

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday, 6th January 2020 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Crayston, Brian Dean, Rebecca Dewar, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also County Cllr Pete McSweeney, District Cllr Helen Chaffey, Parish Clerk John Scargill and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Clark.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2 Dec. 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin, subject to an amendment to min 6.2/3 – the words ‘sign post’ to be replaced by the word ‘stile’.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – at the request of Dallam Tower Estate, Cllr Meakin and C Cllr McSweeney had attended a meeting with the Estate’s representatives. The Estate had asked for it to be recorded that the Estate was not in dispute with anyone in connection with High Cote Lane, Slackhead (BPC meeting 02/12/19, min 6.4). Comments made by Julian Oston (Dallam Estate) at a separate meeting on 04/11/19 clarified the Dallam Estate opinion on the PROW application (BPC meeting on 04/11/19, min 6.4.1). It had been agreed that regular meetings between representatives of BPC and Dallam Tower Estate would help reduce future misunderstandings and improve relations generally.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 2 Dec 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further developments. Cllr McSweeney agreed to continue to press the Environment Agency for a resolution to this long-standing problem. Cllr Greifenberg’s offer to be involved, and share his experience of such matters, was welcomed by the meeting.

5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.2) – Chris Helm was to start work today (6 Jan ’20) on the well at Jonny’s Steps. Traffic speeds on the B5282 continued to be excessive. C Cllr McSweeney reported that a Highways survey of traffic on the B5282 (as promised by the late Ian Stewart) had indeed taken place but, on the basis of recorded data, had found a number of health and safety issues that needed to be addressed. However, members were concerned that the recorded data referred only to incidents resulting in injuries and not to the potential for vehicle collisions due to the limited visibility of oncoming traffic. Delay in repairing/replacing the damaged railings at the Storth Road/B5282 junction could be due to lengthy insurance procedures. In response to a query from Cllr Pickup, it seemed that the danger to livestock and property posed by the deterioration of certain types of Chinese lantern was recognised and these had been banned by many local authorities including Lancaster CC - but not Cumbria.

5.3 Fairy Steps access signage (5.3) – in order to clarify the present situation, it was **agreed** that C Cllr McSweeney would request confirmation from CCC that this sign would be replaced before Easter 2020, failing which BPC would itself undertake the work.

5.4 a Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.4) – nothing further to report; Highways were continuing work to find a solution to what they recognised as a high priority problem. C Cllr McSweeney was asked to establish the estimated cost of CCC’s proposed new drilled soakaway as a possible part-solution.

5.4 b Leighton Beck Road signage (5.4) – nameplates additional to those new ones already in place are to be sited near the village stocks.

- 5.5 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.5)** – site meeting scheduled for 15 January with Highways engineer to agree on optimum location and to consider additional possible safety measures.
- 5.6 Beetham ghost footpath (5.6)** – matter now with Highways - nothing further to report.
- 5.7 Clerk’s contract of employment (5.7)** – Cllr Meakin had met with the Clerk and the wording of a new draft contract now generally agreed. Holiday pay issues remain.
- 5.8 New Arnside/Kendal bus service (5.8)** – continues to run three days per week and seemingly well-used. Frequency to be re-assessed at the end of January.
- 5.9 BPC grants 2019/20 (5.9)** – BPC’s grant of £400 to Beetham Band included in December 2019 payments. A grant request had now been received from Storth Village Hall – **agreed** that a match-funded grant offer of £400 be made to Storth Village Hall for 2019/20, with consideration of a further grant in 2020/21.
- 5.10 Beetham Sports Field path (5.10)** – the land owner had been unable to attend this meeting as hoped. Further discussion deferred pending re-arrangement.
- 5.11 Redundant phone boxes (7.1)** – **agreed** that the Storth Green phone box was no longer required and could be removed, but BPC wished to adopt the Carr Bank Road box with a view to using it as a defibrillator location (C Cllr McSweeney to advise SLDC accordingly). Clerk to establish ownership of (and any BPC financial obligations relating to) the now surplus defibrillator, being a duplicated delivery not recovered by Community Heart Beat Trust and now in the keeping of Sue Cox.
- 5.12 BPC website update (7.2)** – **agreed** – that BPC update its website as required by current legislation (and advised by A2A) at a cost of £300, but not to obtain the additional and optional SSL Certificate. Clerk to implement.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – for December received and circulated before the BPC meeting – two recorded crimes in or adjacent to Beetham Parish (one residential burglary and one theft of fuel from Milnthorpe Spar shop).

