

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday, 3rd February 2020 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also County Cllr Pete McSweeney, District Cllr Helen Chaffey and Parish Clerk John Scargill. Mr Ian Brodie for Items 1-4.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Dewar (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6 Jan. 2020, had been circulated by email. 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 – Cllr Meakin introduced Mr Ian Brodie, representing Coastal Access, the Ramblers Association, Friends of the Lake District and the Open Spaces Society, who explained issues with the national Coastal Path project and his role and objectives in monitoring developments. **BPC agreed** to make representations to the Secretary of State (submission deadline 4/3/20) against a route which bypassed Beetham Parish. Ian to provide written basis data.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 6 Jan 2020 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further developments.

5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.2) – Chris Helm had completed his work rebuilding the wall at the well at Jonny's Steps. A letter had been received from Mr Unsworth regarding the nuisance of HGVs using Carr Bank Rd as a route into Arnside when they were too large to pass under the B5282 railway bridge. Cllr Pickup to advise Mr Unsworth that there was no legal case against this practice. Excessive speeds of vehicles generally in Carr Bank Road and on the B5282, with two more recent accidents.

5.3 Fairy Steps access signage (5.3) – CCC had written to the effect that they had this matter in hand and for BPC not to replace the signpost.

5.4 a Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.4) – nothing further to report.

5.4 b Leighton Beck Road signage (5.4) – the additional signs were now in place near the village stocks.

5.5 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.5) – the site meeting had concluded that, although the convex mirror might help and should be proceeded with, it was far from a perfect solution. The alternative of a major redesign of the junction would be expensive and was unlikely to be considered by Highways in the short term.

5.6 Beetham ghost footpath (5.6) – this matter was now in the hands of lawyers representing the two parties.

5.7 Clerk's contract of employment (5.7) – the final version of a new draft contract had now been agreed by both parties. Holiday pay issues remain; Cllr Crayston to seek CALC advice on this matter.

5.8 New Arnside/Kendal bus service (5.8) – considered a great success following a trial period. The new improved service would start in March with additional routes to i. Silverdale/Morecambe and ii. Kirkby Lonsdale.

5.9 Beetham Sports Field path (5.10) – **agreed** - to invite Mr Christou to meet with a small group of BPC representatives to discuss options. In the interim, **agreed** that BPC set up a reserve account of £450 for the project as a means of attracting match funding from other sources. Clerk to implement.

5.10 Carr Bank Road phone box (5.11) – had now been cleaned and prepared for the installation of a defibrillator. Response awaited from CHBT to question of ownership of the original Stanley Street defibrillator, now in the possession of Sue Cox.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – a new form of report, combining the parishes of Arnside, Beetham, Heversham & Milnthorpe had been received and circulated – no crimes specific to Beetham.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters – the Environment Agency were unwilling to commit to a date for the next Beetham Flooding Forum. Some repairs had been done to the footpath between Burntbarrow and Shaw Lane, but not known by whom; CCC had inspected the Burntbarrow footway and put the job on their list for resurfacing, possibly in 2025/26.

Price of ‘No-HGV’ signs for Carr Bank Road awaited from Highways. No gully cleaning yet started in Beetham parish; only gullies on A, B & C-classified roads will be cleaned in February. Gullies on unclassified roads will only be cleaned on request. Requests should be made via either the CCC Highways Hotline or the CCC Highways website. Advice to photo Yans Lane problem and report via Highways hotline. No progress with a ‘Narrow Road’ sign for Whassett and the nearby broken stile was understood to be a Network Rail responsibility – Clerk to advise them.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 Cumbria in Bloom 2020 – Linda Dean had received positive reaction to her contacts with local residents and was encouraged to suggest that work on the project should begin (ground preparation and planting etc), although not necessarily leading to a formal application for the 2020 competition

7.2 North-west coastal path – dealt with under item 4 above.

7.3 Park Road (Milnthorpe) closure for repairs etc – the first notice for this major work had been placed on the websites of Beetham, Arnside and Milnthorpe PCs. Continued co-ordinated notices were planned as the project advanced. Noted – that other local road closures, for Keasdale Road and Shaw Lane were imminent.

7.4 BPC Annual Assembly (Thursday 19 March 2020) – Heron Hall at Storth booked and speaker (Ian Brodie) arranged. Publicity was important – Facebook, Landscape Trust locations, schools, shops & local centres, laminated flyers on lamp-posts. Clerk to prepare copy and Gateway notification, Cllr Knowles to deal with W. Gazette, Cllr Greifenberg to do laminating, All needed to be on track for BPC’s 2 March meeting. Noted – that an important CCC/SLDC Community Engagement Session at Milnthorpe Hub was now also scheduled for 19 March (3pm-7pm), which members were urged to attend.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

February 2020 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/2020/0009	3 Rose Hill Grove		Replacement porch, single storey front ext’n etc	31/01/20	No objection

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

SL/2020/0046	7 Rose Hill Grove, Storth		Rear dormer.	24/02/20	
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2019/0805	Heathwaite, Storth Rd		First-floor rear extension.	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0817	The Homestead, Carr Bank Rd		Two-storey extensions + garage reconstruction.	Approved with conditions

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – JANUARY 2020		MEETING – 3 Feb, 2020	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA
					£	£
01/01/20	Opening balances				13,115.25	19,312.58
31/01/20	Receipts:		Ground rents July - B-Jones - Ryan	8.34 20.00		
			Elec NW Wayleaves		28.34	
			Barclays Bank interest to 2 Dec		50.00	
31/01/20	Payments:					9.63
	573	1227	CALC Course fees (Dewar)	45.00		
	574	1228	Internet Stst's – accounts book VAT	24.33 4.87		
				29.20		
	575	1229	Storth Village Hall – grant	400.00		
	576	1230	Scargill – Clerk's sal Jan - plus back pay fr 1/4/19 (net)	1,368.58		
					-1,842.78	
31/01/20	Closing balances				11,350.81	19,322.21
31/01/20	Total funds all accounts				£30,673.02	
Reserve Funds at 31/01/20			Street lamp reserve	9,600.00		
			General Reserve	9,722.21		
			Total reserves	19,322.21		

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

9.2 Other financial matters - BPC budget/precept 2020/21, circulated in advance of the meeting – **approved**.
- **agreed** – BPC payroll admin – to be taken over by Athena Accounting as from 01/04/20. Clerk to implement.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – approved for PS to purchase post for convex mirror.
- Cllr Pickup to provide oak posts for Storth notice board repair.
- Leighton Beck Road sandbags regularly being moved off site by unknown third parties.

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 Yates – poor state of Meadowbank cherry trees – C Cllr McSweeney to check with S L Housing.

Cllr Knowles – temporary rails near B5282/Storth Rd junction still lying on site – **agreed** OK for members of public to re-erect as necessary.

Cllr Dean – another serious road accident on the A6 at Beetham (time to reduce this stretch to 30mph?). Highways accident statistics needed as basis for a BPC-led campaign.

13.0 Parish Land.

- **Sandside Cutting & Plot 4** - BPC-owned falling trees confirmed covered by BPC insurance policy, but on condition of regular professional inspection. Clerk to approach Roger Cartwright.

14.0 General Correspondence received:

- 24/01/20 - RAF Gilsland base - re Battle of Britain 80th Anniversary celebrations.
- 08/0120 - CCC - notice of retention of rapid response vehicles (in place of fire engines) following successful trials.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (March 2020) and additional to items referred to above - none.

17.0 Date of next meeting - monthly meeting 2 March 2020 at Beetham School - 7.00pm.
- Annual Assembly 19 March at Heron Hall, Storth - 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.