

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 9th April 2018 at Storth Village Church.

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

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Blenkharn (holiday) and Yates (holiday). Also D Cllr P McSweeney.
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 5th March 2018, had been circulated by email, 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** - Cllr Knowles re Planning Application SL/2018/0209, should this be discussed.
- 4.0 **Announcements by the Chair** - Cllr Meakin reported, with regret, the formal resignation of Cllr Pru Jupe from Beetham PC. Cllr Jupe had been a highly active member of the parish council for some twelve years and her professional expertise, insight and personality would be much missed. Members asked that their appreciation of Cllr Jupe's contribution to the parish council and their good wishes for her future be recorded. The process of co-opting a replacement for Cllr Jupe was now underway. Clerk to speak to Jenny Marks re potential East Ward candidates.
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes 5th March 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**
 - 5.1 **Village map boards (5.1)** - Dallam had refused permission for the second Beetham panel to be sited at the Leighton Beck Road junction. Clerk to discuss with Cllr Yates before a decision was taken to limit the Beetham panels to one (beside the stocks).
 - 5.2 **'Smiley'-type speed indicator sign (5.2)** - No response as yet from Storth School re collection/analysis of statistical data. Clerk to discuss with Jessica Harvey.
 - 5.3 **Replacement of Carr Bank bus shelter (5.3)** - BPC's insurers had indicated that their claim against the third party's insurers was now proceeding. Delivery of the new shelter was expected in the current week. BPC's insurers had indicated the need for traffic control restrictions (possibly traffic lights) during the actual process of installation. Cllr Pickup to contact Queensbury to agree how this could best be dealt with.
 - 5.4 **Four Lane Ends, Storth signpost (5.4)** - ongoing (Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward).
 - 5.5 **Beetham defibrillator (5.5)** - the new owners of the Wheatsheaf had decided against providing a site on their property. Clerk to advise Beetham church (via Jenny Marks) of this and to ask for their reconsideration of their decision against using the church porch.
 - 5.6 **WW1 end commemoration (5.6)** - Wings School had now made contact with the Clerk and were willing to discuss at a meeting to be arranged. Still no response from Storth School - Clerk to follow up (with cc to Jessica Harvey and Cllr Stewart re Storth School). Cllr Stewart to contact Arnside PC re their information booklet.
 - 5.7 **Leighton Beck Road & adjacent field - surface water (5.7)** - no progress.
 - 5.8 **Carr Bank Road issues (5.8)** -
 - .1 Traffic & pedestrian safety on B5282 - CCC to do safety study in 2018/19.
 - .2 Traffic & pedestrian safety on Carr Bank Rd - no progress, but noted that more HGVs were using this (for them unsuitable) road. Suggested reviewing signage.
 - .3 Dangerous tree - Jonny's Steps - Cllr Pickup to ask local tree surgeons for quotes.
 - .4 Flooding at Jonny's Steps - no progress in contacting Environment Agency. Cllr Pickup reported an opportunity to rod nearby drains.

5.9 Orchid Triangle (5.9) - Cllr Meakin had spoken with Sandside Quarry manager and was able to confirm that the required stones would be available free-of-charge. Clerk to contact David Brailsford for transport from quarry to site during the last week in April.

5.10 Beetham Crematorium A6 signage (5.10) - CCC to look at when work schedule permits.

5.11 Beetham Jubilee Garden (7.1) - Cllrs Meakin, Knowles and Pickup had held a site meeting and a report had been prepared recommending the immediate removal of all dead wood and leaves, then planting with woodland bulbs at a cost of up to £100 to help bring the site up to scratch, with Cllr Pickup to do the planting - **agreed**. Further proposed and **agreed**, that honeysuckle and ivy be left to develop along the wire mesh fence and to take no further action at the moment regarding the four planted roses and existing trees. Also **agreed** - that regular maintenance be left on the Parish Steward's worklist, but with more precise details of required frequency - Cllr Pickup to monitor.

5.12 BPC grants for 2017/18 (7.2) - a late application for a grant of £500 for Storth Playing Field Group was **agreed**.

5.13 A6 speed restriction matters (12) - a letter of support had been received from Billerud. On CCC list to be considered.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - report from Cumbria Police received and circulated. 40 incidents and no crimes specific to Beetham parish.

6.2 County Council matters - nothing to report.

6.3 District Council matters - nothing to report.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - no members of public present.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Meeting with Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner – 4 April 2018 at Arnside.

This meeting had been attended by representatives from all three local parishes and had proved useful in getting to know Mr McCall and hear his aims and objectives in his role. He was particularly keen for members of the public to be able to see the hard evidence for how their money (through the Council Tax) was being spent.

