

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Beetham School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Pru Jupe (Chair), Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also District Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllr Meakin (holiday), Cllr Blenkarn (ill) and Cllr Pickup (other commitment).

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 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 present in respect of items on this agenda** - none.

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** - none.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Defibrillators (5.2)** - Stanley Street phone box now earmarked for removal by BT due to insufficient use, though maybe possibility of BPC 'adopting' shell kiosk if and when BT equipment removed. BT decision early 2017. BPC's defibrillator project deferred accordingly. Clerk to remind BT about this project.

**5.2 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (5.3)** - Cllrs Jupe and Yates to meet at an early date to consider BPC's response to Brabners letter of 31 October 2016. Cllr Meakin to be kept informed.

**5.3 Moor Lane, Beetham (5.4)** - 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign now in place at Whassett end of lane.

**5.4 Proposed AONB litter-pick (5.5)** - agreed - to defer and reconsider in spring 2017.

**5.5 Village map boards (5.6)** - AONB need to know precise locations for the four BPC boards on order. Members to bring suggestions to the next (Jan 2017) BPC meeting. Additional local authority funding could be available.

**5.6 Flooding at Parsonage Fold, Beetham (5.8)** - AONB now in contact with Parish Steward re instruction for use of their drain-cleaning equipment.

**5.7 Slackhead signpost (5.9)** - Cllr Meakin had received some cost quotations.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police Report** - received and circulated before the meeting. Dist. Cllr McSweeney reported a disappointing response to the police appeal for volunteers to help with observing cross-border crime suspects. He reiterated his advice for residents with concerns on police matters to voice such concerns to him personally in the first instance.

**6.2 County Council matters** - County Cllr Stewart reported that central government's local government funding settlement was now awaited, following the Chancellor's autumn statement. Adult Social Care was in crisis nationally (part of a wider NHS problem), though extra funding possibilities from central government via county councils would not be made available in Cumbria. Cllr Stewart expressed disappointment that the damaged fence along the foreshore at the bottom of Storth Road had still not been made good, despite his best efforts.

**6.3 District Council matters** – SLDC’s Development Plan Document (DPD) was now in consultation. A recent increase in Sandside quarry vehicle movements had been noted but quarry personal were keen to work with local communities and be involved in their projects. An authorised footpath through the Dallam estate, near New Bridge, was often impassable due to boggy underfoot conditions and in need of attention. There had been no progress clearing the Beetham ghost footpath for unobstructed pedestrian use – Clerk to email Cllr Stewart for information on steps taken by Highways to resolve this matter following BPC’s earlier request. Cllr Jupe to provide a photograph of measures elsewhere to deal with a similar traffic problem.

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – nothing additional to matters raised above.

**7.0 New matters for consideration.**

**7.1 AONB Development Plan Document (DPD)** – the consultation deadline was 06/01/17. Cllr Yates had attended a presentation and been impressed by the professionalism of those involved. **Agreed** – that Cllr Yates would produce a document setting out his recommendations for increasing the level of security on some sites already included and for extending the scope of the plan to other sites in Beetham parish.

**7.2 Proposed meeting by Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner** – the offer of a meeting between the PCC and members of the three local parish councils (Milnthorpe, Beetham & Arnside) was welcomed. **Agreed** – that the PCC be asked to suggest a meeting date and the respective parish councils would decide which of their members would attend.

**8.0 Planning matters.**

**8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:**

**Dec 2016**

**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/2016/1053	19 Hillcrest Drive Slackhead, Beetham	Duggan	Two-storey rear extension	08/12/16	No objection
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**8.2 Decisions received from SLDC**

**SLDC decision**

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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 – NOVEMBER 2016	MEETING – 5 Dec, 2016		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/11/16	Opening balances				16,176.23	19,239.52
30/11/16	Receipts;					
		Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50		
		- Ryan		20.00		
					32.50	
		Elec. NW – wayleave (new Sandside cabinet)			100.00	
30/11/16	Payments:					
	420A 1070	HMRC – PAYE remit. Sept qutr		300.30		
	421 1071	Scargill Clerk's expense all'ces (6mths)		345.00		
	420 1072	Scargill Clerk's sal Nov (net)		396.55		
	Total payments in month				-1,041.85	
30/11/16	Closing balances				15,266.88	19,239.52
30/11/16	Total funds all accounts				£34,506.40	

<b>Reserve Funds at 30/11/16</b>	Street lamp reserve	7,200.00
	General Reserve	12,039.52
	Total reserves	19,239.52

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

**9.2 Other financial matters** – BPC 8mths accounts circulated and **approved**. Clerk's annual review to be arranged.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

**10.1 Update on current events** – Cllr Jupe and the Clerk had met with the Parish Steward and his worklist reviewed and updated.

**10.2 Futher additions to work programme** – none.

**11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Knowles had attended the last Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting and reported on matters discussed. More funds were to become available for gully clearing and there was to be consultation on mental health care.

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

- **Cllr Stewart** – suggested an updated survey of parish grit bins and that their status be checked annually (in September) in future – Clerk and Parish Steward to do and report back.
- **Cllr Pickup** – in his absence, had provided a comprehensive list of items to report under this heading, including traffic speeding, dangers relating to road barriers and footpaths, standing flood water & icy road surfaces and the obstruction to pedestrians by recreational fishermen at Sandside.
- **D. Cllr McSweeney** – wall collapsing at The Hollies, Keasdale Avenue, Carr Bank.

### 13.0 Parish Land:

**13.1 - Land at Dixies** – no further developments. Ongoing.

**13.2 - Sandside Cutting** – nothing reported.

**13.3 - Plot 4** – Clerk to organise meeting with Mr & Mrs Ryan ASAP to discuss their questions.

### 14.0 General Correspondence:

- 28/11/16 – SLDC – re BT's proposed closure of underused public phone boxes

### 15.0 Reading Matter

– none.

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Jan 2017)** – nothing additional to those mentioned above.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - normal monthly BPC meeting - Monday 9 January 2017, 7.00pm at Storth Village Church.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm.**