

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES of Annual Meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Beetham School at 7.00pm.**

**Present were** Cllrs Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, David Jupe, Pru Jupe, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill and Bill Haddow as Parish Steward and elector. No other electors. PCSO Jayne Park (for item 13.1 only).

## **1.0 Election of Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2014/15 .**

**Resolved** - that Cllr Pru Jupe be elected Chair for the council year 2014/15.

## **2.0 Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Pru Jupe's formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair for the council year 2014/15 was received by the Clerk.

**3.0 Announcements by the Chair.** Cllr Jupe thanked Cllr Blenkharn for his many years of service as BPC Chair. In turn, Cllr Blenkharn thanked members for their support throughout his term of office, an office he had found both enjoyable and rewarding. Cllr Jupe then asked members to welcome David Jupe to the meeting as the prospective new co-opted member of the Council. David Jupe formally accepted the appointment by signing his Acceptance of Office, received by the Clerk.

**4.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllr Bob Pickup (prior engagement).

## **5.0 Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2014/15.**

**Resolved** - that Cllr Ken Blenkharn be appointed as Vice-Chair for 2014/15.

## **6.0 Appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies.**

**Resolved** - that councillors be appointed to represent the council on outside bodies for the year 2014/15 as follows, subject to the agreement of absent appointees:

- Beetham Exhibition Trust      Jessica Harvey (although not a BPC member) & Chris Noble
- Lancaster Canal Trust      Ken Blenkharn, Pru Jupe
- AONB Executive      Brian Meakin, Pru Jupe
- CALC South Lakeland Com.      Ken Blenkharn, 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      David Jupe

## **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 Blenkharn, David Clark, David Jupe, Pru Jupe, Steve Yates
- West Ward Planning      Brian Meakin, 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

## 8.0 Annual Subscriptions.

**Resolved** - that the following subscriptions be approved:

- CALC for 2014/15 (£273)
- Lancaster Canal Trust for year to 31/12/2014, retrospectively (£14).

## 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 (known as Plot 4).
- Land at Sandside, known as Sandside Cutting (title number CU107948)
- Land at WWPS Sandside (sub-station) - counterpart lease.

No other property and no investments.

It was noted that Simon Rose had now retired from Milne Moser, the Council's solicitors. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should retain possession of the above title deeds for the time being. Clerk to write to Milne Moser asking for information about who would now be dealing with BPC affairs. Situation to be reviewed in two months time.

**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 07.45pm, as follows:**

**10.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Blenkham, who chaired that meeting.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014:

**12.1 Hale interpretation panel (5.1)** - no further progress, but the Clerk was hopeful that the matter would be satisfactorily concluded before the next meeting.

**12.2 Land opposite the former Flippin' Fluke (5.3)** - agreed that this matter be referred to the Parish Land Working Group, to make firm proposals on the work to be done, when and by whom within the already agreed initial £500 budget - and to report to the next BPC meeting.

**12.3 Broadband progress in Beetham parish** - local upgrades were understood to be imminent. **Agreed** - that Chris Ward, Operations & Projects Director of bf internet, be invited to give a short presentation on the subject to BPC's July meeting. Clerk to issue invitation.

**13.0 Public Participation:**

**13.1 Police Report** - had been received and circulated to members on the day of the meeting. Rural acquisitive crime continued to be prevalent, with thieves targeting both secured and unsecured out-buildings. Several recent reports of unauthorised doorstep cold callers. Twenty-nine reported incidents in Beetham parish (4 reported crimes and 5 traffic incidents). No current problems with pupils from Wings School under new, temporary head.

**13.2 County Council Matters (Cllr Stewart)** - CCC's withdrawal of bus-service subsidies could have a major impact on services and fares. It had been agreed that the two badly-worn Whassett signs on the B6384 would be replaced. New white-lining in the parish seemed to be very little for the agreed budget. In a bid to improve traffic flow and encourage the use of designated car-parks, on-street car parking was to be rolled out in Cumbria, starting with Ambleside, following the practice in other counties. In answer to a member's question, Cllr Stewart explained that the agreed traffic survey for Whassett would have to follow due process (of collecting and analysing data) before any conclusions and recommendations could be expected. Highways had issued a capital programme of proposed remedial etc work for 2014/15 - two items were relevant to Beetham Parish.

**13.3 District Council Matters (Cllr Jupe)** - little to report at present as both local Kendal and European elections were imminent.

