

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday, 2nd March 2020 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Brian Dean, Becky Dewar, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles and Bob Pickup. Also District Cllr Helen Chaffey, Parish Clerk John Scargill and Parish Steward Bill Haddow. Chris Christou (item 5.8) and Sue Cox (item 5.9)

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Yates (holiday), County Cllr P McSweeney.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3 Feb. 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 – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 3 Feb 2020 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

- 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – despite recent heavy rains, no major problems yet at Parsonage Fold, Beetham. Severe and rapid flooding in the road beside the war memorial was now a regular occurrence, fed by water flowing down Leighton Beck Road due to blocked drains further up the road, approaching Slackhead. D Cllr Chaffey to follow up with CCC. **Agreed** – that these drains be kept clear as a high priority because of the knock-on flooding risks to the wider Beetham area. A site meeting of CCC officials, local BPC members and the Parish Steward to be arranged. Drains in Storth (Yans Lane, Throughs Lane and the lower end of Shaw Lane) blocked with fallen leaves resulting in local flooding.
- 5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.2)** – continued problem of speeding vehicles/health & safety issues on the B5282 and on Carr Bank Road with more recent incidents not officially recorded as no death or serious injury consequences. Remotely-controlled flood warning signs suggested for use along the B5282 approaches to Sandside.
- 5.3 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.4)** – dealt with in 5.1 above.
- 5.4 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.5)** – Parish Steward to install as soon as possible in a trial position, although agreed as unlikely to solve all problems.
- 5.5 Beetham ghost footpath (5.6)** – this matter was now in the hands of lawyers representing the two parties.
- 5.6 Clerk’s contract of employment (5.7)** – the final version of a new draft contract had now been agreed by both parties. Clerk to sign and return to Cllr Meakin.
- 5.7 New Arnside/Kendal bus service (5.8)** – the questionnaire being circulated to residents would provide useful information for designing a service that met local needs.
- 5.8 Beetham Sports Field path (5.9)** – BPC proposals were explained to Mr Christou. **Agreed** – to hold a site meeting to clarify access and existing path questions so that these proposals could be further developed and costed (Clerk to arrange). Mr Christou to seek approval in principle from his company’s board.
- 5.9 Carr Bank Road phone box (5.10)** – Sue Cox summarised events to date and confirmed £1,000 funding secured from Storth Community Group. A storage container for use inside the phone box had become available at no cost to BPC. Decision to be made on whether to retain the CHBT defibrillator presently held by Sue Cox or return it and buy elsewhere – depending on CHBT settlement cost requirement (awaited).

5.10 Cumbria in Bloom 2020 (7.1) – the working group formed by Linda Dean wished to apply for participation. **Agreed** - that BPC would pay the £40 entry fee. The group also planned a newsletter to keep all residents aware of developments.

5.11 **NW Coastal Path proposals (7.2)** – Cllrs Meakin and Greifenberg had produced the agreed letter to the Secretary of State which had been sent off in early February (well before the 4 March deadline).

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. Five local crimes, one of which was the theft of a motor vehicle in Hale.

6.2/3 **County and District Council matters** – the damaged barriers at the B5282/Storth Road junction had now been replaced, with the temporary barriers still on site awaiting collection by CCC. D Cllr Chaffey agreed to take up the continued location of traffic lights at New Bridge when work there seemed to have come to an end (although maybe weather-related).

6.4 **Matters raised by members of the public** – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 **Sandside Cutting wall at 14 Rose Hill Grove, Sandside** – the new resident at this address had asked for clarification of the ownership of the wall boundary to his property to the south-east, which was in need of repair. The resident had been informed that BPC owned this wall. Further developments awaited.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

March 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

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

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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2019/0940	14 Rosehill Grove, Storth		Single-storey extensions	Approved with conditions.
SL/2019/0924	Land near Fell End, Hale Moss		Construction of fenced equine menage.	Refused

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

8.3 **Minutes of Planning Committee meetings** – as above.

8.4 **Related matters & correspondence** – SLDC Local Plan Review presentation at Milnthorpe Hub 19/3/20.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – FEBRUARY 2020		MEETING – 2 Mar, 2020	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £		
01/02/20	Opening balances				11,350.81	19,322.21	
29/02/20	Receipts:		Ground rents July - B-Jones	8.34			
			SLDC - Donation from PMS allowance	500.00			
					508.34		
29/02/20	Payments:						
	577	1231	Chris Helm - walling	450.00			
	578	1232	A2A – website changes	300.00			
			VAT	60.00			
					360.00		
	579	1233	Beetham School – rom hire 2019/20	120.00			
	580	1234	Payroll – Clerk’s sal Feb (net)	539.25			
					-1,469.25		
29/02/20	Closing balances				10,389.90	19,322.21	
29/02/20	Total funds all accounts				£29,712.11		
Analysis of Total Funds at 29/02/20			Street lamp reserve	9,600.00			
			Sports Field path project reserve	950.00			
			General Reserve	8,772.21			
			Working funds	10,389.90			
			Total funds	29,712.11			

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

9.2 Other financial matters – none.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – PS anxious to be directly involved in any assessment of Beetham flooding sources and consequences, and any proposed action/solution. Martin Smith, a new (part-time) resident of Parsonage Fold, Beetham, and a professional builder/joiner, had let it be known that he was happy to assist Bill Haddow with any BPC property repair job when needed and at times when he himself could be available

10.2 Further additions to work programme:

- cleaning the new convex mirror as needed, once on site.
- putting out the silent soldier images at the two war memorials for the VE Day anniversary – 8 May.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Pickup – some problems had emerged with the repair of the BPC notice board in Storth Square, which would reduce with the passage of time.

Cllr Greifenberg – the Annual Assembly publicity posters had now been laminated and were handed out to members at the meeting – for posting up around the parish prior to 19 March. Thanks to Cllr Greifenberg for his work on this. Beetham church bells would be rung for the VE Day anniversary.

13.0 Parish Land - Roger Cartwright had been unable to undertake an annual inspection of BPC trees (as required by BPC's insurers), but had suggested others who might. Two alternative qualified professionals had been approached; both had been shown around the two BPC sites (Sandside Cutting and 'Plot 4') and a quotation received from one of these. The other quotation was understood to be in the post. Members to be asked to accept one of the two quotes when both to hand, without necessarily waiting for the next BPC meeting. Cllr Pickup made the point that a number of trees now on site were likely to be felled in the near future, so should be excluded from the annual inspection. He also mentioned a small tree, high on the bank of the Cutting, that needed to be removed ASAP, so to be added to the present list being dealt with by Scott Thwaites and could involve extra costs for BPC.

14.0 General Correspondence received:

- NW Coastal Forum - consultation on NW Inshore & Offshore Marine Plans - closing 06/04/20.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

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

17.0 Date of next meeting - Annual Assembly 19 March at Heron Hall, Storth - 8.00pm.
- BPC meeting at Storth Village Church at 7.00pm on 6 April 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.