

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 5th February 2018 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble and Ian Stewart. Also D Cllr P McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Blenkharn (unwell), Cllr Jupe (work), Cllr Pickup (other commitment) and Cllr Yates (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 8th January 2018, had been circulated by email, 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 – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 8th January 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) – Cllr Knowles reported that boards now ready for installation subject to a final decision on location of the Storth board (by the committee of Storth Village Hall, this being the West Ward location favoured by BPC). Clerk to contact Ann Kitchen to claim £100 CIC grant on offer.

5.2 Replacement seat at Four Lane Ends, Storth (5.4) – seat now installed and donation received to cover net cost to BPC. Parish Steward to cut back overhanging vegetation.

5.3 ‘Smiley’-type speed indicator sign (5.5) – SID unit now purchased and installed on Sandside promenade. Need for someone to take responsibility for downloading and analysing statistical data – Clerk to contact Storth School (Head Teacher and Chair of governors) in this connection.

5.4 Replacement of Carr Bank bus shelter (5.6) – insured sum of £3,311 now received from Zurich. **Agreed** – that BPC proceed to order replacement three-bay shelter from Queensbury and continue to press for balance of replacement cost to be met by third party insurers (and, failing that, to pursue via small claims court).

5.5 Four Lane Ends, Storth signpost (5.7) – ongoing (Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward).

5.6 Beetham defibrillator (5.8) – Cllr Yates to speak to the new owners of the Wheatsheaf as soon as possible re locating this on their Church Street wall, including provision of a source for required power supply.

5.7 WW1 end commemoration (5.9) – no further progress. Cllr Stewart to contact Arnside PC re their information booklet.

5.8 Leighton Beck Road, Beetham, surface water (5.10) – no progress.

5.9 Leighton Beck Road, dangerous stones at base of southern boundary wall – now painted white by Parish Steward, as instructed.

5.10 Carr Bank Road issues previously raised by Cllr Pickup (5.12) – no progress, no additional items.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – report from Cumbria Police received and circulated. No incidents mentioned that specific to Beetham parish despite at least one known reported incident. Clerk to query this with PCSO Leigh and suggest that his report to BPC concentrate on parish matters (however small), rather than those for a wider area.

6.2 County Council matters – as previously reported, CCC would be asking for a 3.99% increase in its portion of 2018/19 Council Tax yet would still have difficulty in meeting all its

funding obligations due to heavy demands on services for young people and the elderly. Even so, some other councils were in a far worse position.

6.3 District Council matters - D Cllr McSweeney had been in touch with SLDC Planning re planning applications SL/2017/0939 & SL/2017/1054 (the field alongside Leighton Beck Road, Beetham), which they had approved. Planning were unaware of any standing water/drainage issues and would look into this further. BPC members and members of the public were asked to report any known incidence of Japanese knotweed in the parish as this had serious consequences for property buyers. The Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's Panel had approved an increase in its funding request of £11.97, or 5.42%, for Band D properties (equivalent to 25 extra police officers) from 2018/19 Council Tax, which had been overwhelmingly supported by the response from a public survey. A new Chief Constable for Cumbria was about to be appointed.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - concerns about poor road-side signage for the Beetham Crematorium, leading to traffic incidents and dangers; D Cllr McSweeney to peruse the original planning application and suggest appropriate signage improvements.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Parish walls generally (mainly at Sandside Cutting) – agreed – Cllr Meakin and the Clerk, together with Cllr Pickup, to do a site inspection of matters raised by Cllr Pickup, with a view to prioritising work under a long-term maintenance plan.

7.2 Field alongside Leighton Beck Road, Slackhead – Clerk to ask CALC about the criteria for 'open space status' and exactly what protection benefits this gives. (See also 6.3 above and 8.2 below).

7.3 Protection of 'orchid triangle' near Dixies – Cllr Meakin had written to Highways England Historic Railways Estate asking permission for BPC to take measures for protecting the ecology of this small area, but ownership of the area remained unclear - C Cllr Stewart to take up with CCC.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

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

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| SL/2018/0044 | 6 Rose Hill Grove, Storth | Brett | Alterations to front, rear & garage. | 09/02/18 | No objection |
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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| SL/2017/0929 | Plot south of Moss Hall, Carr Bank Rd | Smith | Erection of dwelling | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2017/0939 | O/S field 5633, Beetham | Christou | New vehicle access into agricultural field | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2017/1054 | Field adjacent to The Mains, Beetham | Christou | Change of use – agricultural to school playing field | 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 – see items 6.3 and 7.2 above.

9. Financial Matters.

| BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT | | | MONTH – JANUARY 2018 | | MEETING – 5 Feb, 2018 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Date | Transaction | Payee/er | Detail | Current a/c £ | £ | HIBA £ |
| 01/01/18 | Opening balances | | | | 16,557.51 | 19,245.29 |
| 31/01/18 | Receipts: | | | | | |
| | | | Ground rents - B-Jones | 12.50 | | |
| | | | - Ryan | 20.00 | | |
| | 718 | | Elec NW Wayleaves | | 32.50 | |
| | 719 | | Anon. Donation for seat at 4LE | | 491.69 | |
| | 720 | | Zurich Insurance pay-out for bus shelter | 3,310.96 | | |
| | 721 | | CCC Received in error (see chq to repay) | 60.00 | | |
| | | | | | 3,945.15 | |
| 31/01/18 | Payments: | | | | | |
| | 473 | 1124 | Harvey Payroll admin 6mths | 25.00 | | |
| | 474 | 1125 | HMRC PAYE remittance (Oct-Dec) | 313.20 | | |
| | 475 | 1126 | Pandora SID | 3,010.40 | | |
| | | | VAT | 602.08 | | |
| | | | | | 3,612.48 | |
| | 476 | 1127 | Glasdon Outdoor seat | 416.69 | | |
| | | | VAT | 83.33 | | |
| | | | | | 500.02 | |
| | 477 | 1128 | GHS – various | | 130.00 | |
| | 478 | 1129 | GHS – HGV sign repair | | 35.00 | |
| | 479 | 1130 | Scargill - Clerk's sal Jan | 427.57 | | |
| | | | Post & staty | 57.86 | | |
| | | | VAT | 10.84 | | |
| | | | | | 496.27 | |
| | 480 | 1131 | CCC – repayment (see above) | 60.00 | | |
| | | | Total payments in month | | -5,171.97 | |
| 31/01/18 | Closing balances | | | | 15,330.69 | 19,245.29 |
| 31/01/18 | Total funds all accounts | | | | £34,575.98 | |
| Reserve Funds at 31/01/18 | | Street lamp reserve | | 9,600.00 | | |
| | | General Reserve | | 9,645.29 | | |
| | | Total reserves | | 19,245.29 | | |

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

9.2 Other financial matters - Clerk to advise C Cllr Stewart of ref number of CCC receipt 721 above.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – A6 bridge crash barrier at Beetham – discarded stones still uncleared by Highways. **Agreed** – Parish Steward to clear. The original Four Lane Ends seat had now been used to repair the one at Lovers Lane. A tree on Jonny's Steps (referred to in item 5.12, Jan 2018 meeting) had been inspected and found to be too difficult for the Parish Steward to tackle; **agreed** - Cllr Pickup/Parish Steward to arrange professional assistance to deal with this.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – retrospective approval for repair/reinstatement of 'No HGVs' sign at Moor Lane, Whassett. Clearance of vegetation around Yans Lane well and the Four Lane Ends seat.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – Cllr Knowles to attend LAP meeting on 8 Feb.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Clark - new pothole on A6 near Beetham Hall. Also in Parkside Rd, Milnthorpe, between the two bridges (Milnthorpe parish) and at Haverbrack.

Cllr Stewart - fallen tree near Parsonage Fold, Beetham. The start of major resurfacing work in Milnthorpe meant disruption for traffic in the area. The persistent flooding of the B5282 along the edge of Dallam Park, between the two bridges, probably required re-laying the drain under the road, which would cause more disruption while work was in progress.

Cllr Noble - standing water on the B5282 near the disabled car park.

Cllr Knowles - potholes in Langdale Crest.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies - no developments.

13.2 - Sandside Cutting - Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward working together on the seasonal felling programme. Shredder to be employed as required. Possible need for professional tree surgeon

13.3 - Plot 4 - no further developments.

14.0 General Correspondence - none.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (March 2018) and additional to items referred to above - none.

17.0 Date of next meetings - PC meeting, Monday 5 March 2018 at Beetham School 7.00pm.

- Annual Assembly 15 March 2018 at Heron Hall 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.