

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 7th November 2016 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also District Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Steward Bill Haddow, Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Knowles (family commitment), Cllr Jupe (work), Cllr Stewart (work), Cllr Clark and Cllr Noble.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3rd October 2016, had been circulated by email. Subject to amendment to item 6.3 (comments attributed to Dist. Cllr McSweeney) and now incorporated, these were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – none (but see item 7.1).

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 3rd Oct 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Beetham parish sign survey (5.1) – Agreed as now being complete. Clerk to inform Highways about damaged ‘Low Bridge ahead’ sign, near to Carr Bank Nurseries.

5.2 Defibrillators (5.2) – purchase of the equipment was proceeding via Sue Cox. The Clerk had received a response from BT that BPC’s interest in adopting the Stanley Street phone box had been noted for when their survey was completed.

5.3 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (5.3) – a response to BPC’s letter had been received from Brabners. **Agreed** – that Cllrs Meakin, Jupe and Yates should meet again to consider.

5.4 Moor Lane, Beetham (5.4) – no response had been received from Highways (Victoria Upton) to BPC’s reminder of this outstanding matter. **Agreed** – Clerk to check alternative source of supply for signs.

5.5 Proposed AONB litter-pick (5.5) – awaiting Cllr Jupe’s attention to organise.

5.6 Village maps (5.7) – Four maps will be required for Beetham parish following a request from Craig Russell, Beetham Holiday Homes to contribute to a notice board/map on the Beetham camp.. Clerk to check progress with Mr & Mrs Kitchen. Ongoing.

5.7 Stone seat beside Heron Theatre (5.10) – Cllr Jupe and the Clerk had spoken to the Parish Steward and a decision reached that this project should be dropped. **Agreed.**

5.8 Flooding at Parsonage Fold (6.2) – Clerk to contact Tony Riden (AONB) to arrange equipment familiarisation meeting for the Parish Steward.

5.9 Slackhead signpost (7.1) – the heavy cast iron structure of this sign increased the difficulty of the renovation job. Cllr Meakin discussing with Peter Standing and Landscape Trust members.

5.10 Speed Indicator Device (14) – still no post in place for mounting SID and BPC’s slot for the loan of this equipment missed again.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – received and circulated before the meeting and presented by Dist. Cllr McSweeney. Four incidents in Beetham parish and three more in neighbouring areas. Public being asked to be wary of door-to-door sales persons, particularly those selling fish. Police seeking volunteers to help with manning night-time observation points in targeting cross-border criminals, some of these sites being in the Beetham area.

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

6.3 District Council matters – SLDC will be presenting their Development Plan Document (DPD), including some small sites in Beetham parish, at an open event in week commencing 14 November. BPC members encouraged to attend. County boundary changes (including Lake District National Park and Yorkshire Dales National Park) noted. No progress in establishing the validity of fishing rights on the Kent foreshore.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – a speed restriction sign in the hedge in Church Street, Beetham had been damaged by contractor hedge cutters – Clerk to advise Highways. Deliberate obstructions by residents alongside the Beetham ghost footpath (near Wheatsheaf car-park) were continuing – Clerk to write again to Highways requesting action.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Broadband cabinet installation at Sandside – wayleave agreement with Electricity Northwest received – signed by Clerk pp BPC, witnessed by Cllr Meakin. Clerk to post back to ENW for their signatures and the document's eventual return to BPC.

7.2 Remembrance Sunday arrangements – Clerk to deliver poppy wreaths to Cllrs Clark and Jupe who normally represent BPC at the Storth and Beetham services respectively.

8.0 Planning matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

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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/2016/0908	Wood Lee, Leighton Drive, Slackhead	Rose	Extension & alterations, inc detached garage.	17/10/16	No objections
SL/2016/0996	Ellers Meadow, Beetham	Gardner	Permanent siting of mobile field shelter	17/11/16	No objections
SL/2016/0917	Land north of Holly Cottage, Storth Road	Hodgson	Single dwelling	15/11/16	Some objections

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2016/0060	Barcaldine, Leighton Drive, Slackhead, Beetham	Nelson	Single dwelling	Appeal allowed
SL/2016/0819	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Single-storey extension	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0820	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Conversion of outbuilding to separate dwelling	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: - letter of objection from AONB to SLDC re planning application SL/2016/0777 (1 Arnbarrow, Sandside). BPC had no objections.
- SL/2016/0901 – SLDC response letter received re BPC comments.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 18/10/16 - Local Government Boundary Commission - final recommendations for South Lakeland.

15.0 Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct - Nov 2016 - issue 108.
- Lancaster Canal Trust - Waterwitch number 157, autumn 2016.
- Landscape Trust/AONB - Keer to Kent - autumn/winter 2016.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Dec 2016) - nothing additional to those mentioned above.

17.0 Date of next meeting - normal monthly BPC meeting - Monday 5 December 2016, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.