

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 5th June 2017 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Steve Yates (Chair), Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup & Ian Stewart. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and two members of the public.

Election of Chair - in the absence of Cllrs Meakin and Jupe, Cllr Yates was elected as Chair for this meeting.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Blenkarn (ill), Clark, Jupe (holiday), Meakin (holiday), and D Cllr P McSweeney.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 8th May 2017, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Yates.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda - none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 8th May 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (12.1) - Cllrs Knowles and Yates had arranged to meet Barbara Henneberry (AONB) on 7 June 2017 to progress.

5.2 Slackhead signpost (12.2) - refurbishment work completed. Sign to be displayed at next BPC meeting, prior to installation.

5.3 Hale grass verge (12.3) - CCC unlikely to wish to progress. Nearby Oakroyd property now vacated, so no longer an issue with change of use (taxi business).

5.4 A6 signage for paper mill and corn mill (12.4) - some delay expected at Highways on this issue due to change of personnel - to be re-activated in due course. Cllr Pickup to inform paper mill, who were keen for improved direction signage to their premises.

5.5 Review of BPC Standing Orders (21) - to be arranged as soon as members of BPC Finance Group available.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - received and circulated before the meeting. 40 reported incidents in the wider local area of which 10 crimes recorded, none in Beetham parish.

6.2 County Council matters - activities generally in limbo due to impending General Election. Flooding behind Nuns Avenue and surface water on Leighton Beck Road to be considered in due course.

6.3 District Council matters - activities generally in limbo due to impending General Election. Reconsideration of local parish boundaries expected at some future date.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - Beetham ghost pathway markings now obscured by recent gritting. Recurring deliberate obstructions by residents to its public use despite recent complaints to CCC. On the other hand, constant traffic in this area, and Church Street, make it difficult for residents, especially the elderly and wheelchair users.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Data Protection – NALC advised that local authorities likely to be affected by recent legislation requiring the appointment of Data Protection Officers. Clerk to consult CALC for advice on practical aspects of dealing with this requirement (job-sharing between councils?).

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

June 2017 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/2017/0440	Beetham Nurseries	Abbit	Extension to existing tea rooms	06/06/17	No objection to this application, but concerns re incremental expansion here

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

SL/2027/0304	Ellers Farm	Robinson	Extension to poultry unit	09/06/17	No objections
SL/2017/0474	Knott View Barn, Farleton	Twiname	Field change of use, plus erection of detached garage	21/06/17	No objections

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2016/1136	Dukes Bridge Farm	Robbins	Barn conversion	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0160	Linden Lea, Keasdale Rd, Storth	Chaplow	2-storey side extension	Ditto
SL/2017/0198	12 Burntbarrow, Storth	Walker	Single-storey side ext'n	Ditto
SL/2017/0226	Breck House, Leighton Dr, S'head	Coates	Single-storey rear ext'n	Ditto
SL/2017/0244	49 Burntbarrow, Storth	Shepherd	Single-storey side ext'n	Ditto
SL/2017/0301	Breeze Hill, Carr Bank Rd,	Heathcote	Alterations + single-storey side ext'n	Ditto

(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

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – MAY 2017		MEETING – 5 June, 2017		HIBA
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c		
					£	£	£
01/05/17	Opening balances					26,313.34	19,244.32
31/05/17	Receipts;						
			Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50		
			- Ryan		20.00		
						32.50	
			HMRC	VAT refund 2016/17		579.97	
31/05/17	Payments:						
	447 1098	CCC	Mtg room hire (Storth School)		20.00		
	448 1099	Scargill	Clerk's sal May (net)	414.64			
			Exp. Allces 6mths -	413.00			
			Post & Stat'y	22.72			
			VAT	3.22			
					853.58		
	449 1100	GHS	Grass-cutting etc		435.00		
	Total payments in month					-1,308.58	
31/05/17	Closing balances					25,617.23	19,244.32
31/05/17	Total funds all accounts					£44,861.55	
Reserve Funds at 31/05/17			Street lamp reserve		9,600.00		
			General Reserve		9,644.32		
			Total reserves		19,244.32		

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

9.2 Other financial matters – Ex BPC councillor Jessica Harvey had agreed to act as Internal Auditor for 3 years.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – A6 bridge crash barrier at Beetham – large stones remain in grass verge behind barrier, creating damage hazard for mowing machinery and so preventing normal grass-cutting standards to be maintained. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart for urgent attention by Highways. Two metal posts (the remains of demolished signs) along the A6 verge needed to be removed. Overgrown hedges behind a number of Stanley Street, Beetham, properties were impeding use of the A6 footway between Heron Theatre and the cenotaph. Clerk to write to householders for remedial action. A fallen branch from Ashton House, in Leighton Beck Road, had been removed.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – Bill Haddow was asked to attend a public meeting at The Heron Theatre on 22 June (7.00 – 9.00 pm) on flooding issues, at which the rubble problem (see 10.1 above) could usefully be raised.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – Cllr Pickup had attended a B4RN meeting at which the installation of a new cabinet in Storth had been announced.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Pickup** – surface water originating by the garages behind Nuns Avenue still causing problems on the road opposite the Garden Centre and seeping into adjacent fields. Concerns about the road surface in Guard Hill Lane. Protruding metal post (the remains of a demolished ‘Low Bridge’ sign) along the B5282.

- **Cllr Noble** – the proliferation of ‘For Sale’ signs at Carr Bank Road properties.

- **Cllr Stewart** – noted that at least two ‘Private Parking’ signs had appeared at different sites in the parish. A large tree in the verge on Langdale Crest needed to be removed.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies – it was noted that ‘land on the north side of Park Road, Sandside’ (title number CU294749), was now up for sale by The Secretary of State for Transport at an estimated value of £200K. Clerk to write to Secretary of State for more information. Ongoing.

13.2 - Sandside Cutting – Parish Steward still to remove remnants of cuttings from tree trimming.

13.3 - Plot 4 – Mr & Mrs Ryan were instructing their solicitor to draft a release from the covenant to reflect the agreement reached with BPC and to bear the cost of this. The new owners of Cross Cottage, 2 Leighton Beck Road, Slackhead, had accepted an official deed of assignment from the previous owners (Mr & Mrs Mewburn) of the rights to tenancy of their garage plot.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 11/5/17 – Community Engagement Officer Cumbria Flood Resilience re future meetings.

- 24/5/17 – information of main political party manifestos re 2017 general Election.

15.0 Reading Matter – Lancaster Canal Trust – Waterwitch – number 158 – spring/summer 2017.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting April 2017) and additional to items referred to above – none.

17.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 3 July 2017, 7.00pm at Storth School.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.