6.2/3 County and District Council matters – nothing to report. C Cllr McSweeney reminded members that any request for allocation to BPC of any part of his discretionary allowance for 2019/20 needed to be submitted to him before the 3 March deadline.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration – none.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

January 2020 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/2019/0924	Land near Fell End, Hale Moss		Construction of fenced equine menage	27/12/19	No objection
SL/2019/0940	14 Rose Hill Grove, Storth		Single-storey extensions	26/12/19	No objection
SL/2019/0944	Willow Cottage, Keasdale Rd, C Bk		Various extensions and alterations.	28/12/19	No objections
SL/2019/0961	Stoney Ridge, Keasdale Rd, C Bk		Re-roofing garage and erection of BBQ hut	26/12/19	No objection

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2019/0687	Kingfisher Restaurant		Change of use	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0688	Kingfisher Restaurant		Patio for 1st floor app'ment	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0843	1 Woodland Close, Storth		Additional vehicle access	Approved with conditions

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

8.4 Related matters & correspondence – **none**.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – DECEMBER 2019		MEETING – 6 Jan, 2020	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
				£	£	£	£
01/12/19	Opening balances				14,249.18	19,312.58	
31/12/19	Receipts:		Ground rents July - B-Jones	8.34			
			- Ryan	20.00			
			Elec NW Wayleaves		28.34		
					81.89		
31/12/19	Payments:						
	569	1223	Jacobs Access licence, Sandside	31.14			
	570	1224	Beetham Band – grant	400.00			
	571	1225	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Dec (net)	447.28			
			Post & Stat’y	26.61			
			VAT	4.33			
				478.22			
	572	1226	HMRC PAYE – Dec qutr	334.80			
					-1,244.16		
31/12/19	Closing balances				13,115.25	19,312.58	
31/12/19	Total funds all accounts				£32,427.83		
	Reserve Funds at 31/12/19		Street lamp reserve	9,600.00			
			General Reserve	9,712.58			
			Total reserves	19,312.58			

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

9.2 Other financial matters - BPC 9mths accounts, circulated in advance of the meeting – **approved**.

- meeting of BPC Finance Group – **needed urgently** to discuss and agree BPC’s budget/precept requirement for 2020/21 (submission deadline 24 January 2020). Finalisation of the Clerk’s new contract of employment and any agreement on earlier shortfalls of pay and holiday pay were a critical part of this.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events -

10.2 Further additions to work programme - secure Storth BPC notice board (wall owner’s permission now received), fix convex mirror at Storth Road/B582 junction as soon as precise location agreed, attach ‘defib content’ notices to Stanley Street phone box and clean/tidy interior.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

Cllr Crayston had attended a recent meeting of the Beetham Exhibition Trust and reported that, on his recommendation, the Trust had decided to close its Leeds Building Society account and open a COIF Deposit account for its funds - to be discussed further at the Trust’s next meeting.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only) - Cllr Crayston - the ‘new’ street lamps in Stanley Street, Beetham, were finally live, along with the old lamps they were intended to replace.

13.0 Parish Land.

13.1 - Sandside Cutting - Roger Cartwright had not yet contacted Cllr Pickup as agreed - Clerk to ring again as reminder. Cllr Pickup awaiting response from contractor for further work needs. Felling Licence renewal still awaited from the Forestry Commission.

14.0 General Correspondence received:

- 28 November - Cadent (gas network) - reminding BPC to contact them before commencing any groundwork in Sandside Cutting, due to presence of gas piping. Clerk to confirm this arrangement.

15.0 Reading Matter - Clerks & Councils Direct - Jan 2020 - issue 127.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (February 2020) and additional to items referred to above - possible BPC participation in Cumbria in Bloom 2020.

17.0 Date of next meeting - monthly meeting 3 February 2020 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.