

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 6th March 2017 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Dist. Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill, three representatives of B4RN and one member of the public.

- 1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllr Clark (ill), Cllr Noble, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.
- 2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 6th February 2017, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin, subject to a correction to minute 6.3 - substituting 'Band D' for 'Band E'.
- 3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** - Cllr Pickup (as a likely affected resident) - possibly to agenda item 5.3.
- 4.0 Announcements by the Chair** - none.
- 5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 6th Feb 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**
 - 5.1 Village map boards (5.2)** - the recommendations of Cllrs Yates and Knowles (dated 21/02/2017) in relation to the parish's West and East Wards respectively, had been circulated before the meeting and were **approved**. Further work was needed before these recommendations could be passed on to AONB for incorporation in the board design.
 - 5.2 Slackhead signpost (5.3)** - Chris Merckel had agreed to join the project as commercial artist. Further progress delayed due to adverse weather conditions.
 - 5.3 Broadband developments in the parish (7.1)** - The B4YS representatives outlined the proposed main route of cabling into Storth at Friar Cote Bridge and confirmed they would like to proceed from there along Sandside Cutting. This had already been agreed in principle by BPC, subject to sight and approval of the proposed wayleave agreement (claimed to have been sent by B4YS but not received - now to be re-sent). It was pointed out by members that the bedrock of the cutting was exceptionally hard and that other utilities were already sited there. Wayleave agreement to be included on agenda of next BPC meeting - for signing if approved. Main hub to be located at Storth Village Hall, further branches only with consent of affected householders.
 - 5.4 Hale grass verge (7.5)** - removal of a strip of the verge and possible change of use of the adjacent Oakroyd property had been referred to SLDC, where it had been logged as an enforcement case - Clerk to keep Cllr Stewart informed of any further developments. Stone chippings had since appeared on the exposed soil of the verge.
 - 5.5 A6 signage for paper mill and corn mill (10.1)** - no further progress.
 - 5.6 Storth School issues (12)** - the head teacher had responded that he was unaware of any safety incidents involving pupils and explained the need for night-time exterior lighting at the school, as reported at BPC's 6 Feb meeting. He also drew attention to uncompleted work by Highways re safety signage - Cllr Stewart to photograph the affected area and pursue with Highways.
 - 5.7 Beetham Annual Assembly 2017 (7.4)** - Presentations by BT and B4YS confirmed. Publicity - posters in place around the parish, notice in Gateway March edition and reference in Westmorland Gazette 9 March edition. Clerk to organise refreshments.

- 6.1 Police Report** - received and circulated before the meeting, with a further three

incidents (including a fire and explosions on the paper mill site) notified on the day of the meeting (06/03/17). Cold callers, as mentioned in the report, had been seen in Arnside today. A serious distraction theft incident in Milnthorpe should act as a warning to all local residents, especially the elderly and vulnerable. Members wishing to attend the meeting with Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner (30 March at Arnside Education Institute 1-3 pm) should contact the Clerk.

6.2 County Council matters - hope for a community-driven bus service manned by volunteers, to replace withdrawn normal bus services - shortage of volunteers being the main problem. Gateway had published an article by residents appreciative of the work by CCC contractors to alleviate their earlier problems with flooding. A long-awaited new web-based information and notification service for Highways would be going live on 20/03/17. This should make it easier to report faults and track remedial work.

6.3 District Council matters - the SLDC budget for 2017/18 had now been approved. The new website was now live and should make it easier to report problems and obtain information. Not enough warning signage at the top of Guard Hill Lane to deter HGV drivers. A link path was needed connecting Sandside Cutting with the embankment (a long-standing problem), but Natural England was looking into this.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Land Registry notification of ROW application re track at Plot 4 (BPC land) – Clerk to respond on behalf of BPC.

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Mar 2017 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.

