

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a remote (Zoom) meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 1 Mar. 2021.

Present were – Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Becky Dewar, Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney and D Cllr Helen Chaffey (for agenda items 1 to 6 & item 11.3)), and Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – none.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meetings, held on 1 Feb. 2021, had been circulated by email. These were approved by members present and authorised for signature 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 had received a long email from parish resident Carol McKendrick of Carr Bank, expressing dissatisfaction with various aspects of local authority business – mainly re SLDC and the recent felling of trees at Hazelslack caravan site (see item 11.4 below). Mrs Mc Kendrick had earlier signalled intent to join this parish council meeting and apologised for now being unable to do so. Cllr Meakin to write to Mrs McKendrick explaining how her complaints would be dealt with, pointing out that the parish council was in no way involved in this matter and complaints should be directed to SLDC or the Forestry Commission via their formal complaints procedure, with eventual recourse to the ombudsman if necessary.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 1 Feb 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

- 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – C Cllr McSweeney reported that the Environment Agency had agreed to hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday 6 April 2021 at 7.00pm to discuss the issue – a public invitation would soon be issued by CCC. This event to be appropriately publicised via notices around the parish and on social media. Ongoing.
- 5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – issues related to 5.1 and to be dealt with at the same virtual public meeting on 6 April 2021. Ongoing.
- 5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3)** – CCC Enforcement considering what measures could be taken that were both proportionate and reasonable. Ongoing.
- 5.4 Beetham A6 speed limit revision (5.4)** – funding for a speed limit revision on the A6 at Beetham would not be available before 2022/23 following completion of a major road safety project in Arnside. Retain on BPC agenda as reminder. Ongoing.
- 5.5 Mobile SID on loan (5.5)** – Carr Bank Road identified as the probable next location. Cllr Pickup to check if an alternative site on Carr Bank Road is available.
- 5.6 Electricity North West funding for street lamps conversion to LED (5.6)** – the Clerk's attempts to obtain information from ENW and CCC had proved of limited success and further key information was needed before the project could proceed. Clerk to persist.
- 5.7 A second SID for BPC (5.7) – agreed** – that upgraded (inc. solar power & data capture) was highly desirable and a further £1,000 funding, beyond the already received/pledged £2,300 was needed for this. BPC's Finance Committee to check its 2021/22 budget for possible funding reallocation for this purpose. Cllr Clark to speak to Sandside Quarry.

6. Public Participation.

6.1/6.2 County and District Council matters (C Cllr McSweeney):

- i. Ashton House – A retrospective planning application was now understood to be with SLDC re unauthorised removal of trees and bushes.

- ii. Local Government reorganisation – the public consultation period was now in process (ending 19/04/21). All four proposals were on the table. The representation ratio under each proposal to be determined when the new unitary authority is agreed and likely that the current Kent Estuary division area will be covered by two members rather than four as at present.

6.3 Matters raised by electors – a Meadowbank (Beetham) resident had asked for the unofficial ‘Residents Only’ car parking signs to be replaced by formal ones to more effectively restrict casual parking. Cllr McSweeney reported that the signage is a legacy from when SLDC owned the housing stock, which is now all either in private ownership or with South Lakes Housing - a private housing association (not a local council body). Residents should contact South Lakes Housing if they want new signs to be erected.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Hale Marble Quarry leachate – BPC had sent a comprehensive letter detailing the problem to CCC (18/02/21), with a copy to Dallam Estate. Cllr Pickup had also been in correspondence with SLDC Environmental Health (Shaun Senior) who have a regulatory role under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and are to arrange an initial assessment and site visit. Formal responses awaited from CCC and SLDC.

7.2 Beetham Annual Assembly – needed (by law) to be held between 1 March and 1 June 2021. As there was no guaranteed end before 1 June to the current Covid-related ban on face-to-face meetings, it was **agreed** that the 2021 Beetham Annual Assembly be held remotely on 19 April 2021, with an agenda restricted to legal requirements (ie – no customary presentation or refreshments). Cllrs Meakin and Dewar to organise.

7.3 Future BPC meetings – in view of the uncertainty of any guaranteed end date for current Covid-related restrictions – **agreed** that BPC monthly meetings should continue as remote (Zoom) meetings for the time being.

