

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 2nd June 2014 at Storth School at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Pru Jupe (chair), Ken Blenkarn, Brian Meakin, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs David Clark, David Jupe (family commitment), Bob Pickup (subsequent to the meeting) and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12th May 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Pru Jupe.

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: 12th May 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Hale Interpretation Panel (12.1) – the Clerk had had a site meeting with the contractor who would install the base - promised for June (2014). The panel itself was now ready to attach.

5.2 Broadband developments in the parish (12.3) – Chris Ward from BF Internet had agreed to make a short presentation at BPC's July meeting, as requested. This would be included as early as possible in the agenda for that meeting.

5.3 Milne Moser future arrangements for BPC matters (9.0) – no reply had been received to the Clerk's request for information. To be monitored.

5.4 Beetham bridge layby (16.1) – Cllr Yates had inspected the site and suggested the placing of large stones along the edge of the grassed area to prevent car parking there and the creation of a turning space for vehicles would be helpful. Sandside Quarry to be asked to donate the stones. Cllr Jupe could offer SLDC funding for the project as necessary. Clerk to clear these proposals with CCC, via Cllr Stewart and invite AONB involvement.

5.5 Leighton Beck Road surface water (18.0) – action by Cllr Stewart pending.

5.6 Flooding on B6384 at Whassett (18.0) – action by Cllr Stewart pending.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – none (but received after the meeting).

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – CCC's decision to introduce charges for on-street parking had proved controversial, with local retail businesses worried about its effect on their trade. Cllr Stewart was pursuing the disappointing extent of work done in the parish under the recent white-line renewal project, with Stanley Street, Beetham, still urgently needing attention. Subject to a BPC resolution, he also agreed to request CCC's investigation of excessive signage along the A6, from the Cumbria boundary as far as Milnthorpe, with the object of removing all unnecessary and unlawful signs. Also suggested that this subject might usefully be raised at the forthcoming CALC meeting, as other parishes may well have a similar problem.

Resolved – that CCC be asked, via Cllr Stewart, to investigate Beetham parish's A6 signage.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Jupe) – local elections had dominated recent business and key posts on SLDC had now been allocated. Cllr Jupe, as Vice-chair of SLDC, had attended a civic ceremony and parade at Barrow-in-Furness

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – disappointment at the poor turnout by residents for the Beetham Annual Parish Assembly held in March 2014 – better publicity needed in future.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

June. 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

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

SL/2014/0495	Garden - Kern Knotts Keasdale Rd, Storth	Robinson	New dwelling	09/06/14	No objections
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2014/0311	8 Old Myse, Storth	Meakin	Erection of fence	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0327	Fox Farm, Haverbrack	Henderson	Erection of replacement domestic outbuilding	Approved with conditions

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

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence: none

8.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – MAY 2014	MEETING – 2 nd Jun 2014		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/05/14	Opening balances				17,409.26	19,215.30
31/05/14	Receipts:					
	61	SLDC	LAP grant for SID pole	120.00		
	62	Smith	Ground rent 2014/15	40.00		
	63	Ryan	- ditto -	20.00		
	64	Hunn	- ditto -	20.00		
					200.00	
31/05/14	Payments:					
“	293 939	GHS	Grasscutting etc	804.00		
	294 940	Scargill	Clerk's sal. May (net)	360.63		
			Car allce (6 mths)	250.00		
			Phone allce (6 mths)	20.00		
			Postage & Staty	26.75		
			VAT	4.38		
				661.76		
“	Total payments in month				-1,465.76	
31/05/14	Closing balances				16,143.50	19,215.30
31/05/14	Total funds all accounts				£35,358.80	
Reserve Funds at 31/05/14		Street lamp reserve		2,400.00		
		General Reserve		16,815.30		
		Total reserves		19,215.30		

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

8.2 Other financial matters: none.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS's update on current events – Parish Steward not present. Clerk asked to request his attendance at the next BPC meeting in order to provide an update on current jobs.

9.2 Additions to PS's work programme: none.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies :

- Cllrs Meakin and Jupe had attended a recent AONB meeting on land allocations for the whole AONB area (involving both SLDC and LCC), which had been well run and proved very useful. A survey had been sent out to all householders in the AONB, as a result of which it should be possible to get a good idea of the number of properties being used as holiday lets.
- Cllr Stewart reported from a Storth School Governors meeting that the prospective number of pupils to be attending Storth School in 2014/15 was seriously down. More affordable housing, to attract families with children of primary school age, was the only way to reverse this trend.

11.0 Local highways amenity work: Cllr Stewart to email Clerk with a list of current requirements.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Blenkarn** – urged the expediting of traffic speed restrictions through Whassett.
- **Cllr Yates** – had been advised that renewal of the A6 bus-stop signs could now be within sight.
- **Cllr Meakin** – had been advised that street lamp number 224 at Piper's Close was not working and had been reported, but the attending repair man would not fix as it was ENW-pole mounted. Clerk to take up with SLDC.

13.0 Parish Land:

- **former Flippin' Fluke car park** – Cllr Meakin agreed to organise implementation of the Council's earlier decision to proceed with improvements. Clerk to approach Sandside Quarry to source stones.
- **current issues with Plot 4** – Cllr Yates to organise a site meeting of Parish Land Working Group and report to next BPC meeting.
- **Beetham bridge lay-by** – Cllr Yates to organise implementation of improvement plan, once clearance received from CCC (see min 5.4 above). Clerk to approach Sandside Quarry for stones.
- **Sandside Cutting** – no further developments.

14.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT) – the APPT had attended the AONB meeting on land allocations (see min 10 above) and had impressed with their preparation for and performance at this meeting.

15.0 A Beetham Neighbourhood Plan – the key to assessing the need for such a Plan was a housing needs survey, which could be provided, at least for that part of the parish within the AONB, by the AONB survey (see min 10 above). Cllr Yates warned that a decision to embark on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan should not be taken lightly – such a plan would be time-consuming for those involved, could take many years to prepare and would involve the hiring of expensive professionals. These costs may not be fully offset by the financial benefit of access to improved grants.
Agreed – that a decision on whether BPC should undertake the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan be deferred for the time being.

16.0 Burntbarrow Woods public inquiry (3 Sept 2014).

Agreed – that BPC's position was to support the application for ROW status for the specified paths on the grounds that the evidence presented and on which CCC had made its decision to grant such status, was sound. Also that Cllr Yates's offer to represent BPC at this inquiry be accepted.

17.0 General Correspondence:

- 2 June 2014 – CCC Mapping & Strategic Asset management – notification of map modification order dated 30 May 2014 re ROW status for paths in general area of Hale Marble Quarry. Clerk to contact Michael Eden to establish main parties providing the evidence behind the CCC order.

18.0 Reading Matter - none.

19.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (July 2014):

- BPC Land Working Group reports on - Flippin' Fluke car park project.
 - Beetham bridge improvement project.
 - Plot 4 site meeting outcome.
- Road surface water issues in Leighton Beck Road and the B6384 at Whassett.

19.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 7 July 2014 - 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend throughout any meeting of the Parish Council but may speak only during the Public Participation item on the agenda to raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish, District or County Councils or Cumbria Police.