

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 6th June 2016 at Storth School.

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

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Clark (ill), Cllr Jupe (holiday), District Cllr P McSweeney, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 9th May 2016, had been circulated by email. Subject to (item 6) adding Cllr Noble as additional BPC representative on Beetham Exhibition Trust and deleting Cllr Yates as BPC representative on Beetham School Board of Governors (representation discontinued) 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 - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 9th May 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Beetham parish sign survey (12.1) – Cllr Meakin to discuss any outstanding matters with the Parish Steward before concluding the project.

5.2 Mill Lane, Beetham (12.1) - no further developments. Remove from future agendas until something to report.

5.3 Defibrillators (12.8) – the phone box on Stanley Street, Beetham, had been approved by BT as a possible location but members were unwilling to take on the responsibilities of ownership of such equipment, preferring to offer funding for its purchase by a properly formed group (such as First-Responders).

5.4 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (12.4) – the inspector's ruling had upheld Dallam Estate's appeal with costs against CCC's original Definitive Map Modification Order. Further legal costs for BPC uncertain.

5.5 Moor Lane, Beetham (12.5) – BPC had been advised of the cost of a CCC Highways sign. Clerk to pass this information to Beetham Nurseries to confirm their willingness to fund the sign. Other sources may be available to help with funding if necessary.

5.6 Proposed AONB litter-pick (19) – Clerk to liaise with Tony Riden, paying particular attention to A6 verges at Beetham.

5.7 Storth PO facilities (19) – Cllr Stewart prepared to offer some funding to Storth Community Group for publicity purposes.

5.8 BPC Standing Orders Review (21) – remains to be arranged by BPC Finance Group.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – received and circulated before the meeting. Again little to report, nothing in Beetham parish. Cllr Blenkharn reported regular speeding traffic though Whassett. Public urged to use the 101 phone number to report non-urgent incidents.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – the absence of bus time-tables at the bus-stops on the A6 at Beetham should soon be rectified. Temporary repairs had been made to potholes in Storth Road. Cllr Stewart, along with Highways’ Nick Raymond, plans to carry out a survey of road surface problems throughout the parish. The current consultation on libraries could result in curtailed opening times, due to staffing limitations. The potential effect of the national ‘living wage’ on care home economics was worrying, with CCC bearing the ultimate responsibility for such care in the county. The possible closure of Westmorland General Hospital’s Kentmere (mental health) Ward was of great concern - echoed by BPC members, although there was little they could do to influence the outcome.

Cllr Stewart advised that he would make £1K available from his 2016/17 discretionary funds for urgent general community improvement work in the parish.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – SLDC’s Tree Preservation Order for Arnbarrow Woods had upset local residents and an appeal had been submitted.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Possible closure of WGH Kentmere Ward – see 6.2 above.

7.2 Village maps/information boards –members favoured installing such boards in Beetham, Storth and Carr Bank if suitable locations could be found. Some external grant funding already available and the likely cost of additional boards at £150 per unit was considered reasonable. Clerk to advise Mr & Mrs Kitchen of BPC interest.

7.3 Electoral Review of South Lakeland – the Electoral Commission was keen to promote three-member wards in the interest of fairer population representation. This might involve splitting off Whassett and Farleton from Beetham Ward and linking them instead with Burton and Holme – not likely to suit all residents.

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

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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/2016/0412	Land at corner of Arnside Lane, Hale	Coates	Dwelling	31/05/16	No objections

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

SL/2016/0499	1A Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Fishwick-Cook	First-floor extension	21/06/16	No objections
SL/2016/0442 SL/2016/0488	Old Parsonage Farm-house, Beetham	Sadler	Conservatory plus internal alterations	14/06/16	No objections

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2016/0239	Brantwood, Heathwaite Close, Storth	Bell	Detached garage with hobby area above	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0157	58 Leighton Beck Rd Slackhead	Harrison	Alterations & extensions to property	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0316	Hall More Lodge Caravan site, Hale	Morphet	Variation of condition re open season for caravans	Approved with conditions

(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.

9. Financial Matters:

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies - Clerk to write to Network Rail to pursue ownership question, with Cllr Stewart (via CCC) to provide name of an appropriate NR addressee.

13.2 - Plot 4 - new rental agreements now complete and all rents due received or in place via standing order. Members thanked all who had been involved in bringing about this satisfactory conclusion to an unexpectedly protracted project.

13.3- Sandside Cutting - currently no outstanding matters.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 24/05/16 - Silverdale PC - Land Registry letters re Dallam's 'assertion of manorial rights' in Silverdale parish (acknowledged).

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

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

17.0 Date of next meeting - normal monthly BPC meeting - Monday 4 July 2016, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.