7.2 Street lighting – Back Lane, Hale – an email addressed to D Cllr McSweeney had been received from Back Lane resident, detailing a number of problems faced by Back Lane residents. D Cllr McSweeney had responded to this email. BPC had nothing to add.

7.3 Carr Bank Cottage, sewer pipe problem – had been raised verbally with Cllr Pickup. **Agreed** – that BPC should write to United Utilities in support of the resident's request for effective long-term remedial work on the unsatisfactory main sewer near their home.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

April 2018 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/2018/0166	Green Head Farm, Storth Rd, Storth	Ingham	Erection of dormer bungalow + access	23/03/18	No objection
SL/2018/0191	Parkside, Back La, Hale	Eden	First floor sun room extn.	30/03/18	No objection

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

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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2018/0140	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Two-storey extension	Non Det (?)
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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 – SL/2018/0209 – no hard copies of this application received in post, as is usually the case, so not available for discussion at this meeting (although actually received on 10 April, the day after this meeting). SLDC deadline for response precedes next BPC meeting. Clerk to contact SLDC for extension of deadline to enable the full three weeks consideration period entitlement and, in future, to forward the weekly emailed SLDC list to appropriate ward members when it contains relevant ward information – rather than await hard copies in the post.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – MARCH 2018	MEETING – 9 April, 2018	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/03/18	Opening balances			14,885.82	19,245.29
31/03/18	Receipts:				
		Barclays – bank interest to 4 March			9.60
		Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50	
		Bittern – grant		100.00	
31/03/18	Payments:				
	483	1134	Beetham School – mtg room hire ‘17/’18	120.00	
	484	1135	Storth V Church - “ “	45.00	
	485	1136	Heron Hall - “ (AA 2018)	25.00	
	486	1137	Storth Village Hall – storage hire ‘17/’18	25.00	
	487	1138	AONB – grant 2017/18	700.00	
	488	1139	Storth Pl Fld Grp – grant 2017/18	500.00	
	489	1140	B Carman-Meakin – Chair’s hon. ‘17/’18	120.00	
	490	1141	Scargill - Clerk’s sal Mar ‘18 (net)	427.37	
			- Postage & Staty	34.50	
			- Sundry Exs (AA)	56.71	
			- VAT	9.48	
				528.06	
	491	1142	HMRC – PAYE 3mths to 31/03/18	319.60	
			Total payments in month		-2,382.66
31/03/18	Closing balances			12,615.66	19,254.89
31/03/18	Total funds all accounts				£31,870.55
	Reserve Funds at 31/03/18				
		Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
		General Reserve		9,654.89	
		Total reserves		19,254.89	

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

9.2 Other financial matters:

- BPC 2017/18 annual accounts – circulated before the meeting - **APPROVED BY RESOLUTION**.
- BPC 2017/18 annual return – presented to the meeting – **APPROVED BY RESOLUTION** and signed by Cllr Meakin (as Chair) and the Clerk on behalf of BPC.
- BPC bank mandate – **agreed** that Prudence Mary Jupe be removed from the current mandate and Joan Margaret Knowles and John Royston Scargill be added. Clerk to implement.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – A6 bridge crash barrier at Beetham – discarded stones still uncleared by Highways. **Agreed** – Parish Steward to clear at BPC’s expense.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – Job 94 (April 2015) – regular maintenance of Jubilee Garden - frequency of maintenance work to be specified – ‘at least every two months’ – with Cllr Pickup to monitor.

Also **agreed** - that i. the Clerk email CCC, via Cllr Stewart, requesting a concrete plinth directly in front of the Carr Bank Road parish notice board, to deal with the restriction of access to the board caused by parked vehicles.

ii. the Clerk to arrange for all parish notice boards to be refurbished in 2018.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Clark - badly deteriorating surface on road through Dallam Park and Park Road (Milnthorpe).

Cllr Pickup - busy, in a personal capacity, with land registration work.

Cllr Knowles - puddles along kerbside at Sandside promenade, opposite Arnbarrow, proving a nuisance to pedestrians.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies - no developments.

13.2 - Sandside Cutting - boundary wall to be inspected by Cllr Meakin, Cllr Pickup and the Clerk (as agreed BPC meeting 5 Feb, min 7.1 and still to do). An accumulation of tree cuttings need to be removed.

13.3 - Plot 4 - no further developments.

14.0 General Correspondence - email dated 4 April from a Beetham resident asking for the ivy on the tree next to the Beetham stocks to be cut back to improve the condition of the tree. **Agreed** - for BPC to do nothing.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (May 2018) and additional to items referred to above - none.

17.0 Date of next meetings - Annual Meeting and monthly parish council meeting - 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.