

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Beetham School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and two members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllr Jupe (work).

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, 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 in respect of items on this agenda** - none.

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** - none.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whassett (5.1))** - ongoing. Some remedial work begun by Highways in the context of flooding issues generally.

**5.2 Beetham parish sign survey (5.2)** - The Parish Steward had now received the prioritised list of jobs and expected to complete all cleaning work before the end of March 2016.

**5.3 Mill Lane, Beetham (5.3)** - no further developments.

**5.4 Defibrillators (5.4)** - the Clerk had contacted Jenny Marks and been referred to Sue Cox regarding the organisation of volunteers; an email had been sent - response awaited.

**5.5 Small plots of parish land (5.5)** - no developments.

**5.6 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (7.2)** - some new evidence supporting the case against the granting of ROW status was understood to have become available - details awaited.

**5.7 Loan of Speed Indicator Device (SID)** - the time slot for BPC's use of the SID had come round but, as no mounting pole was yet in place, the SID would be passed on to the next parish on the list. Delay in erecting pole attributed to Highways obligation to give priority to work consequent upon recent flood damage.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police Report** - none received (although the Clerk's computer facilities recently out of action).

**6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** - as earlier reported CCC's Council Tax requirement would be increasing by 2% + a further 2% to cover the cost of repairing flood damage in the county, some of which was in Beetham parish. The possible setting-up of a Cumbria Unitary Authority and an increased devolution of power down the line were both matters currently in discussion.

**6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** - SLDC's earlier decision to hold its Council Tax requirement at 2% had been overtaken by events. Flood-damage consequences, demanding additional and immediate funding of some £400,000, would require a further 2% Council Tax contribution in view of uncertainty regarding the amount and timing of the promised contribution from central government.

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** - the possibility of draining off the Leighton

Beck Road surface water into the adjacent field raised the prospect of the knock-on consequence of flooding for Beetham properties in Stanley Street/The Mains at the lower end of this field. The need for a dedicated pedestrian footway along Mill Lane, Beetham, was becoming more urgent with the already apparent seasonal increase in traffic to the Corn Mill.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

**7.1 Ward change proposals** – related primarily to an attempt to spread ward responsibility more fairly between District Council members (as far as possible to the three wards per member favoured by the Boundary Commission as controlling authority) and should not affect existing parish boundaries as such.

**7.2 Moor Lane, Beetham – traffic signage** – the increasing use of the very narrow Moor Lane by large vehicles delivering to Beetham Nurseries, guided by satellite navigation, was of concern. **Agreed** – Clerk to write to Beetham Nurseries to request a funding contribution for an appropriate warning sign to be erected at the northern end of the lane.

**7.3 The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration** – agreed no BPC participation.

**7.4 BPC grants for 2015/16** - as some £1,760 had already been given as grants for 2015/16, no further grants could be considered for that year, other than the customary annual grant of £700 to the AONB.

## 8. Planning Matters.

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Mar 2016

**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/2015/0585	Glen Farrell, C B Rd	Brocklebank	Change of use – annexe to dwelling	23 Feb 16	No objections
SL/2016/0060	Baercaldine, Slackhead	Nelson	Single dwelling	7 Mar 16	No objections
SL/2016/0065	Hampsfell, Keasdale Rd	Cox	Walkway & conservatory	4 Mar 16	No objections

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

SL/2016/0109	Hall More Caravan site, Hale	Morphet	Condition variation to SL/2013/0024	15 Mar 2016	No objections

### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decision

SL/2014/0702	Beetham Hall	Fishwick	Change of use – to crematorium	Approved with conditions
SL/2015/1005	Garden of Rose Villa	Christou	Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling	Refused
SL/2014/1016	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	2-storey extension & garage	Refused

(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:** - Fishwick's Beetham Hall crematorium – appeal upheld by inspector.  
- Mill Lane public car-park – Dallam letter to BPC re SLDC refusal.

## 9. Financial Matters:

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/02/16	Opening balances				19,232.32
29/02/16	Payments:				
	376	1024	W& Lord Legal fees	59.00	
			VAT	10.00	
				69.00	
	377	1025	Jacobs S Cutting access	28.98	
	378	1026	Scargill Clerk's sal Feb (net)	392.66	
	" Total payments in month				-490.64
29/02/16	Closing balances				19,232.32
29/02/16	Total funds all accounts				£28,663.35
Reserve Funds at 29/02/16		Street lamp reserve		4,800.00	
		General Reserve		14,432.32	
		Total reserves		19,232.32	

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

## 9.2 Other financial matters – none.

## 10.0 Parish Steward:

**10.1 PS's update on current events** – finger post at Four Lane Ends, Storth needs to be raised

**10.2 Additions to PS's work programme:**

- cleaning work re street signs (as previously recorded).
- Four Lane Ends finger post (see 10.1 above)
- Clear B5282 footway – Carr Bank Rd to parish boundary (see 12 below)
- Tree felling in Sandside Cutting (see 13.3 below)

**11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Meakin to attend AONB Exec. Meeting on 9 March 2016.

## 12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Pickup** – Carr Bank Road potholes & surface deterioration, dangerous felled trees beside 1 Rose Hill Grove (Clerk to write to property owner), cotoneaster work progressing but some access difficulties and wall instability faults being revealed (Cllr Pickup to obtain wall repair quote), standing water at Carr Bank Road/Nuns avenue junction, B5282 footway Carr Bank Rd to parish boundary overgrown (PS to do), Guard Hill Lane surface deterioration (Cllr Stewart to inspect), flooding at Ship Inn car park/pumping station, Four Lane Ends sign post needs raising (PS to do).
- **Cllr Clark** – breaking-up of road through Dallam Park, blocked gullies along B5282 west of New Bridge.
- **Cllr Meakin** – notification of start date for modified Storth PO (24/03/2016).
- **Cllr Blenkarn** – blocked gullies on B6384 leading to flooding in nearby areas.
- **Cllr Knowles** – on behalf of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, asked if BPC would contact Travis Perkins to request they keep their Sandside site clean and tidy to avoid loose litter blowing onto both the B5282 and Quarry Lane - as a contribution to the Clean for the Queen project in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Agreed** - Cllr Pickup to speak to site manager.

## 13.0 Parish Land:

- 13.1 - Land at Dixies** - nothing to report. Clerk to enquire of Dallam re Dixies site progress.
- 13.2 - Plot 4** - Dallam unresponsive to BPC's invitation to contribute to track upkeep costs, no other outstanding issues, duplicate draft agreements to be re-issued to tenants **ASAP**.
- 13.3- Sandside Cutting** - no progress. Cllr Pickup to expedite by contacting Parish Steward to agree action without further delay.

**14.0 General Correspondence** - none.

**15.0 Reading Matter** - Clerks & Councils Direct - Mar 2016 - issue 104.

- AONB/Landscape Trust - Keer to Kent - spring 2015 - No 89.

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (March 2016)** - nothing additional to those mentioned above.

**17.0 Date of next meetings:**

- **annual Parish Assembly** -Thursday 17 March 2016, 8.00pm at Heron Hall, Storth.

- **normal monthly BPC meeting** - Monday 4 April 2016, 7.00pm at Storth Village Church

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm.**