

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Annual Meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2016 at Beetham School at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Brian Meakin, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Steward Bill Haddow. No members of the public were present..

1.0 Election of Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2016/17.

Resolved - that Cllr Brian Meakin be elected Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2016/17.

2.0 Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office – signed by Cllr Meakin.

3.0 Apologies for absence received - from Cllrs Blenkarn (holiday), Clark (ill) and Noble (holiday). Also from Cumbria Police.

4.0 Announcement by the Chair – the sad death today (9th May) of the Clerk's wife, Mrs Ann Scargill. Condolences to the Clerk from all members.

5.0 Appointment of Vice-Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2016/17.

Resolved – that Cllr Pru Jupe be elected Vice-Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2016/17. In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Jupe agreed to act as clerk for this meeting.

6.0 Appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies.

Resolved - that councillors be appointed to represent the council on outside bodies for the year 2016/17 as follows, subject to the agreement of absent appointees:

- Beetham Exhibition Trust Jessica Harvey (although not a BPC member)
- Lancaster Canal Trust Ken Blenkarn, Pru Jupe
- AONB Executive Brian Meakin, Pru Jupe
- CALC South Lakeland Com. Ken Blenkarn, Ian Stewart
- Beetham School Governors Steve Yates
- Storth School Governors Jessica Harvey (although not a BPC member)
- Quarry Liaison Committee David Clark
- Burton-in-Kendal Educ. Fdn. Steve Yates
- Local Area Partnership Margaret Knowles

7.0 Appointment of committees, sub-committees etc.

Resolved – that councillors be re-appointed to serve as follows, subject to the agreement of absent appointees:

- East Ward Planning Ken Blenkarn, David Clark, Pru Jupe, Steve Yates
- West Ward Planning Brian Meakin, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart
- Parish Newsletter Brian Meakin (editor), the Clerk (correspondent)
- Parish Council website Brian Meakin
- Parish Land Wkg. Grp. David Clark, Brian Meakin, Bob Pickup, Steve Yates
- Finance WorkingGroup Brian Meakin, Pru Jupe, Steve Yates

8.0 Annual Subscriptions.

Resolved – that the following subscriptions be approved:

- CALC for 2016/17 (£282)
- Lancaster Canal Trust (last paid £14 for the year 2016).

9.0 Inspection of Deeds.

Title deeds to the following properties were presented to the meeting:

- Land at Slackhead, Beetham to the rear of Rock Cottage (title number CU261848).
- Land at Sandside, known as Sandside Cutting (title number CU107948)
- Land at WWPS Sandside (sub-station) – counterpart lease.

No other property and no investments.

This concluded the business of the annual meeting and was followed by a Planning Committee meeting for East Ward. A normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council then commenced, at approximately 07.30pm, as follows:

10.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th April 2016, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin.

11.0 Declaration of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda – none.

12.0 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 4th April 2016:

12.1 Beetham parish sign survey (5.2) – the Parish Steward was thanked for improvements made to date. All cleaning done and list submitted of signs that needed replacement.

Finger post sign proposed for Slackhead – suggested that consultations be held with AONB and request by 31 July 2016 their decision as to whether to undertake or not.

12.2 Mill Lane, Beetham (5.3) – nothing to report.

12.3 Defibrillators (5.4) – nothing to report.

12.4 Hale Marble Quarry (5.5) – nothing to report.

12.5 Moor Lane, Beetham (5.6) – Beetham Nurseries had agreed to fund. Cllr Stewart to chase Highways for appropriate sign.

12.6 Whassett display panel (7.2) – now in place in BPC’s Whassett notice board.

12.7 SLDC Open Spaces consultation (8.4) – BPC had responded before deadline.

12.8 Shaw Green/Burntbarrow footpath (14.0) – actually a lack-of-lighting problem.

Agreed -that a lighting installation could not be justified on cost/benefit grounds and problem best solved by pedestrians carrying torches when necessary.

13.0 Public Participation:

13.1 Police Report – received before the meeting, circulated and contents noted – only two incidents in Beetham parish – the theft of a cycle at Whassett and a phone scam in which a Storth resident incurred financial loss.

13.2 County Council Matters (Cllr Stewart) – potholes in all the usual places – reported to Highways and repair plan awaited – possibly available by next BPC meeting.

13.3 District Council Matters (Cllr Stewart) – Pru Jupe replaced as local representative by Pete McSweeney in recent elections.

13.4 Any other matters raised by electors – none.

14.0 New matters for consideration:

14.1 Litter problem at Lovers Lane bench – agreed – that BPC respond to Dallam’s complaint by advising that litter in the area would, in future, be monitored and collected by two parish councillors (Margaret Knowles and Bob Pickup).