SL/2017/0122 0123	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Removal of condition 4 (planting of blackthorn and fruit trees) fr SL/2016/0819	10/03/17	No objections
SL/2017/0160	Linden Lea, Keasdale Rd, Storth	Chaplow	Two-storey side extension	24/03/17	No objections

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2016/0917	Land north of Holly Cottage, Storth	Hodgson	Single dwelling	Approved with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above

8.4 Related matters & correspondence:

- ROW application to Land Registry re Plot 4 track to Fairy Steps
- Heron Cottage,, Sandside – SLDC ruling re tattoo business
- Oakroyd, Hale – SLDC response to BPC enquiry
- New tractor dealership at J36
- Draft proposal for housing development in Holme (directly adjacent to Beetham parish boundary)
- Beetham Hall crematorium – SLDC confirm no breach of approval conditions.

9. Financial Matters

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/02/17	Opening balances				11,993.50	19,241.92
28/02/17	Receipts;					
		Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50		
		- Ryan		-		
					12.50	
28/02/17	Payments:					
	430 1080	HMRC	PAYE 3mths	297.12		
	431 1081	Scargill	Clerk's sal Feb (net)	409.54		
			Stationary (AA posters)	15.00		
				424.54		
	Total payments in month				-721.66	
28/02/17	Closing balances				11,284.34	19,241.92
28/02/17	Total funds all accounts					£30,526.26
	Reserve Funds at 28/03/17					
		Street lamp reserve		7,200.00		
		General Reserve		12,041.92		
		Total reserves		19,241.92		

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

9.2 Other financial matters – BPC grants for 2016/17 – British Legion (wreaths) £60 and AONB £700. No other grants in view of high level in 2015/16. Better publicity for grants available to be on April meeting agenda - Clerk.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – A6 bridge crash barrier at Beetham – large stones remain in grass verge behind barrier following its installation, creating damage hazard for mowing machinery – Clerk to email Cllr Stewart requesting remedial action by Highways. Also rubble/rubbish dumped in Jubilee Garden – Cllr Jupe to inspect.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – weed-killer to be applied to A6 footways at Beetham where newly cleared, to inhibit further growth.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Pickup** – new grit bin at Carr Bank now installed. Standing water on highway at Carr Bank Garden Centre. Railings at Friar Cote Bridge still not repaired. Sewage leak suspected in Friar Cote Bridge area. Travis Perkins old site – rubble heap at entrance unsightly, but effective in deterring unauthorised site usage.

- **Cllr Jupe** – a litter pick, particularly along the A6, would soon be needed. Volunteer gardeners required for Jubilee Garden – Clerk to approach Beetham WI in this connection.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies – no further developments. Ongoing.

13.2 - Sandside Cutting – responsibility for vegetation clearance now clarified – AONB asked to undertake work with volunteers as soon as possible.

13.3 - Plot 4 – the meeting with Mr & Mrs Ryan to discuss their questions re Rock Cottage development constraints had been useful. Their revised proposals dated 3 March 2017 were considered reasonable and accepted, but limited in time to their personal occupation of the property (ie not to pass automatically to any subsequent owner). Clerk to advise Mr & Mrs Ryan.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 08/02/17 – Tackling Flooding 2017 – seminar in London on 27/04/17.

- 27/02/17 - Dallam - flooding beside Ashton House, Beetham (a Highways matter) and litter around the Lovers Lane seat (referred to Parish Steward).

- 28/02/17 - SLDC - re funding for community-led housing projects.

15.0 Reading Matter;

- Clerks & Councils Direct - issue 110, March 2017.
- Landscape Trust - Keer to Kent - number 92, spring 2017.
- Landscape Trust - 2017 programme of events.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting April 2017):

- A6 signage at Beetham (see item 10.1 above).
- the B4YS wayleave agreement - for approval and signature.
- future publicity for BPC grants availability.

17.0 Date of next meeting - normal monthly BPC meetings:

- Beetham Annual Assembly - Thursday 16 March 2017, 8.00pm at Heron Theatre, Beetham.
- BPC normal monthly meeting - Monday 3 April 2017, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.