

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 3rd February 2014 at Storth Village Church at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Pru Jupe (chair), David Clark, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk). One member of the public for agenda item 6.4.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Ken Blenkarn & Steve Yates, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6th January 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin in the absence of Cllr Blenkarn who chaired that meeting.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda – Cllr Pickup declared an interest as regards agenda item 14.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes: 6th January 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Bus-stop signs on A6 (5.1) – no further progress.

5.2 Hale Interpretation Panel (5.2) – no further progress.

5.3 Beetham Annual Assembly 2014 (5.3) – **agreed** – that Cllr Jupe would organise the catering, as for the 2013 Annual Assembly, using trade contacts where necessary.

5.4 Land beside the B5282 at Sandside (5.5) – no further progress. Cllr Pickup agreed to visit the present owner of the former Flippin' Fluke restaurant to make further enquiries.

5.5 Mill Lane, Beetham (5.6) – no further progress.

5.6 Beetham Parish Council vacancy (4) – the appropriate 14 day period having passed since Mrs Harvey's resignation with no call for an election, the Parish Council must now proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option. Wording and display locations for advertising material were **agreed**.

5.7 BPC Standing Orders (14) – the proposed amendment to SO1, now to include provision for the email notification of meetings (as advised by CALC), was read out and **agreed**. The BPC website would be updated accordingly by Cllr Meakin.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – emailed report again received and circulated minutes before the meeting. Again few local incidents. Crime rates remain low in the area.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – proposals for the 2014/15 budget now finalised and likely to be approved by full council. Some existing services would be adversely affected, particularly bus services although alternative arrangements would be looked at. Overall, some £89m further savings still required over next three years. Crime and anti-social behaviour statistics were favourable, indicating that South Lakes was a very safe place in which to live. At Cllr Stewart's urgent request, Nick Raymond (CCC's Highways Network Manager, South Lakes) had visited the parish to inspect unsatisfactory road-works and other locations which were overdue for attention.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Jupe) – Cllr Jupe had a discretionary sum of £1,000 from SLDC for use on parish projects in 2013/14 and a similar sum for 2014/15. **Agreed** – that a sum of approximately £500 (as quoted) out of her 2013/14 allocation be spent on repairing and restoring BPC's six notice boards, which were generally in poor superficial condition. Clerk to implement via a local contractor. Members asked to suggest additional projects.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – Mr Donagh McKillop, the new Head Teacher at Wings School, was introduced to members. He spoke about his own background and how recent events at the school had resulted in his appointment at Wings. He was keen to re-establish good relations between the school and the community in general and had gladly accepted the Clerk’s invitation to attend this BPC meeting. This was welcomed by members and contact details were exchanged. Clerk to email Mr McKillop with contact details for the local PCSOs.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Feb. 2014 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/2013/1192	Flats 4-21 Watersedge, Sandside	Wilson	Exterior waterproof rendering	30/01/14	No objections

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

SL/2014/0070	8 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Fielding	Single-storey side extens’n	20/02/14	No objections
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2013/1066	The Cottage, Breeze Hill, Carr Bk	Evans	Change of use – ‘granny annex’ to S/C holiday flat	Approved with conditions
SL/2013/1118	Farleton House, Farleton	Prickett	Replacement of general purpose agric. building	Approved with conditions
SL/2013/1143	Barcaldine, Leighton Drive, Slackhead	Wright	Single dwelling	Approved with conditions
SL/2013/1150	Beetham Nurseries	Williams	Oak-framed potting shed	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available non SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none

8.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – JANUARY 2013		MEETING – 3 rd Feb 2014	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/01/14	Opening balances			96.09	20,409.81
31/01/14	Receipts:				
		Barclays	Bank interest to 1 Dec 2013		2.91
		ENW	Various wayleaves	77.20	
		ENW	Sandside substation WWPS	50.00	
31/01/14	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA			200.00	-200.00
31/01/14	Payments:				
“	274 919	J Scargill	Clerk’s sal. Jan (net)	376.11	
			Postage & Stat’y	-	
			VAT	-	
				-376.11	
“	Total payments in month			- 376.11	
31/01/14	Closing balances			47.18	20,212.72
31/01/14	Total funds all accounts				£20,259.90

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

8.2 Other financial matters:

- **Bank mandate amendment complete** – ex-Cllr Harvey now replaced by Cllr Jupe as a cheque signatory.
- **BPC payroll administration** – Mrs J A Harvey had agreed to continue to administer the BPC payroll following her resignation from the Parish Council **RESOLVED** that, as from 01/01/14, Mrs J A Harvey should be employed to administer the BPC payroll for a sum of £50pa.
- **Publicity material re BPC precept 2014/15** – as agreed (meeting 06/01/14, min 8.2), publicity material had been prepared and was read to members. This material was **agreed** with minor amendment to wording.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 **PS update on current events** - not present.

