

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 13th April 2015 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Pru Jupe (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, David Jupe, Brian Meakin, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk), Bill Haddow (Parish Steward) and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Noble & Stewart (work) and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2nd March 2015, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr P Jupe.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda - Cllrs P Jupe and D Jupe declared an interest in agenda item 7.1 (Planning application SL/2015/0232, Beetham Nurseries) on the grounds of being adjacent neighbours of the applicant.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 2nd March 2015 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whassett (5.1)) - contact with Highways on this subject was being actively progressed by Cllr Stewart.

5.2 Burntbarrow Woods public inquiry (5.2) - the Clerk reported that the inspector's decision was expected around the end of April 2015

5.3 Burntbarrow/Shaw Lane link path handrail (5.3) - the Clerk had now been given the names of possible contractors and would make contact with a view to arranging for the work to be done.

5.4 Beetham Annual Assembly 2015 (13) - was considered to have been a success with improved (though still disappointing) attendance numbers. Same assembly format confirmed for 2016.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - received and circulated. No crimes reported in the parish. General continuing problem with doorstep selling and rural acquisitive crime.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) - no report in the absence of Cllr Stewart. Other members commented on the apparent success of the new white-lining in Beetham village in the road beside the Wheatsheaf car-park, the continued lack of action re the bus-stop signs on the A6 near the school and the sudden appearance of a pole (purpose unknown) on the roadside in Whassett. Also mentioned was the need to clear loose road chippings from footways, particularly on the B5282 between New Bridge and Quarry Lane; SLDC's small sweeping machine was suggested as appropriate for this work. Another Highways matter was the need for better direction signing on the A6 at Beetham to make it easier for HGV drivers (particularly foreign ones) to find the paper mill more easily. A meeting between BPC, Highways and paper mill representatives was suggested to find a solution (see also 15 below).

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr P Jupe) - nothing to report in view of the impending elections.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - dealt with under 6.2 above.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Apl. 2015 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/2015/0232	Beetham Nurseries	Abbit	Major building extensions	20/04/15	Some concerns
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2014/1098	Ellers Meadow, Beetham	Gardner	Erection of agricultural storage building & wildlife pond	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/1223	Beetham Nurseries, Beetham	Abbit	Portal-frame storage building	Approved with conditions

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

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence: noted that an application to site a new crematorium near J36 of the M6 had been refused. Confirmed that BPC's full comments on Fishwick's appeal (against the refusal of a similar scheme at their Beetham Hall site) had been sent off to the Planning Inspectorate before the appropriate deadline of 09/04/15.

8.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – MAR 2015 MEETING – 13th April 2015

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/03/15	Opening balances			6,746.93	19,222.73
31/03/15	Receipts:				
		HSBC	Bank interest to 1 Mar '15		2.21
	70	CCC	Sign cond. survey	500.00	
	71	SLDC	Jubilee garden grant (PJ)	500.00	
				1,000.00	
31/03/15	Payments:				
“	326	972	Wright & L Legal fees VAT	506.00 100.00	
				606.00	
	327	973	GHS	Land maintenance	88.50
	328	974	CCC	Mtg. room hire (B School) '14/'15	100.00
	329	975	Storth VC	- ditto - (SVC)	75.00
	330	976	Storth VH	Storage room hire 2014/15	25.00
	331	977	Heron Th	Mtg. room hire (Annual Assembly)	60.00
	332	978	AONB	Grant 2014/15	700.00
	332	979	R Br Legion	Balance of grant 2014/15	30.00
	333	980	P M Jupe	BPC Chair's honorarium 2014/15	120.00
	334	981	Scargill	Clerk' sal etc Mar '15 (net)	380.58
			AA refreshments Mar '15	105.00	
			Postage & stationery	30.17	
			VAT	.20	
				515.95	
	335	982	HMRC	PAYE remit. Mar qutr '15	285.00
“	Total payments in month				-2,605.45
31/05/15	Closing balances			5,141.48	19,224.94
31/03/15	Total funds all accounts				£24,366.42
Reserve Funds at 31/03/15		Street lamp reserve		4,800.00	
		General Reserve		14,424.94	
		Total reserves		19,224.94	

