

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Beetham School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. 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).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) – Cllr Yates confirmed that the design had now been all but finalised and the boards would soon be ready for installation. Preferred locations for the two Beetham locations were a) beside the village stocks and b) near the new finger post at Slackhead, subject to obtaining any necessary permissions from landowners

5.2 ‘Smiley’-type speed indicator sign (5.3) – No response as yet from Storth School to BPC’s invitation to be involved in analysing the unit’s statistical output. Clerk to write again to school head teacher with cc to Jessica Harvey (Chair of Governors) and Cllr Stewart (Vice-chair).

5.3 Replacement of Carr Bank bus shelter (5.4) – order now placed, with supplier to re-use and repair/modify base as needed. Installation imminent. Clerk to write formal letter to BPC’s insurers urging progress in agreeing claim on third party for uninsured balance of cost in view of fact that public funds at risk.

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

5.5 Beetham defibrillator (5.6) – Cllr Yates had spoken to new owners of Wheatsheaf who were amenable in principle to siting a unit on their property. Precise proposed location to be identified with power source implications.

5.6 WW1 end commemoration (5.7) – no further progress. Still no response from Storth School or Wings School – Clerk to follow up (with cc to Jessica Harvey and Cllr Stewart re Storth School). Cllr Stewart to contact Arnside PC re their information booklet.

5.7 Leighton Beck Road & adjacent field - surface water (5.8 & 7.2) – no progress.

5.8 Carr Bank Road issues (5.9)

Issue	Action by	Action with
.1 Traffic & pedestrian safety on B5282	Ian Stewart	CCC
.2 Traffic & pedestrian safety on Carr Bank Rd	Ian Stewart	CCC
.3 Dangerous tree – Jonny’s Steps	Bob Pickup/Parish Steward	Tree surgeon
.4 Flooding at Jonny’s Steps	Ian Stewart	Env. Agency
.5 Guard Hill Lane path (private notice)	No action by BPC (previous decision). Path is ‘customary’ (not ‘permissive’ or PRow)	
.6 Flooding at Mr Helm’s land	No action - not a BPC responsibility	
.7 Poor Carr Bank signage on B5282.	No action - not a BPC responsibility	
.8 Future Carr Bank issues to be dealt with under Matters Arising – Agreed.		
.9 SLDC street lamp 236 replacement (by SLDC)	No action by BPC	

**5.9 Orchid Triangle (7.3)** – Established as not being a CCC responsibility. No response from Highways England HRE to Cllr Meakin’s letter requesting permission to place protective boulders around the site. **Agreed** – for BPC to go ahead with boulders – how and when to be decided

**5.10 Beetham Crematorium A6 signage (6.4)** – ongoing.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

**6.1 Police Report** – report from Cumbria Police received and circulated. No incidents mentioned that specific to Beetham parish. D Cllr P McSweeney notified members of the appointment of a new Chief Constable for Cumbria and outlined the selection process followed.

**6.2 County Council matters** – CCC had acknowledged receipt of D Cllr McSweeney’s letter to SLDC re the flooding of Beetham Sports Field (see 6.3 below). A tree problem by the River Bela at Beetham to be inspected. Modest amount of CCC funding to be made available to Beetham School and Storth School for general purposes. Some £5 million had been made available from central government to CCC for drainage purposes. The Natural England proposal to route the coastal path across the viaduct between Arnside and Grange (so bypassing Beetham and other parishes further up the Kent estuary) would be resisted. Road surface work in Langdale Crest was to be done in the new financial year (welcomed by Cllr Knowles on behalf of residents). Major resurfacing on Park Road, Milnthorpe, was being delayed for necessary BT work that first needed to be done in the area.

**6.3 District Council matters** – SLDC Council Tax increase for 2018/19 was to be £5pa (+2.69%) for a Band D property. D Cllr McSweeney had sent a formal letter to SLDC re Beetham Sports Field flooding risk (cc CCC). Both CCC and the Environment Agency needed to become involved in this issue.