8. BPC Land issues:

- i. Recreational anglers at Sandside Promenade – **agreed** that a CM Signs quote for three alloy laminate signs for a total ex-VAT price of £174 be accepted.
- ii. SLDC approval had been received for the felling of two diseased ash trees on Plot 4.
- ii. Thanks once again to Cllr Pickup for organising the efficient felling and clearance of a fallen tree, this time in Quarry Lane.

9. Carr Bank issues – B5282 - usual excessive traffic speeds and overhanging trees.

10. Parish Footpath issues – good progress with two new stiles and way-markers installed by CCC

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Mar 2021 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
TR/2021/0026	Ashton House, Beetham		Tree in conservation area		No objection

11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2020/0815	7 Nuns Ave, Carr Bk		Rear extension	Approved with conditions
SL/2020/0896	Rollen Court, Carr Bank Rd		Change of use - garage etc to dwelling.	Approved with conditions
SL/2020/0899	Donington, Carr Bank Rd		Erection of garden room in rear garden.	Approved with conditions

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

11.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

11.4 Related matters & correspondence – Tree felling at Hazelslack caravan site – a number of ash trees affected by die-back disease had been felled with the result that the caravan site was no longer screened. This was a cause of concern for some residents along Carr Bank Road, particularly as no replanting was in prospect. It had been established that all appropriate permissions, with no replanting requirement, had apparently been obtained and complied with, although this was disputed by local residents. SLDC officers were asked for their opinion when the Forestry Commission were considering issuing the thinning licence, but not on the work actually carried out. There was some uncertainty about the practicality of re-planting and the obvious delayed impact that this, and natural regeneration, would have. Arnside & Silverdale AONB and Landscape Trust were also involved.

12. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – FEBRUARY 2021		MEETING – 1 Mar 2021	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/02/21	Opening balance			5,447.16	19,337.33
28/02/21	Receipts	Ground rents Feb	B-Jones	8.34	
		Grant – re new SID, C Cllr McSweeney 2020/21		1,000.00	
28/02/21	Payments:				
	643 1297	Athena – payroll admin 2020/21		200.00	
	644 1285	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Feb (net)		569.48	
	645 1299	HMRC – PAYE February		142.40	
				-911.88	
28/02/21	Closing balances			5,543.62	19,337.33
28/02/21	Total funds all accounts			£24,880.95	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 28/02/21				9,600.00	
		Street lamp reserve		950.00	
		Sports Field path project reserve		8,787.33	
		General Reserve		5,543.62	
		Working funds		24,880.95	
		Total funds			

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

12.2 Other financial matters – BPC grants/donations for 2020/21 – **agreed** that, in addition to the £60 already spent on the annual donation to Royal British Legion (Remembrance Day wreaths), the sum of £400 promised to Storth Village Hall be confirmed and the customary £700pa to AONB paid, making £1160 in total from the budgeted £1,200.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – A6 footway to be done imminently.

13.2 Further additions to work programme – none. Process underway for PS to join BPC’s monthly Zoom meetings.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none. Cllr Dewar questioned the need for a BPC representative on the Storth Village School governing body. No apparent need, so she would respond as an independent parishioner if invited to join.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Replacement of the missing sign in Cockshot Lane – in hand. A missing sign in Quarry Lane was noted (an AONB responsibility).

Cllr Meakin – was hopeful of securing some £500 funding from Storth Community Shop towards a new seat at Four Lane Ends, to replace the privately-owned one now in a state of serious disrepair and with BPC to take over future ongoing maintenance responsibility.

16.0 General Correspondence – an email from Vivien Stirrup dated 1 March 2021, advising BPC that she was researching possible suitable locations for siting a defibrillator at Hale. Ongoing.

17.0 Reading Matter – none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (April 2021) and additional to items referred to above - usual end-of-year payments/accounts.

**19.0 Date of next meeting - BPC monthly meeting 7.00pm Mon 12 April 2021 - remotely via Zoom.
- Annual Assembly 7.00pm Mon 19 April 2021 - remotely vis Zoom.**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.