

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 1st April 2019 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also County & District Cllr P McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill and Parish Steward Bill Haddow. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Blenkharn (unwell), Noble (other commitments).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4 March 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Meakin, subject to amendment to one sentence in item 6.2/3 to read as follows “Dallam Estate currently in process of registering existing manorial rights over numerous tracts of land in the parishes of Beetham and Arnside.”

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 4 March 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Speed indicator (5.1) – the first batch of stored data in the SID had now been downloaded by its supplier and would be passed to Jessica Harvey for assessment.

5.2 Beetham defibrillator (5.2) – the equipment was now on order and would be delivered by the supplier on receipt of payment. Clerk to do.

5.3 Beetham flooding (5.3) – no further developments.

5.4 Carr Bank Road issues (5.4) – usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282 and Carr Bank Road.

5.5 Handrail at Burntbarrow/Shaw Green (7.1) – Cllr Meakin had been in touch with fabricators Blacksheep and a quote was awaited.

5.6 Beetham Crematorium traffic problem (5.6) – the meeting with Mr John Fishwick had been productive. Mr Fishwick had been amenable to the enlargement of car parking facilities and would to meet SLDC planners to discuss.

5.7 BPC Annual Assembly (5.7) – the presentation by Susannah Bleakley (Morecambe Bay Partnership) had been excellent but attendance disappointing, at least partially due to the failure by the Westmorland Gazette to print supplied advance publicity. Paid advertising to be considered in the future.

5.8 Fairy Steps access (5.8) – Cllr Pickup had been in contact with Guy Timperley. A CCC survey was scheduled for May 2019, when this issue would be covered. Also to add to the list – the damaged sign from Burntbarrow Woods onto Cockshott Lane. Possibility for both jobs to be dealt with at CCC expense. Ongoing.

5.9 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.8) – Ongoing.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – report for March received and circulated to all members. One crime related to Beetham parish – a burglary at Hale. Cllr Crayston reported an additional incident – a burglary at Whassett – not mentioned in the Police Report.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters – the AONB DPD was now formally approved. – a local scheme, the Arnside & District Community Wheels Steering Group, had been launched to provide a supplementary bus service between Arnside and Milnthorpe. Cllr Knowles agreed to represent BPC on this group.

- work to rebuild the damaged stone wall on the B5282 near Heron Brack would commence on 8 April and should be completed by 10 May.
 - C Cllr McSweeney listed several local roads scheduled for attention over the next 12 months.
- 6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – the adequacy of A6 signage for Beetham Crematorium. This subject had been raised at the Beetham Hall meeting (5.6 above); portable signs were currently placed at the crematorium entrance on days when the crematorium was in use and then removed at the end of the day. **Agreed** as adequate at the present time.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Beetham parish elections 2019 – most members had submitted, or were in process of submitting, nomination papers to SLDC. Submission deadline was tight – 4 April 2019.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Apl 2019 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/2019/0205	Parkside, Hale		First floor sun-room.	09/04/19 -	No objection
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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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 – none.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – MARCH 2019	MEETING – 1 April, 2019		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	£
01/03/19	Opening balances					11,144.82	19,283.71
31/03/19	Receipts:		Barclays – bank interest to 4 March				9.62
			Ground rents - B-Jones			8.34	
31/03/19	Payments:						
	530A	1184	Direct365 – defib & cabinet	1,514.00			
			VAT	302.80			
					1,816.80		
	531	1185	Beetham Sch – meeting room hire		100.00		
	532	1186	Storth VC – meeting room hire		100.00		
	533	1187	Storth VH – storage		25.00		
	534	1188	Heron Th – annual assembly room hire		75.00		
	535	1189	Meakin – chair honorarium 2018/19		120.00		
	536	1190	AONB – grant 2018/19		700.00		
	537	1191	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Mar (net)	435.84			
			Postage/stat’y 6mths	112.34			
			VAT	15.83			
					564.01		
	538	1192	HMRC – PAYE for March quarter		326.40		
	539	1193	Br Legion – donation (R Day wreaths)		60.00		
			Total payments in month			-3,827.21	
31/03/19	Closing balances					7,265.95	19,293.33
31/03/19	Total funds all accounts					£26,559.28	

Reserve Funds at 31/03/19	Street lamp reserve	9,600.00
	General Reserve	9,693.33
	Total reserves	19,293.33

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

9.2 Other financial matters – Annual accounts 2018/19 – a preview had been circulated for information and was subject to subsequent checking against the March 2019 bank statement and internal audit. Formal approval would be sought at the May meeting, when the Annual Return would be presented for signature.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events - confirmed need for concrete base in front of the Carr Bank notice board.

10.2 Further additions to work programme - repair to damaged verges in Storth Road, near to Four Lane Ends.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – in March Cllr Meakin had attended an AONB Executive meeting and a meeting of the Kent Estuary Mission Community Development Group.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Clark - usual potholes - A6 and B5282.

Cllr Pickup - a lack of road signs for visitors to Fairy Steps.

Cllr Crayston - speeding traffic through the Whassett village 30mph zone. Cllr Knowles to check what speed monitoring equipment might be available on loan via the LAP.

13.0 Parish Land.

13.1 – Sandside Cutting - all instructed work had been completed on time and to a good standard. Parish Steward to remove logs as arranged. Cllr Pickup and the Clerk to ensure that a Forestry Commission felling license be renewed when it was due to expire later in 2019.

14.0 General Correspondence - none.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Mar 2019) and additional to items referred to above - none.

17.0 Date of next meeting - annual meeting - 13 May at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.