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – continued concerns about the flooding risk in Stanley Street, Beetham, pending action by CCC/SLDC to deal with the problem.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

**7.1 Beetham Jubilee Garden.** A **resolution** to employ professional gardeners to undertake an initial major clearance of the site at a cost of +/-£400 was **passed on a majority vote**, with Cllr Pickup voting against and no abstentions.

Arrangements for ongoing maintenance as necessary throughout the year to be considered once the initial clearance work had been done. Parish Steward to clear stones from verge.

**7.2 BPC grants to be awarded for 2017/18.** The customary £60 annual donation to the British Legion (for Remembrance Sunday wreaths) had earlier been made. This was **approved**, together with the annual £700 for the AONB. As no applications for other grants had been received, despite publicity of their availability, **agreed** that BPC grants for 2017/18 be limited to these two items.

## 8.0 Planning Matters.

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Mar 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
SL/2018/0099	Athas Barn, Haverbrack	Dallam Estate	Conversion of storage barn into shooting hut	05/03/18	No objection

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

SL/2018/0123	Billerud paper mill	Halhead	Installation of additional effluent treatment plant	20/03/18	No objection
SL/2018/0140	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Two-storey extension	16/03/18	No objection

SL/2018/0129	Sandside(exTravis P)	Willacy	Provision of storage bays, Portacabin & containers	20/03/18	Some concerns
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## 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

## SLDC decision

SL/2017/1057	High House, Holme	Edmondson	Replace detached garage	Approved with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

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

**8.4 Related matters & correspondence** – re SL/2018/0129 above – Clerk to write to SLDC with concerns.

## 9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – FEBRUARY 2018		MEETING – 5 Mar, 2018	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	HIBA		
				£	£	£	
01/02/18	Opening balances				15,330.69	19,245.29	
28/02/18	Receipts:						
		Ground rents - B-Jones			12.50		
28/02/18	Payments:						
	481 1132	Scargill - Clerk's sal Feb		427.37			
	482 1133	A2A – Website domain reg	25.00				
		VAT	5.00				
				30.00			
	Total payments in month				-457.37		
28/02/18	Closing balances				14,885.82	19,245.29	
28/02/18	Total funds all accounts					£34,131.11	
<b>Reserve Funds at 28/02/18</b>		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 – BPC Risk Assessment 2017/18** – the assessment had been completed by Cllr Meakin and the Clerk and circulated to all members. **Approved** for signature by Cllr Meakin and Clerk on behalf of BPC as part of year-end procedures.

### 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 at BPC's expense.

**10.2 Further additions to work programme** – none.

**11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Knowles had attended the LAP meeting on 8 Feb. Jim Bownass (LAP Chair) had stepped down. Jonathan Read (Highways England) presented the case for further improvements to the A590 – phase 2 (2020-2025) now being researched, consultation to follow. Fran Richardson spoke about Community-led Plans in which parish councils could be involved. LAP also looking to be more pro-active in improving road safety.

### 12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

**Cllr Noble** – Carr Bank Road verge being damaged by passing vehicles.

**Cllr Pickup** – see 5.8 above

**Cllr Clark** - serious pothole at Haverbrack - many potholes water-related.

**Cllr Knowles** - thanked Cllr Stewart for his help in dealing with Langdale Crest potholes.

**Cllr Jupe** - an incident at Billerud paper mill involving paper blowing onto the A6 had been dealt with satisfactorily by the management. The lack of husbandry on the banks of the River Bela at Beetham (an Environment Agency responsibility) was becoming more noticeable. Road safety dangers on the A6 through Beetham, especially at its junction with Pool Darkin Lane, exacerbated by increased Garden Centre and Crematorium traffic, needed further consideration by Highways - such as further reducing the present permitted speed between Kings Arms Hale and Beetham's northern parish boundary. Cllr Stewart to take up with Highways. Adequacy of grit bin numbers in Beetham village must be assessed before winter 2018/19.

### **13.0 Parish Land:**

**13.1 - Land at Dixies** - no developments.

**13.2 - Sandside Cutting** - boundary wall to be inspected by Cllr Meakin, Cllr Pickup and the Clerk (as agreed BPC meeting 5 Feb, min 7.1).

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

- Parish Council meeting 9 April 2018 at Storth Village Church 7.00pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm.**