

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd April 2017 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and three representatives of B4RN (up to item 5.3 only). No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Blenkham (ill) and D Cllr P McSweeney (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6th March 2017, 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 present in respect of items on this agenda - none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 6th Mar 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) - nothing to report since the last meeting. Payment to City of Lancaster (AONB) of £260 for contribution to cost of new map boards approved subject to Clerk confirming with AONB the amount and specific activities covered.

5.2 Slackhead signpost (5.2) - Work was in progress to re-position the sign. BPC to organise cleaning, painter ready to start work.

5.3 Broadband developments in the parish (5.3) - the wayleave agreement with B4RN for their use of Sandside Cutting for a feeder cable to Storth - **approved** and signed by Cllr Meakin on behalf of BPC, then taken away for signature by B4RN - fully signed copy to be returned to BPC in due course.

5.4 Hale grass verge (5.4) - no progress in resolving this problem. Clerk to send email reminder to Cllr Stewart.

5.5 A6 signage for paper mill and corn mill (5.5) - suggested that one sign with indicator arrows to the two locations should be positioned on the A6 southern approach to Beetham village. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart for obtaining Highways reaction to this.

5.6 Beetham Annual Assembly 2017 (5.7) - considered to have been a welcome success, with presentations of current interest (local high-speed broadband developments and plans) drawing a good number of residents, whose feedback had been positive.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - received and circulated before the meeting. 58 reported incidents in the wider local area of which 12 crimes recorded, two in Beetham parish.

6.2 County Council matters - the meeting on 30 March between representatives of Arnside, Beetham and Milnthorpe parish councils and Cumbria's Police & Crime Commissioner had had to be cancelled at the last minute. To be rearranged for a later date.

Little to report for March, due to forthcoming elections.

6.3 District Council matters - little to report, due to forthcoming elections.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 BPC annual grants – members were agreed that better future publicity was needed on the availability of these grants – in parish notice boards, Westmorland Gazette, Gateway and BPC website. Clerk to draft wording for a notice, to be approved by Cllr Meakin and tabled at next BPC meeting.

7.2 Elmsfield Lane to The Duke – a complaint re use by HGVs. Clerk to ask for evidence of the extent of this problem and report back.

7.3 Cumbria Highways new Highways Information Management System – now launched and generally welcomed as an improvement, despite some teething problems.

7.4 Morecambe Bay Economic Plan – a new team to create an economic plan for supporting local jobs and communities. – led by SLDC and Morecambe Bay Partnership. No direct consequences for BPC at this time. Keep under review.

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

April 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
SL/2017/016S	Wood Lee, Leighton Dr, Slackhead	Rose	Variation of condition 2 to SL/2016/0908 re extension & alterations	27/03/17	No objections
SL/2017/0198	12 Burntbarrow, Storth	Walker	Single-storey side ext'n	03/04/17	No objections
SL/2017/0233	26 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Hewitt	Detached single-storey Garage	See note Below *	No objections
SL/2017/0249	Hale End, Hale	Richards	Riding area, field shelter etc (retrospective)	See note Below *	No objections

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

SL/2017/0217	The Spinney, Leighton Dr, Slackhead	Waring	Domestic accommodation into roof space.	07/04/17	No objections
SL/2017/0226	Breck House, Leighton Dr, Slackhead	Coates	Single-storey rear ext'n	07/04/17	No objections

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2016/0412	Land at corner of Arnside Lane, Hale	Coates	One dwelling	Appeal dismissed
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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

* Note – no SLDC h/c documentation received at date of meeting.

9. Financial Matters

BPC – Provisional FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – FEBRUARY 2017		MEETING – 3 April, 2017	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA	
				£	£	£	
01/03/17	Opening balances				11,284.34	19,241.92	
31/03/17	Receipts;						
		Barclays	Bank interest to			2.40	
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50			
			- Ryan	-			
					12.50		
			Bank adjustment – upc chq 1042 Apl 2016		23.40		
31/03/17	Payments:						
	432 1082	Meakin	Honorarium 2016/17	120.00			
	433 1083	AONB	Grant 2016/17	700.00			
	435 1085	St V Ch	Mtg room hire 2016/17	75.00			
	436 1086	Beetham Sch	Mtg room hire 2016/17	100.00			
	437 1087	Heron Th	Mtg room hire 2017 A Assembly	60.00			
	438 1088	St V Hall	Storage rental 2016/17	25.00			
	439 1089	HMRC	PAYE 3mths to 31/3/17	309.80			
	440 1090	Scargill	Clerk's sal Mar (net)	409.54			
			AA refreshments	60.33			
			Post & Stat'y	7.86			
			VAT	13.40			
				491.13			
	Total payments in month				-1,880.93		
31/03/17	Closing balances				9,439.31	19,244.32	
31/03/17	Total funds all accounts				£28,683.63		
	Reserve Funds at 31/03/17						
		Street lamp reserve		9,600.00			
		General reserve		9,644.32			
		Total reserves		19,244.32			

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

9.2 Other financial matters – provisional BPC annual accounts 2016/17 – had been circulated before the meeting and were approved, subject to confirmation on receipt of March bank statements and verification of payments item £260 by AONB. For final approval, along with Annual Return, at BPC's May meeting - 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 Also rubble/rubbish dumped in Jubilee Garden. – Clerk to email Cllr Stewart again requesting remedial action by Highways. Parish Steward to do a thorough clean-up of Jubilee Garden as soon as rubble removed. Clerk to answer Beetham WI's questions about status of Jubilee Garden and advise re BPC funding availability. A Storth resident's query (via Cllr Knowles) re overgrown trees at the Storth Rd/Quarry Lane junction – to be dealt with as necessary by Parish Steward & Cllr Pickup under ongoing Sandside Cutting regular maintenance programme.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – Jubilee Garden work as above (10.1).

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – as reported above (6.2), the meeting with Cumbria's Police & Crime Commissioner had been cancelled. Cllr Knowles had attended a LAP meeting at Crosthwaite, which she had found useful. At a meeting of the AONB Executive Committee, it was reported that SLDC and Lancaster planners were in discussion with the owner of land along Quarry Lane, Sandside, to agree funding for any future improvements of Quarry Lane.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Clark** - commented on the usual potholes on local highways.
- **Cllr Pickup** - residents had complained about new Dallam Tower signage restricting access to the foreshore and the separate blocking of the main path to Fairy Steps. Damaged railings at Sandside needed to be replaced (already on Highways 'to-do' list). Surface water originating by the garages behind Nuns Avenue still causing problems on the road opposite the Garden Centre and now seeping into adjacent fields, causing water-logging and infestation in a previously productive area.
- **Cllr Jupe** - obstructions had now been largely removed from the Beetham ghost footpath but the narrow road at this point still needed to be treated with care by both drivers and pedestrians.

13.0 Parish Land:

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

13.2 - Sandside Cutting - Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward currently working together with AONB volunteers on routine maintenance.

13.3 - Plot 4 - Mr & Mrs Ryan's improvement proposals for Rock Cottage garden, as approved at BPC's March meeting, now needed to be incorporated into their tenancy agreement. Clerk to obtain template from Wright & Lord. It was noted that Holme Cottage had now been sold and a new ground rental agreement with the new owner would be needed.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 19/03/17 - Pat Clifford (First Responders) asking for an appreciation letter from BPC to two retiring volunteers, which letter the Clerk had provided. **Approved.**

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting April 2017) and additional to items referred to above:

- future plans for the field opposite Ashton House, Beetham.

17.0 Date of next meetings:

- Monday 8 May 2017, 7.00pm at Storth School - BPC Annual Meeting followed by normal monthly BPC meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.