

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllr Yates (holiday) and Cumbria Police.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 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** - observed that several new sites had been suggested, mainly by landowners, under SLDC's Development Planning initiative. These would in due course be put out to public consultation, when any objections could be lodged.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whassett (5.1))** - ongoing. Nothing to report.

**5.2 Beetham parish sign survey (5.2)** - now substantially completed.

**5.3 Mill Lane, Beetham (5.3)** - no further developments. Cllr Stewart to discuss with Nick Raymond (Cumbria Highways), along with other traffic problems in Beetham village.

**5.4 Defibrillators (5.4)** - Community Heartbeat's suggestion to consider using phone boxes to house defibrillator equipment related mainly to redundant (or little used) phone boxes. The only box in Beetham was in Stanley Street box and was being checked out as a potential location. Other locations were also possible, easy access being the main criterion. Equipment in outdoor locations had to be in weather-proof cabinets, which were more expensive - but need considered to be more important than cost.

**5.5 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (5.6)** - following the public inquiry in March, the inspector's decision was now awaited.

**5.6 Moor Lane, Beetham (7.2)** - no response as yet to the Clerk's letter to Beetham Nurseries about the need for traffic warning signage at the Whassett end of the lane.

**5.7 Travis Perkins (12)** - some tidying work had been done following Cllr Pickup's meeting with the site manager.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police Report** - received and circulated before the meeting. Little to report.

**6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** - following the early retirement of Cumbria's Chief Fire Officer, top management responsibility for the service was to be shared with that based in Warrington, Cheshire, with the object of improving quality whilst reducing costs. Cllr Stewart was keeping up a barrage of emailed notifications to Highways re road repair requirements in the parish and was to meet with Nick Raymond on site on 8 April. Although a minor highway, Pool Darkin Lane had a surprisingly high usage level - Clerk to email Cllr Stewart to request confirmation of usage via a formal traffic count.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Jupe) – announced that she would not be standing for re-election as a District Councillor at the May elections but would remain a member of Beetham Parish Council. Otherwise nothing to report.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 B PC representative on Beetham Exhibition Trust – Cllr Jupe agreed to replace Jessica Harvey as BPC’s second representative.

7.2 Whasset house location display panel – agreed to be placed in BPC’s Whasset notice board to assist deliveries. Clerk to implement in conjunction with local resident Janet Booth, who had prepared a draft.

7.3 Beetham Annual Parish Assembly – held on 17 March 2016, generally regarded as a successful event, having attracted a good attendance at the comfortable Heron Hall location. For future annual assemblies, **agreed** that a broader invitation list and better advertising should be considered well before the event.

## 8. Planning Matters.

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Apl 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

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

SL/2016/0239	Brantwood, Heathwaite Close, Storth	Bell	Detached garage with hobby area above	20/04/16	No objections
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### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decision

SL/2015/0585	Glen Farrell, C B Rd	Brocklebank	Change of use – annexe to dwelling	Refused
SL/2015/1016	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	2-storey extension & garage	Appealed (earlier refusal)
SL/2015/1188	Beetham Nurseries	Abbit	Variation of cond 2 of SL/2015/0232	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0004	Plot at Moss Hall, Carr Bank	Smith	Erection of dwelling	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0011	Poachers Cottage, Hale	Copeland	Provision for vehicle access and parking	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0109	Hall More Caravans	Morphet	Variation of conditions	Withdrawn

(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: - Cllr Meakin reported that the AONB Committee meetings he attended were useful for picking up planning information in general. Clerk to contact SLDC Planning Dept. (Lorraine Woodward) to enquire about the timing for their discussions on Open Space suggestions, as invited and received.

