11/17	No objection
SL/2017/0929	Plot to south of Moss Hall, Carr Bk	Smith	Erection of dwelling	02/11/17	No objection
SL/2017/0932	Helm Dene, Carr Bank Rd	Helm	Demolition/replacement of existing dwelling	02/11/17	No objection

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

SL/2017/0939	O/S field 5633 – Beetham sports field	Christou	New vehicular access into agricultural field	13/11/17	Concerns re safety of access at this point. More info needed on planned use for field & traffic implications
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2017/0735	Garden of Rose Cott, Hale	Sharples	Single dwelling	Approved with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – OCTOBER 2017		MEETING – 6 Nov, 2017	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA	
				£	£	£	
01/10/17	Opening balances				19,358.49	19,241.92	
31/10/17	Receipts;						
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50			
			- Ryan	20.00			
					32.50		
31/10/17	Payments:						
	464	1115	HMRC PAYE remittance Sept qutr	309.60			
	465	1116	Zurich Ins'ce premium 2017/18	387.40			
	466	1117	A2A Annual web hosting fee	65.00			
			VAT	13.00			
					78.00		
	467	1118	R Br Leg Donation – Rem. Day	60.00			
	468	1119	Scargill Clerk's sal. Oct. (net)	413.64			
			Total payments in month			-1,248.64	
31/10/17	Closing balances				18,142.35	19,241.92	
31/10/17	Total funds all accounts					£37,384.27	
	Reserve Funds at 31/10/17		Street lamp reserve	9,600.00			
			General Reserve	9,641.92			
			Total reserves	19,241.92			

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

9.2 Other financial matters – none.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – A6 bridge crash barrier at Beetham – large stones still remained in grass verge behind barrier, creating damage hazard for mowing machinery, so no grass able to be cut in this area.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – to undertake maintenance and re-siting as required of 'smiley'-type SID to be purchased (see 5.6 above). Check and clear as necessary all parish paths on existing work list.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – Cllr Meakin had attended the Tarmac presentation at Heron Hall on 11 October. Tarmac was proposing a five-year time extension of its planning application for the continued operation of Sandside Quarry.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Knowles – reported the poor road and footway surface on Langdale Crest.

Cllr Pickup – parishioners' concerns re speeding along the B5282 and Carr Bank Road. Flooding in Sandside Cutting. Collapsed culvert to the rear of Nuns Avenue preventing proper drainage and flooding highway. Restrictive vegetation growth in bridleway 50414 from Corn Mill to Church Street.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies – No further information.

13.2 - Sandside Cutting – Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward working together on the seasonal felling programme. Shredder to be employed as required.

13.3 - Plot 4 – legal formalities now underway for the agreed variation of conditions for Rock Cottage.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 06/10/17 - Cartwright/Pure Leisure - correspondence re Woodland Management Plan.
- 09/10/17 - Stokes - trees impeding site-lines on A6 at Beetham.
- 15/10/17 - Heron Theatre - response re inconsiderate Stanley St parking by patrons.

15.0 Reading Matter - Clerks & Councils Direct - Nov 2017 - Issue 114.

- Landscape Trust/AONB - Keer to Kent - autumn/winter 2017

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting April 2017) and additional to items referred to above - traffic speeding on Carr Bank Road.

17.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 4 December at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.