

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 1st<sup>d</sup> December 2014 at Beetham School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Pru Jupe (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, David Jupe, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk). Cumbria Police representatives for item 6.1 only.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Brian Meakin, Chris Noble and Bob Pickup, and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whasett (5.1))** - retained on agenda awaiting suitable conditions for inspection and until resolved. Cllr Stewart to press CCC for action to resolve this problem.

**5.2 Beetham village traffic, inc Mill Lane (5.2)** - arrangements in process by local residents for a meeting with Corn Mill representatives re Corn Mill sign in Mill Lane.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police Report** - received on the day of the meeting and subsequently circulated. Since last meeting, in wider area of Beetham, 51 reported incidents resulting in 7 recorded crimes, none in Beetham parish. Several cold-calling scams reported. Co-ordinated inter-county police operations continuing. Examples of poor and unsafe driving to be reported to police along with vehicle registration number. The need for further police cost savings likely to result in manning cuts and affect visible police presence, including attendance at PC meetings.

**6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** - county budget 2015/16 out for consultation. Further cost cuts needed and likely to affect front-line staff. The extension of a super-fast broadband service slowly progressing with imminent installation of junction cabinets in nearby communities giving limited coverage (see also item 15 - Correspondence). The county will be increasing its Council Tax requirement by some 2%.

**6.3 District Council matters (Cllr P Jupe)** - no Council Tax increase. A solution may have been found for replacing the street-lamp opposite the Heron Theatre at Beetham. Otherwise nothing to report

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** - none.

## 7.0 Planning Matters

### 7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Dec. 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
SL/2014/1057	The Cottage, Carr Bank Rd.	Craggs	Single-storey side extens.	24/11/14	No objections

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

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	Response deadline	BPC response

### 7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2014/0701	Fishwick's Beetham Hall site	Fishwick	Creation of crematorium	Refused
SL/2014/0784	Farleton House, Farleton	Prickett	Formation of equine exercise area	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0851	9 Parsonage Fold, Beetham	Shaw	Siting of timber storage shed	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0939	Sandside Farm, Carr Bank Rd	Smith	Demolition of farmhouse & outbldgs. for 2 dwellings	Approved with conditions

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

### 7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

### 7.4 Related matters & correspondence: none

## 8.0 Financial Matters:

### BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – NOV 2014 MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	HIBA
				£	£
01/11/14	Opening balances				19,220.33
30/11/14	Receipts:			7,987.70	
30/11/14	Payments:				
“	316	962	Milne M Legal fees & disburs.	44.00	
			VAT	8.00	
				52.00	
“	317	963	Scargill Clerk's sal. Nov (net)	360.63	
			Exs. Allces - car (6mths)	250.00	
			- comp. (12m)	150.00	
			- phone (6m)	20.00	
				780.63	
“	Total payments in month				-832.63
30/11/14	Closing balances			7,155.07	19,220.33
30/11/14	Total funds all accounts				£26,375.40
<b>Reserve Funds at 30/11/14</b>					
			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 – to be confirmed by BPC at Jan 2015 meeting and submitted to SLDC before 31/01/15

- New pensions regulations – confirmed not applicable to BPC (no qualifying personnel).
- Clerk's annual review – to be conducted by Clr P Jupe before next BPC meeting.

## **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.

Clerk to enquire of CCC (Nick Raymond) about a timetable for grit distribution for winter 2014/15.

**10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies :** Cllr Yates had attended an AONB Planning Sub-group meeting to discuss the AONB Development Plan Document. Good progress made

## **11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):**

- **Cllr P Jupe** - understood that land beside the River Bela, south of the A6 bridge, might become a 'wild flower meadow'. Local side roads strewn with uncleared hedge trimmings (thorns) and a problem for cyclists (punctures). General accumulation of litter, even along side roads.

- **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 but no response as yet. Clerk to follow up.

**12.3 - Plot 4** - Wright & Lord had been instructed to prepare the leases and all material passed over. Clerk to follow up and request draft lease for BPC's January 2015 meeting.

**12.4- Sandside Cutting** - no report in the absence of Cllr Pickup. Letter received from Mrs Rooney, Dallam Close, re trees overhanging her property and restricting light. Cllr Stewart to take photograph and report back.

**13.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT)** - nothing to report. To be removed as a standard item on this agenda for future meetings unless matters to report.

**14.0 Burntbarrow Woods** - public inquiry resumes 10/03/15. Issues to be discussed in more detail by BPC before that date.

## **15.0 General Correspondence:**

- 11/11/14 - B4YS organising committee - requesting BPC's 'nominal support' for plans and permission to use BPC-owned land for cable routing. Clerk to request more detailed information.

- 11/11/14 - Land Registry - notification of application by Dallam for registration of two plots of parish land (at Deepdale Farm, Beetham and at Keasdale Road, Carr Bank).

## **16.0 Reading Matter:**

- CALC - Annual Report for 2014.

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

- long-term planning considerations for Sandside Cutting.

**18.0 Date of next meeting:** - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 - 7.00pm at Storth Village Church.

Before closing the meeting, the Chair thanked members and the Clerk for their contribution in 2014 and wished them, and all parishioners, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**The meeting closed at 8.03pm.**