### 13.4 Any other matters raised by electors – none.

### 14.0 Planning Matters.

#### 14.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

May, 2014 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/2014/0405	Land at Daisy Bank House, Whassett.	Burn	Erection of dwelling.	13/05/14	No objections

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

SL/2014/0424	Turret House, 6 Hale Green, Hale	Favell	Replacement of single-storey extension + balcony	23/05/14	No objections
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#### 14.2 Decisions received from SLDC

#### SLDC decision

SL/2014/0070	8 Hill Crest Drive, Slackhead, Beetham	Fielding	Single-storey side extension plus roof alterations.	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0198	Stoneleigh, Langdale Cr. Storth	Coleman	Dormer extension and window alterations	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0199	Laundry Cottage, Hale	Dibb	Single-storey extension and installation of new window.	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0231	Hale End, Hale	Richards	Agricultural machinery store	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

#### 14.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

#### 14.4 Related matters & correspondence: none

### 15.0 Financial Matters.

#### 15.1 Cash receipts, bills payable (for approval) and balances on BPC bank accounts

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – APRIL 2014	MEETING – 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2014		HIBA
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		
				£	£	£
01/04/14	Opening balances				238.82	19,215.30
30/04/14	Receipts:					
	60	SLDC	Precept 2014/15	17,216.00		
			CT grant	651.63		
					17,867.63	
30/04/14	Payments:					
	285 936	CALC	Annual sub. 2014/15	273.00		
	286 937	Hartley	Internal audit 2013/14	50.00		
	287 938	Scargill	Clerk's sal. April (net)	360.63		
			Postage & stat'y	12.50		
			VAT	1.06		
				374.19		
	Total payments in month				-697.19	
30/04/14	Closing balances				17,409.26	19,215.30
30/04/14	Total funds – all accounts					£36,624.56
	<b>Reserve funds at 30/04/14 (HIBA)</b>					
			Street lamp reserve	2,400.00		
			General reserve	16,815.30		
			Total reserves	19,215.30		

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

#### 15.2 Any other financial matters – none.

### 16.0 Parish Steward.

#### 16.1 – report on current events – damage by vehicles to verges and other grassed areas. Damage

at A6 Beetham new bridge mentioned by Cllr P Jupe - Cllr Yates will inspect and make suggestions for remedy - funds from both CCC and SLDC could be made available.

- risk of mower damage from unauthorised verge signage. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart for reporting to SLDC.

**16.2 - additions to PS's programme of work** - to construct and install wooden planter beneath Beetham village sign at southern entrance to village. The PS confirmed that all outstanding jobs on his list would be completed before the next meeting.

**17.0 Reports from BPC representatives on outside bodies** - none.

**18.0 General parish matters:**

**Cllr Clark** - several potholes on road through Dallam Park. Build-up of earth and detritus along B5282 (north side) between Milnthorpe New Bridge and Quarry Lane

**Cllr Noble** - similar build-up along stretch of B5282 between Sandside and southern parish boundary

**Cllr Yates** - asked about any progress on Mill Lane ownership issue (Clerk reported - none). Also queried lack of progress in dealing with overspill of rain water onto Leighton Beck Road, on approach to Slackhead from Beetham (reported at earlier meetings). Clerk to send reminder to Cllr Stewart in form of a copy of his original report to Highways

**Cllr Stewart** - had observed building work at The Pasture regularly taking place outside agreed hours.

**Cllr Blenkarn** - flooding on B6384 at Whassett. Clerk to follow-up with Highways, cc Cllr Stewart.

**19.0 Parish Land.**

- **Plot 4** - the Clerk reported on a site meeting with one of the ground-rent tenants and his further observations at that time. It was clear that a number of problems needed to be addressed. **Agreed** - that BPC's Parish Land Working Group be asked to consider and make recommendations on all current issues re Plot 4 and report back regularly to the full Parish Council until fully resolved.

- **Sandside Cutting** - the application to the Forestry Commission for a felling licence had been returned by them for further information - now awaiting issue of the licence.

**20.0 BPC liaison with APPT** - another meeting to be held soon.

**21.0 Beetham Neighbourhood Plan** - this was an important matter and a great deal of work would be involved if the decision were made to go ahead. **Agreed** - to defer consideration to next meeting.

**22.0 Annual review of BPC Standing Orders** - Cllr Meakin had recently read through the SOs carefully and considered them to be fit for purpose. **Agreed** - no changes needed at the present time.

**23.0 General Correspondence:**

- 14/04/14 - SLDC - notification of street lamps survey by CCC (at request of SLDC)

**24.0 Reading Matter:**

- Clerks & Councils Direct - May 2014 - Issue 93

- Lancaster Canal Trust - Waterwitch - spring/summer 2014 - Number 152

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

- Beetham PC representation at Burntbarrow Woods Public Inquiry, 3 Sept. 2014

- Beetham Neighbourhood Plan

- Land opposite previous Flippin' Fluke - Parish Land Working Group report

- Plot 4 - Parish Land Working Group report

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm**