

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd December 2018 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Steve Yates (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Margaret Knowles and Bob Pickup. Also D Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Clerk John Scargill. One member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Blenkharn (unwell), Meakin (holiday) and Noble (other commitment). Also D Cllr R Audland and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5 November 2018, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** and signed by Cllr Yates.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 5 November 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Speed indicator (5.1) - Peter Capasso (Milnthorpe PC), had agreed to commence downloading the SID data at an early date.

5.2 Beetham defibrillator (5.2) - still awaiting confirmation of phone box adoption from BT before ordering equipment.

5.3 Remembrance Day 2018 (5.3) - Cllr Clark had laid the BPC wreath at the Storth ceremony, which had been well attended despite poor weather. Cllr Crayston had dealt with the Beetham ceremony, also well attended.

5.4 Beetham flooding (5.4 & 7.1) - confirmed that BPC should take a proactive role to encourage and support the formation of a local Flood Resilience Forum. **Agreed** - for this to be the theme for BPC's Annual Assembly in March 2019 at the Heron Theatre, with the Clerk to approach potential speakers from CCC and the Environment Agency.

5.5 Carr Bank Road issues (5.6) - usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282 and Carr Bank Road and speed limit sign now removed. Some flooding behind Nuns Avenue. Also flooding in Keasdale Avenue. CCC had offered free loan of the necessary equipment for use by residents willing to take approved remedial action.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - report for November not received by all members due to a technical hitch. Two incidents understood to be relevant to Beetham parish.

6.2 County Council matters - no report. State of purdah pending elections on 20 December, but comments about standing rain water in Paddock Way and, additionally, the need for a grit bin at this location. At a recent regular meeting with Tarmac, possible new measures to tackle speeding and inconsiderate road use by HGVs had been discussed.

6.3 District Council matters - BPC was encouraged to make use of cash available from SLDC's Locally Important Projects (LIP) fund, although applications would need to be submitted by 11th January 2019 to secure funding from the 2019/20 budget.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - reported activity outside daylight hours at the new Haverbrack shooting lodge and its compatibility with planning permissions.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Publicity for BPC vacancy – approval of notice now in West Ward notice boards. Depending on the response, further publicity may be considered in the new year 2019.

7.2 Planters at Box Tree Cottage, Beetham – at the request of BPC, Highways had listed the possible remedial actions at their disposal. **Agreed** – that Highways be asked to defer further action until alternative solutions to this problem had been explored – Clerk to action.

7.3 BPC Standing Orders – recent changes in NALC’s Model Standing Orders meant that BPC’s Standing Orders needed to be updated in some respects, with other changes optional. **Agreed** - BPC to consider adopting NALC’s model Standing Orders in full at an early date Clerk to agenda for discussion at BPC’s January 2019 meeting.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Dec 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/2018/0253	Beetham Holiday Homes, Hale		20 static holiday units to replace 20 touring pitches (new plans)		No objection.
--------------	-----------------------------	--	---	--	---------------

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2018/0166	Greenhead Farm, Storth Rd, Storth.	Ingham	Erection of dormer bungalow etc	Withdrawn
SL/2018/0535	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Extension to dwelling.	Approved with conditions
SL/2018/0681	Pyes Bridge Farm, Hale		Conversion of agri buildings into dwellings etc	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 – complaints received about two separate matters re Beetham Holiday Homes had been passed to SLDC Planning – one found to be unsubstantiated, the other (re an advertising hoarding) ongoing.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – NOVEMBER 2018		MEETING – 3 December, 2018	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA
				£	£	£
01/11/18	Opening balances				15,598.54	19,274.10
30/11/18	Receipts:					
		Ground rents - B-Jones		8.34		
		- Ryan		20.00		
					28.34	
		SLDC – C I Levy			2,154.93	
30/11/18	Payments:					
	521 1172	Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB – donation		100.00		
	521 1173	Age UK – donation		100.00		
	522 1174	GHS – grass-cutting (Sept/Oct)		370.00		
	523 1175	Scargill - Clerk’s sal Nov (net)	435.84			
		- 6mths expense allces	413.00			
				848.84		
	Total payments in month				-1,418.84	
30/11/18	Closing balances				16,362.97	19,274.10
30/11/18	Total funds all accounts				£35,637.07	
	Reserve Funds at 30/11/18					
		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 – arrangements for the Clerk’s annual review to await the return of Cllr Meakin.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events -nothing to report.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – none.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Clark – the trimming of overhanging trees along the B5282 (Quarry Lane to New Bridge) was underway when low traffic volumes made it possible.

Cllr Crayston – the B6384 at Whassett Green currently had the usual seasonal flooding due to blocked drains. A local farmer was assisting with remedial action.

Cllr Pickup – involved (with NWElec) in dealing with continuing acrimony over tree felling in High Cote Lane, Slackhead.

Cllr Yates – Meadowcroft, Beetham, sign removed some time ago (stolen) and never replaced – D Cllr McSweeney to contact SLDC. Poor signage for Leighton Beck Road generally causing confusion for delivery drivers – Clerk to write to CCC.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Sandside Cutting – Cllr Pickup had experienced difficulty in obtaining quotes for the necessary tree work, mainly due to lack of interest among skilled local tradesmen but, finally, two quotes had been received. **Agreed** – that the (lower) quote of £3,900 total from Thwaites Tree Care be accepted, with the work to be put in hand immediately – Cllr Pickup to determine priorities.

14.0 General Correspondence -

* 23/11/18 – CALC re new VAS (road safety policy for outdoor signage).

* 28/11/18 - monthly update on North West Coastal Access route (esp. Kent Estuary).

* 03/12/18 – reminder from CALC re DEFRA consultation deadline of 18/12/18 re purpose, governance and funding of protected landscapes.

15.0 Reading Matter – none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Jan 2019) and additional to items referred to above – none.

17.0 Date of next meeting - 7.00pm on 7 January 2019 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.