

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 9th January 2017 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public. Barbara Henneberry (AONB) up to and including item 4.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Blenkharn (ill) and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5th December 2016, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Jupe who had chaired the meeting.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - introduction of Barbara Henneberry (AONB), who gave a useful presentation regarding the proposed parish interpretation panels (see also item 5.3 below). The prime need of the design was to focus on the key purpose of the panels. The help of members was requested in suggesting related content and scale, boundaries and panel locations. **Agreed** - that Beetham parish would be tackled in two distinct parts, Beetham/Hale (by Cllrs Jupe and Yates) and Storth/Sandside (by Cllrs Knowles and Pickup). They would begin with a joint meeting to ensure a consistent approach and report back with their individual recommendations to the February 2017 meeting of the full council, before passing on agreed recommendations to the AONB later that month.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 5th Dec 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (5.2) - following an earlier meeting between Cllrs Jupe and Yates and the Clerk - **it was agreed** to accept their recommendation that Brabner's final account for professional services be paid in full. Clerk to implement.

5.2 Moor Lane, Beetham (5.3) - this matter had now been satisfactorily concluded with the sign paid for and the net cost recovered by a donation from Beetham Nurseries.

5.3 Village map boards (5.5) - ongoing (see item 4 above).

5.4 Slackhead signpost (5.7) - Cllr Meakin had received agreement from Dallam Estate representatives to the precise relocation of the signpost and Clerk to email Cllr Stewart requesting the approval of Highways. There was apparently no problem with overhead Electricity NW cables. It remained to obtain the agreement of Landscape Trust to their management of the project and confirmation of how related costs would be dealt with. Cllr Meakin had requested a meeting with Fiona Allan, Landscape Trust Chair, to discuss these issues. Cllr Pickup to enquire about the project timetable at the next Landscape Trust meeting.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - received and circulated before the meeting. Happily little to report.

6.2 County Council matters - County had agreed to make a financial contribution to the parish interpretation panels (see item 4 above). A meeting was to be held, probably in February, to discuss the Environment Agency's report on the flooding in Beetham in 2015. Road issues continued with Cllr Stewart sending regular photographic evidence of potholes, clogged gullies etc to Highways. County's Council Tax requirement for 2017/18 to show at least a 2% increase on last year - and, with central government approval, probably much more to cover the escalating costs of adult social care.

6.3 District Council matters – the SLDC meeting to confirm Council Tax levels 2017/18 would take place in February; a straight £5 increase was likely. Development plans ongoing.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 SLDC funding for locally important projects – no suitable Beetham PC project at this time but, longer term, a pedestrian/cycle path from Slackhead to Beetham village, leading to a children’s play area at the bottom of the sports field, might be a possibility, depending on the availability of the sports field for this purpose.

7.2 Pool Darkin Lane speed-checks – had shown no examples of excess traffic speeds.

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
SL/2016/1136	Dukes Bridge Barn, Farleton	Robbins	Barn conversion (re-submission/modified)	09/01/17	No objection

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

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	Response deadline	BPC response

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2016/908	Wood Lee, Leighton Dr, Slackhead	Rose	Extension & alterations	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/996	Ellers Meadow, Beetham	Gardner	Mobile field shelter	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:

- SL/2016/0412 Land at corner of Arnside Lane, Hale (new dwelling) – earlier refused – now under appeal.

9. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – DECEMBER 2016		MEETING – 9 January, 2017		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c		HIBA
					£	£	£
01/12/16	Opening balances					15,266.88	19,239.52
31/12/16	Receipts:						
			Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50		
			- Ryan		20.00		
						32.50	
			Elec. NW - wayleaves		81.89		
			“ - wayleave		50.00		
						131.89	
			Barclays Bank interest to 1 Dec 2016				2.40
			B Nurseries Donation for road sign			135.00	
31/12/16	Payments:						
	423 1073	S Hurst	Moor Lane road sign	135.00			
			VAT	27.00			
					162.00		
	424 1074	Jacobs	Access rent (S Cutting)		28.98		
	425 1075	Scargill	Clerk’s sal Dec (net)		396.55		
			Total payments in month			-587.53	
31/12/16	Closing balances					14,978.74	19,241.92
31/12/16	Total funds all accounts					£34,220.66	
	Reserve Funds at 31/12/16		Street lamp reserve		7,200.00		
			General Reserve		12,041.92		
			Total reserves		19,241.92		

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

- 9.2 Other financial matters - BPC budget/precept 2017/18** – presented and **approved**. Clerk to submit to SLDC.
- **Clerk's annual review** – satisfactory – recommended grading increase (to SCP 26) with effect from 1 December 2016 (backdated as necessary) – **agreed**.

10.0 Parish Steward:

- 10.1 Update on current events** – Sandside tree work not yet started and overdue. Clerk to speak to PS to expedite. Alternative labour to be sought if necessary for early completion.
10.2 Further additions to work programme – updated inventory of parish grit bins.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none. AONB Annual Conference scheduled for 25 January 2017.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Stewart** – the barrier fence on the B5282 at the bottom of Storth Road – still broken but repair scheduled for 16 January 2017.
- **Cllr Pickup** – damaged barrier fence on Sandside promenade near bottom of Green Lane (result of car accident mentioned in Police Report), rubbish along B5282 in region of Dick Fell Cottage, more flowing (and standing) water in Carr Bank Road (as a result of recent road re-surfacing in the area), progress with laying of broadband cables along designated route, clogged grids along B5282 near Guard Hill Lane, United Utilities manhole at Friar Cote Bridge giving rise to complaints.
- **Cllr Jupe** – more litter apparent along A6 and in surrounding lanes (spring litter-pick?).
- **Cllr Noble** – all grit bins in Carr Bank Road area contained some grit but the requested new bin still not received.
- **Cllr Clark** – serious potholes in Paradise Lane and near Kings Arms, Hale.
- **Cllr Knowles** – had received complaints about the road surface in Langdale Crest. Also about an increase in (possibly quarry-related) lorry traffic along the B5282 – considered by members to be unfounded.
- **Clerk** – Fishwick's Beetham Hall crematorium now known to be in operation. Clerk to check with SLDC Planning if all conditions relating to approval of related planning application had been met.

13.0 Parish Land:

- 13.1 - Land at Dixies** – no further developments. Ongoing.
- 13.2 - Sandside Cutting** – see item 10.1 above..
- 13.3 - Plot 4** – an early meeting between Cllrs Jupe and Yates and Mr & Mrs Ryan to discuss their questions to be arranged – Clerk to organise.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 04/01/17 – Head of Beetham School – re possibilities for the school participating in BPC's defibrillator project – welcomed by members – Clerk to explore.

15.0 Reading Matter – Clerks & Councils Direct – Jan 2017 – issue 109.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Feb 2017) – details of proposed broadband route through parish, otherwise nothing additional to those mentioned above.

17.0 Date of next meeting - normal monthly BPC meeting – Monday 6 February 2017, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.