15.0 Planning Matters.

15.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

May 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
SL/2016/0156	Seahaven, Sandside	Clements	Demolition of garage etc & erection of detached domestic annex	09/05/16	Various concerns
SL/2016/0177	Pye's Bridge Farm, Hale	King	Conversion of agri. bldgs into dwellings etc	06/05/16	No objections
SL/2016/0286	Woodside, Hale	Jackson	Utility room extension + detached garage	02/05/16	No objections
SL/2016/0157	58 Leighton Beck Rd, Slackhead	Harrison	Alterations & extensions to property	10/05/16	No objections

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

SL/2016/0316	Hall More Lodge Caravan Site, Hale	Morphet	Variation of condition 3 of SL/2015/0740 -open season for static caravans	11/05/16	No objections
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15.2 Decisions received from SLDC**SLDC decision**

SL/2015/1005	Garden of Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Conversion of outbuilding to form new dwelling	Appeal 06/04/16 refused
SL/2016/0060	Barcaldine, Leighton Drive, Slackhead	Nelson	Single dwelling	Refused

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

15.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

15.4 Related matters & correspondence: some concerns by members re SLDC's TPO process with particular reference to current situation in Rose Hill Grove. Cllr Stewart to raise with SLDC's Chief Executive.

16.0 Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – APRIL 2016	MEETING – 9th May, 2016	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	HIBA	
				£	£	£
01/04/16	Opening balances				6,739.12	19,234.72
30/04/16	Receipts:					
	707	SLDC	Precept 2016/17	17,557.29		
	707	SLDC	Council Tax grant 2016/17	584.13		
	708	Smith	Ground rent 2015/16 & 2016/17	240.00		
	709	Ryan	Ground rent 2015/16	40.00		
		Dale	Wall repair contribution	275.00		
					18,696.42	
30/04/16	Payments:					
	392 1040	CALC	Subscription 2016/17	282.00		
	393 1041	CALC	Good Councillor booklet (M K)	2.50		
	394 1042	P Jupe	Reimbursement for AA wine	23.40		
	395 1043	GHS	Grass-cut April	185.00		
	396 1044	Hartley	Internal audit 2015/16	50.00		
	397 1045	Scargill	Clerk's sal April (net)	392.66		
	398 1046	Turner	Wall repair (Rose Hill Gr)	400.00		
			Total payments in month		-1,335.56	
30/04/16	Closing balances				24,099.98	19,234.72
30/04/16	Total funds all accounts					£43,334.70
	Reserve Funds at 30/04/16					
		Street lamp reserve		7,200.00		
		General Reserve		12,034.72		
		Total reserves		19,234.72		

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

16.2 Any other financial matters – none.

17.0 Parish Steward.

- 17.1 - report on current events - nothing to report.
- 17.2 - additions to PS's programme of work - nothing to add.
- 17.3 - local highways amenity priorities - nothing to add.

18.0 Reports from BPC representatives on outside bodies - none.

19.0 General parish matters:

Cllr Jupe - current need for a litter pick. Suggestion from Cllr Pickup that Tony Riden (AONB) be asked to organise one.

Cllr Yates - no information on bus times in the information panels at the Beetham A6 bus-stop.

Cllr Knowles - complaints received about cold callers in Carr Bank. To email Cllr Stewart requesting that CCC consider making Carr Bank/Keasdale Road a 'no cold-calling zone'. Also complaint about SLDC's TPO letter (mentioned above). More public information needed about facilities available at the newly-organised Storth Post Office.

20.0 Parish Land.

- **Dixies** - the new owners of the former Flippin' Fluke (now a private residence) had confirmed they did not own this land.
- **Plot 4** - amended legal agreements had now been sent to all tenants. Payments received to date varied considerably but hopefully way now clear to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion in the near future.
- **Sandside Cutting** - Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward agree no problem in making progress here.

21.0 Annual review of BPC Standing Orders - Agreed - BPC's Finance Group to consider.

22.0 General Correspondence:

- 27/04/16 - Tarmac - next Sandside Quarry Liaison meeting - 16 May 2016. Clerk to remind Cllrs Clark and Pickup of this.
- 12/04/16 - AONB - thanks for BPC's 2015/16 donation.

23.0 Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct - May 2016 - Issue 105
- Lancaster Canal Trust - Waterwitch - spring 2016 - Number 156

24.0 Items to be included on agenda of BPC's June meeting:

- items as mentioned to above, plus any further items notified to the Clerk by 28/05/16.

25.0 Date of next BPC (normal monthly) meeting - confirmed as 6th June 2016, 7.00pm at Storth School.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.