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

8.2 Other financial matters:

- **BPC annual accounts to 31/03/15** – had been circulated before the meeting.
- **Resolved** – that BPC annual accounts 2014/15 be **APPROVED**.
- **Resolved** – that BPC Annual Return 2014/15, presented at the meeting, be **APPROVED**. This was then signed by the Chair and the Clerk on behalf of Beetham Parish Council.
- **Freedom of Information Act** – the Clerk’s request to attend a CALC course on 16/04/15 – **APPROVED**.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS’s update on current events – the damaged verge opposite Beetham war memorial had now been repaired (by a member of the public); matter now closed. PS had met with Beetham WI and agreed to assist with siting of four concrete planters. Anti-dog fouling signs had been placed in the verge of Leighton Beck Road, towards the end of the residential area, at the request of a resident.

9.2 Additions to PS’s work programme – Inspection and removal (if possible) of old direction sign at Slackhead junction (Leighton Beck Road), as reported at the March meeting, to be added to PS’s work-list, with Cllr Clark to arrange sandblasting. Possible future designation of this sign as an ancient monument. Also to add - Keasdale Road overhanging trees plus the regular clearance the A6 path (Heron Theatre to war memorial) and the Jubilee Garden. £500 from a SLDC grant (via Cllr P Jupe) already to hand for the latter. Additionally – PS and all BPC members to proceed to survey all parish signage in need of repair/repainting and email Clerk with results, with Clerk then to compile a comprehensive list for the attention of Highways. Funding for this survey already to hand from CCC (via Cllr Stewart).

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Clark** – potholes generally.
- **Cllr Pickup** – potholes in Carr Bank Road near junction with B5282. Speeding traffic generally. An additional gate onto the Carr Bank embankment now locked following Dallam’s tree felling in that area and apparently more land now annexed as ‘private’.
- **Cllr P Jupe** – a resident had reported an unacceptably high number of pheasants in the village, causing damage to gardens and eating wild bird food. Other members confirmed. Clerk to write to Dallam to explore what could be done.
- **Clerk** – had been contacted by a Milnthorpe resident regarding the unsatisfactory (and unsafe) state of the A6 footway between the northern parish boundary and the paper mill – understood to have already been taken up with Highways by Cllr Stewart.

12.0 Parish Land:

12.1- Land at Dixies - a site meeting had been held on 25 March with Cllrs P Jupe, Meakin and Yates plus the Clerk and Frances Truscott (Landscape Architect), from which some interesting ideas had emerged. The Clerk had assembled a number of historical photographs and articles. Chaplows had been asked for works advice and their response was awaited. Further boulders from Sandside Quarry put on hold pending eventual design outcome. SLDC’s grant organisers were suggesting a more ambitious project and their funding potential had been clarified.

12.2 - Plot 4 – Leases had now been finalised and delivered to tenants with new tenancies set to commence 1 June 2015. No response as yet from tenants.

12.3- Sandside Cutting – Cllr Pickup reported a breakdown in the proposed arrangement with Martin Wain and the Morecambe Bay Limestone and Wetlands Nature Improvement Area Project, with funding from this source for Sandside Cutting land management now in doubt. He would make further contact with AONB’s Lucy Barron and all other parties involved to try to resolve the problem. In the longer term, felling work by Cameron Durie would continue until the end of the felling season. **Agreed** - that Roger Cartwright be asked to inspect and report on the state of trees in the vicinity of Rose Hill Grove, some of which were thought to be a danger to users of the cutting.

13.0 Hale Marble Quarry paths ROW issue - was seen as being a virtual re-run of the Burntbarrow Woods ROW issue, with a public inquiry now to be arranged by the Planning Inspectorate, probably later this year.

14.0 Beetham Parish elections 2015 - would take place on 7 May, alongside the General Election. With the exception of Cllr D.Jupe, all BPC members had agreed to stand and had submitted their paperwork to SLDC on time. Following the election, a ninth member would need to be appointed (by co-option) to meet BPC's statutory obligation.

15.0 General Correspondence:

- 13/03/15 - between Dr David Clarke and Wit Lazurek re Beetham, Mill Lane traffic/HGV signing.

16.0 Reading Matter:

- AONB/Landscape Trust - Keer to Kent - Issue 86 - Spring 2015.
- Clerks & Councils Direct - Issue 98 - March 2015.

