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The Parish Council is delighted to report that Mrs Linda Dean, a Beetham resident, has accepted the challenge to set up and lead a Community Resilience Group. As the first step in this process, our County Council representative, C Cllr P McSweeney, has asked CCC for advice on how this can best be done and we are all eagerly awaiting its response. Hopefully this whole process will be complete before winter is upon us again and we are faced with a recurrence of flooding problems. Another step to deal with emergencies is the defibrillator project. Regrettably, this is taking an inordinate amount of time to set up because we want to ensure that we provide the best equipment available and that it complies with all best practice guidelines but we really are now almost there. As an extra precaution, and from the outset, Community Heartbeat Trust will take responsibility for the Stanley Street phone kiosk, where it is to be housed, and local First Responders are all set to make use of it as and when required. Funding for the project will come from the recently received community infrastructure levy.

A shortage of car parking at Beetham crematorium continues to represent a worrying road safety issue on the A6 when two or more funerals overlap or a large number of people attend a specific cremation. Fishwicks are working with SLDC to deal with this. The longstanding water-surface problem in Leighton Beck Road is now actively being investigated by Highways, although there is no simple solution. The recent wall rebuild on the B5282 at Sandside has resulted in many criticisms from the public, with Highways citing cost as the reason why aesthetic issues had to be sacrificed; hopefully the appearance will improve with time. On the other hand, the new handrail on the path between Burntbarrow and Shaw Green, Storth, provided by an anonymous donor, has been warmly welcomed. Residents will also be delighted that a new bus service between Arnside and Milnthorpe has been launched by a local group and a Beetham PC member has agreed to join the steering committee of this group.

Other current issues are the resurgent problem of car parking on Stanley Street, Beetham, and the poor state of repair of the Beetham stocks; action is in hand with both these things. The danger of traffic exiting Storth Road at its junction with the B5282 has long been obvious; the idea of installing a convex mirror at this location is being investigated as a possible solution.

As a result of the 2019 elections, when two long-serving Beetham PC members stood down, there are once more vacancies on the parish council – one in the east ward (Beetham/Hale/Farleton) and one in the west ward (Storth/Carr Bank). The law requires that these vacancies be filled as soon as possible. Anyone interested in being co-opted as a parish councillor for the remainder of the current four-year term should contact the Clerk – contact details above. As well as advising SLDC on local planning matters, the work of the parish council includes involvement in many other matters, as this newsletter illustrates. Little time is involved (monthly meetings) and the benefit to the community can be invaluable.

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