

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 at Beetham School at 7.00pm.

**Present were** Cllrs Ken Blenkharn (chair), Pru Jupe, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk) and Bill Haddow (Psrish Steward). Margaret Parker (Beetham Community Transport), whose request for a BPC grant for 2013/14 was taken immediately after agenda item 2.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Ian Stewart (work) and David Clark.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Jupe who chaired that meeting.

**3.0 Declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** - none

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** - Cllr Blenkharn requested that members who wished to participate in discussions on agenda items should first ask the Chair's permission to do so.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Bus-stop signs on A6 (5.1)** - no further progress.

**5.2 Hale Interpretation Panel (5.2)** - awaiting a decision from Dallam on the inclusion of the word 'Dallam'. Framing the panel and its eventual location on site could then follow.

**5.3 Beetham Annual Assembly 2014 (5.3)** - **agreed** - that Cllr Jupe was organising the catering and would cater for a suggested 25 persons. Clerk to remind participating group representatives. Publicity in place - notice boards and Gateway.

**5.4 Land beside the B5282 at Sandside (5.4)** - Cllr Pickup had spoken with the nearby resident who, from time to time, undertook voluntary maintenance work on the land and who was happy for BPC to take an active involvement in this maintenance and make longer-term improvements. Ownership of the land remained unknown. **Agreed** - BPC (via Clerk) to seek advice from AONB Friends of the Lake District and Helen Rawlinson (Cumbria Wildlife Trust) before proceeding.

**5.5 Mill Lane, Beetham (5.5)** - no further progress. Clerk to follow up again.

**5.6 Beetham Parish Council vacancy (5.6)** - the only interest had been from Mr David Jupe, who was willing to act in the event that no candidates from West Ward came forward. Cllr Pru Jupe would now obtain confirmation of this. Written application, interview and appointment formalities for Mr Jupe would need to follow.

**5.7 BPC Standing Orders (5.7)** - Cllr Meakin had taken the opportunity of the recent wording update to improve the general layout of the Standing Orders, with no further wording changes. This was **approved**. Cllr Meakin to finalise and put on BPC website in place of previous version. Clerk to print and circulate to members.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police Report** - none. Cllr Pickup expressed interest in any available statistics there might be re metal theft - eg reported thefts, follow-up percentages, conviction and recovery rates.

**6.2 County Council matters** - none, in the absence of Cllr Stewart.

**6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Jupe)** - SLDC in generally good financial health. A full meeting of the Council had confirmed no increase in Council Tax for 2014/15. The Council's comprehensive Forward Plan had been published in 'reader-friendly' form. An Infrastructure Levy on developers would fund infrastructure improvements. Much SLDC work with local

businesses. Cllr Jupe, as SLDC Vice-chair, would attend the LAP conference on 4 March.

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

**7.0 Planning Matters**

**7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:**

Mar. 2014 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 – Ward members to discuss at mtg.**

SL/2014/0198	Stoneleigh, Langdale Cr, Storth	Coleman	Dormer extension etc	25/03/14	No objections

**7.2 Decisions received from SLDC**

**SLDC decision**

SL/2014/1153	Bela House, Beetham	Rowlands	Single-storey side extension	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/1160	Toulsdon	Burnett	Single-storey extension	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/1192	Flats 4-21, Watersedge, Sandside	Wilson	Exterior waterproof rendering	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available non SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

**7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)**

**7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none**

**8.0 Financial Matters:**

**BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – FEBRUARY 2014 MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2014**

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/02/14	Opening balances				20,212.72
28/02/14	Receipts:				
		Yew Tree C SLDC	Ground rent 3yrs Grant (for notice board refresh)	60.00 500.00	
28/02/14	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA			-	-
28/02/14	Payments:				
“	275 920	J Scargill	Clerk’s sal. Feb (net) Postage & Stat’y VAT	355.43 - -	
				-355.43	
“	Total payments in month			- 355.43	
28/02/14	Closing balances			251.75	20,212.72
28/02/14	Total funds all accounts				£20,464.47

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

**8.2 Other financial matters:**

- **Publicity material re BPC precept 2014/15** – (as agreed at BPC meeting 06/01/14) to be published to coincide with SLDC's publication of 2014/15 precept statistics.
- **Letter of Authority for Clerk** to transfer funds between BPC Deposit and Current bank accounts, to facilitate cash transfers and as requested by Barclays Bank – **APPROVED** and signed by Cllrs Blenkharn and Meakin.
- **BPC grants awarded for 2013/14** – **APPROVED** - £700 for AONB and £100 for Beetham Community Transport (to cover the purchase of a mobile phone and one year's contract for same) - in addition to the £60 donation already made to British Legion re Remembrance Sunday 2013.

**9.0 Parish Steward:**

**9.1 PS's update on current events** – unable to deal with regular flooding problems on B5282 (Guard Hill Lane end) and B6384 (Whasset Common). Specialised equipment needed. Action already requested from Highways. Litter picked up as routine where and whenever found in the parish, particularly round BPC seats. Clerk to check/obtain anti-litter signs for specific locations.

**9.2 Additions to PS's work programme** – none.

**10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – none.

**11.0 Local highways amenity work:**

- B5282 Sandside promenade, road surface.

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

**Cllr Jupe** – had received a complaint that the speed bumps in Mill Lane, Beetham made access to the corn mill area difficult, if not impossible, for mobility scooters and similar appliances. Cllr Jupe to refer to the appropriate officer at SLDC; Clerk to follow up ownership/responsibility issues.

**13.0 Parish Land:**

**Plot 4 ground rents** – Milne Moser's estimate of their legal costs for preparing simple but formal written agreements had been circulated and was **APPROVED** for implementation. Clerk to instruct. **Agreed** – that BPC would undertake correspondence with cottage owners/tenants in this connection. **Sandside Cutting** – SLDC had drawn BPC's attention to the fact that many trees in the Cutting were covered by a TPO, including some of those already felled and others earmarked for felling under the present programme, but no felling licence had been applied for or given. As a result, felling had immediately been halted until the appropriate paperwork could be completed and felling licences obtained. **Agreed** – that it was essential for BPC to know exactly what needed to be done, when and by whom to rectify the omission so as to be able to proceed with the felling programme, with all this information properly supported by written evidence and instruction. Also that BPC as owner of Sandside Cutting should itself be responsible for making the application for felling, rather than delegating the application to any third party. Clerk to ensure compliance. Similar considerations to apply to any trees on Plot 4 that might also be TPO-restricted.

As a separate but related issue, Cllr Meakin had received a complaint about the state of the path through the Cutting as a consequence of the felling work and he would personally inspect the site.

**14.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT)** – there had as yet been no meeting, despite members' keenness to proceed and be involved; to be followed up with Cllr Stewart. Reported that the AONB management plan would be going before the SLDC cabinet in March.

**15.0 Proposed organised litter-pick** – **agreed** to be held sometime in March, with Beetham and Storth being organised separately – Cllr Jupe responsible for Beetham and Cllr Meakin for Storth. Publicity to be arranged, including mention at the Annual Parish Assembly on 13 March.

**16.0 General Correspondence (not circulated):** nothing urgent, so deferred.

**17.0 Reading Matter:** SLDC Lakeland News – Issue 24 – Spring 2014.

**18.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (April 2014)** - nothing additional to those arising above.

**19.0 Date of next meeting:**

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - Annual Parish Assembly at 8.00pm at Storth Village Hall.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - normal monthly PC meeting, 7.00pm at Storth Village Church, to be preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend throughout any meeting of the Parish Council but may speak only during the Public Participation item on the agenda to raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish, District or County Councils or Cumbria Police.**