17.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (May 2015) - nothing additional to those items mentioned above.

18.0 Date of next meetings - Monday 11 May 2015 at Storth School at 7.00pm:

- BPC Annual Meeting, followed immediately by
- BPC monthly meeting.

Any planning meetings (as notified) to precede both the above meetings. at 6.45pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Receipts and Payments Summary

2014 Actual £	2015 Budget £	2015 Actual £	Notes ref	Main Variances £
RECEIPTS (ex VAT reclaimed)				
15,199	17,216	17,216		
679	651	651		
307	250	250		
12	10	10		
2,000	1,500	2,120	A	620
170				
18,367	19,627	20,247		620
TOTAL RECEIPTS				
PAYMENTS (Net of VAT)				
General Admin:				
5,305	5,450	5,497	B	
500	500	500		
150	150	150		
40	40	40		
100	60	105	C	
172	220	213		
25	40	25		
205	200	255		
397	400	404		
150	150	150		
333	500	852	D	352
466	80	65		
281	300	273		
-	100	-		-100
8,124	8,190	8,529		
Section 137 Expenditure:				
700	700	700		
160	500	60	E	-440
120	120	120		
9104	9,510	9,409		
Other costs:				
217	1,000	350	F	-650
1,725	2,500	1,850	G	-650

-	Gritting (PS)	750	-	H	-750
	2,416 Street lighting - SLDC (re prev yr)	2,687		2,687	
-	- other R & R	2,400	-	I	-2,400
	533 Parish furniture - R & R	500		100 J	-400
	56 - new			684 K	684
	29 Access rental (Br Rail/Sandside)	30		30	
	50 Other Expenses			135 L	-115
	Contingencies	250))

14,130	TOTAL PAYMENTS	19,627	15,245	-4,469
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4,237	SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-) for year	-	5,002	5,089
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19,454	Year-end bank balances	19,454	24,366
195	+ VAT repayment due	195	285
19,649	Year-end total funds	19,649	24,651

NOTES ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15

- A CCC - amenities (IS) £1K, sign survey (IS) £500, SLDC - SID £120, jubilee garden (PJ) £500
- B Small unexpected increase in rate-of-pay (after 4-year freeze)
- C Annual Assembly refreshments using outside caterer
- D re Plot 4 ground rents (MM £302, W&L £506), Dixies (MM £44)
- E No grant applications in 2014/15
- F Overbudgeted
- G Only 10 grasscuts @ £185 per cut
- H No gritting needed in 2014/15
- I Reserve funds being accumulated at £2,400 (2 lamps) pa for use when needed.
- J Overbudgeted
- K Hale interpretation panel (budgeted in earlier years)
- L Bus shelter ground rent £50, Payroll admin £50, ICO registration £35

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CASH ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Opening bank balances at 01/04/14			9,454.12
Total Receipts 2014/15 (net of VAT)	20,246.77		
plus VAT reclaimed	<u>195.43</u>		
		20,442.20	
Total Payments 2014/15 (net of VAT)	15,244.49		
plus VAT paid out	<u>285.41</u>		
		15,529.90	
		<u> </u>	4,912.30
			24,366.42

VAT ACCOUNT

Total repayment due at 01/04/14		195.43
VAT inputs - period 01/04/14 - 31/03/15		285.41
Repayments received		-195.43
Outstanding repayment due at 31/03/15		285.41

RECONCILIATION

Total Balances at 01/04/14:

Cash at Barclays Bank	- Current a/c	238.82
	- HIBA	<u>19,215.30</u>
		19,454.12
Other - VAT refunds due & br fwd (per a/cs)		<u>195.43</u>

Total Balances br fwd (per accounts)		19,649.55
	per a/cs	
Add - Receipts 2014/15 (ex VAT)	20,246.77	
Less - Payments 2014/15 (ex VAT)	15,244.49	
Surplus for year - per accounts	<u> </u>	5,002.28
Total Balances at 31/03/15		
Cash at Barclays Bank	- Current a/c	5,141.48
	- HIBA	<u>19,224.94</u>
		24,366.42
Other - VAT repayments due at 31/03/15	<u>285.41</u>	
		24,651.83