## 9. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – MARCH 2016		MEETING – 4th April, 2016	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA	
				£	£	£	
01/3/16	Opening balances				9,431.03	19,232.32	
31/03/16	Receipts:						
		Barclays	Bank interest to 6 Mar '16			2.40	
31/03/16	Payments:						
	379 1027	A2A	Website	25.00			
			VAT	5.00			
					30.00		
	380 1028	AONB	Grant		700.00		
	381 1029	Meakin	Chair's hon. 2015/16		120.00		
	382 1030	Storth VH	Storage rent 2015/16		25.00		
	383 1031	Heron Hall	Storage rent 2015/16		20.00		
	384 1032	CCC	Beetham Sch. mtg room hire		120.00		
	385 1033	Storth VC	Meeting room hire		45.00		
	386 1034	Heron Hall	Annual Ass'bly room hire		30.00		
	387 1035	Thompson	“ “ catering		100.00		
	388	Scargill	Clerk's sal March	392.66			
			Postage & Staty	77.24			
			VAT	8.01			
		1036			477.91		
	389 1037	HMRC	PAYE remit. Mar qutr		294.00		
	390 1038	Turner	Wall repairs		550.00		
	391 1039	GHS	Sign cleaning etc		180.00		
	“	Total payments in month			-2,691.91		
31/03/16	Closing balances				6,739.12	19,234.72	
31/03/16	Total funds all accounts				£25,973.84		
	<b>Reserve Funds at 31/03/16</b>						
		Street lamp reserve		7,200.00			
		General Reserve		12,034.72			
		Total reserves		19,234.72			

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

### 9.2 Other financial matters:

- **BPC annual accounts 2015/16** – had been circulated before the meeting – **APPROVED by resolution**.
- **BPC Annual Return 2015/16** – presented to the meeting – **APPROVED by resolution** and signed by the Chair and the Clerk on behalf of Beetham Parish Council.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

**10.1 PS's update on current events** – none (PS not present).

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

- all additions agreed at the March meeting had now been added and work commenced on some. PS to be asked to inspect and, if possible, deal with the silted drains in Yans Lane, Storth – subject to the outcome of Cllr Stewart's meeting with Nick Raymond on 8 April.
- Cllr Jupe and the Clerk to discuss outstanding jobs with the PS and consider what, if any, additional assistance might be needed to complete and for future work. Clerk to organise.

### 11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- Cllr Noble had attended a meeting of Beetham Exhibition Trust – additional BPC representative now required (see 7.3 above).
- Cllr Meakin had attended an AONB Committee meeting at which it had been agreed to carry over to 2016/17 some unspent items budgeted for 2015/16.

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

- **Cllr Pickup** - Carr Bank Road potholes & surface deterioration, standing water at Carr Bank Road/Nuns avenue junction, B5282 footway Carr Bank Rd to parish boundary now partly cleared revealing deterioration of path surface, speeding on the B5282 and Carr Bank Road, fallen trees across path to Fairy Steps, welcomed the quietness in use of new zip-wire at Storth Playing Field.
- **Cllr Stewart** - the Storth Playing Field zip-wire had been erected in a location different from that approved by SLDC as planning authority and may have to be moved. Suspected leak from the gas station in Paradise Lane being investigated by SLDC.
- **Cllr Blenkham** - blocked gullies on the B6384 at Whasset.
- **Cllr Clark** - potholes in Paradise Lane and clogged gullies on the B5282.

#### **13.0 Parish Land:**

**13.1 - Land at Dixies** - Dallam had reported no further progress in their negotiations with the site's claimed owner.

**13.2 - Plot 4** - tenancy agreements edging closer to completion, but some of the latest amendments by the tenants needed further discussion. Clerk to deal with.

**13.3- Sandside Cutting** - the wall at Crows Nest had now been repaired, though not to the total satisfaction of BPC or the householder. Clerk to make enquiries on other options for dealing with the wall in Rose Hill Grove. If no alternative could be found, Clerk to write instructing Jonathan Turner.

#### **14.0 General Correspondence:**

- 09/03/16 - email from Dallam re their planning application for a Beetham residents' car park.
- 13/03/16 - email from Hume re protection stones placed by BPC on Hale Green.
- 04/04/16 - email from Tim Farron re (unspecified) problems with pathway linking Shaw Green with Burntbarrow, Storth.

#### **15.0 Reading Matter** - none.

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

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - normal monthly BPC meeting - Monday 9 May 2016, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm.**