9.2 **PS additions to work programme** - none. With the agreement of the Parish Steward, who was temporarily unavailable, necessary repair and restoration work on the parish notice boards had been passed to another contractor (see 6.3 above).

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- **Cllr Meakin** - had attended AONB's Annual Conference, which he found interesting.
- **Cllr Noble** – had established that Mrs J A Harvey may remain as a Beetham Educational Trust member, despite her resignation from the Parish Council.

11.0 Local highways amenity work:

- gullies on B5282, between Milnthorpe New Bridge and Quarry Lane needing clearing out.
- rainwater from higher ground flooding over parts of Carr Bank Road.
- the gulley at the end of Guard Hill Lane, on the B5282, remained blocked.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Pickup – enquired about a Speed Indicator Device for the B5282, west of Friar Cote Bridge and a tree was in danger of falling, along this same road near the boundary with Arnside – Clerk to inform Dallam. Also noted a caravan parked, believed stored, in a field on the south side of Quarry Lane – Clerk instructed to inform the SLDC Planning Enforcement Officer

Cllr Meakin – the lack of road markings, through wear and tear, in Storth Road at the junction with the B5282, was dangerous for motorists unaware of its two-way traffic classification.

Cllr Jupe – noted the need for an organised litter-pick in the spring, in both Beetham and Storth areas (to be placed on agenda for next meeting).

13.0 Parish Land:

Plot 4 ground rents – solicitors' advice was that simple written agreements for use of the individual plots were desirable, preferably with the owners (rather than the tenants) of the associated houses, which could allow inter alia for any proposed restrictions of use and regular rent reviews. As the present agreements were annually-based, it would be better to give twelve months notice of any such fundamental changes, which would allow time to prepare suitable written agreements. Clerk to progress by obtaining an estimate of the likely legal costs involved. It was noted that, with the help of the owners of Holme Cottage, three years rental had now been collected from the user of the plot linked with Yew Tree Cottage, covering two years backlog and advance rent for 2014/15.

Plot 4 trees – agreed – Clerk to write to Martin Wain requesting he apply for a Natural England grant to tackle trees on the Slackhead Quarry part of this site that were in need of attention but beyond the capabilities of the local residents group (Mark Ryan et al) to deal with. Also **agreed** - that BPC was happy to support any Landscape Trust application for funding for similar work on other sites in the parish (eg Keasdale Road and beside Deepdale Farm, Slackhead) not owned by the parish council.

Sandside Cutting – Cameron Durie had begun tree-clearance work as agreed, assisted by trainees with the Natural England, NIA, Woodlands group.

14.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT) – BPC had received a positive response to its approach. **Agreed** - that, for the time being, BPC participation be limited to listening to what was said at APPT meetings, rather than taking any pro-active stance. Clerk – to include on agenda for next BPC meeting.

15.0 Hyperfast broadband for Storth - represented a stage beyond that included in present BT plans for developing broadband coverage in the area. **Agreed** - that BPC needed to be aware of whatever developments were in prospect, but should wait until BT's plans were fully implemented before getting too involved with anything more ambitious.

16.0 General Correspondence (not circulated):

- 29/01/14 - SLDC - notification of carriageway repairs/road closures at J36, M6 starting 21/02/14
- 27/01/14 - Worthy - Freedom of Information request re BPC structure and members' expenses.
Clerk to forward to Cllr Stewart for Debbie Storr's opinion of its legitimacy.

17.0 Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2014 - Issue 91.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (March 2014).

- Ownership of land opposite former Flippin' Fluke restaurant
- Issues regarding Mill Lane, Beetham
- Issues regarding ground rental agreements for Plot 4
- Parish Annual Assembly - final arrangements
- Litter pick arrangements for spring.
- APPT - any developments.

19.0 Date of next meeting - Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.00pm at Beetham School, to be preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend throughout any meeting of the Parish Council but may speak only during the Public Participation item on the agenda to raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish, District or County Councils or Cumbria Police.