

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd July 2018 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also D Cllr P McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow, BPC member-elect David Crayston and one other member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Blenkarn (unwell) and Stewart (work).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th June 2018, had been circulated by email, were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – Cllr Meakin suggested that agenda item 5.8 be brought forward to deal with the formalities for David Crayston to join BPC as a member for the remainder of the meeting. With these procedures then completed, David Crayston was welcomed as a co-opted member of BPC.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4th June 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) – the boards had been completed, were on display at the meeting and were approved by members. **Agreed** – that Tom Hurst be asked to make frames for the three boards and sub-contract their installation where necessary.

5.2 ‘Smiley’-type speed indicator sign (5.2) – a member of Milnthorpe PC had agreed to undertake regular downloading of the data provided the grass etc around the unit was kept at a reasonable length. **Agreed** - that the Milnthorpe PC offer be accepted and the Parish Steward instructed to include this extra item on his grass-cutting schedule.

5.3 Four Lane Ends, Storth signpost (5.4) – work was well underway, with installation expected before the next BPC meeting.

5.4 Beetham defibrillator (5.5) – Beetham Church PCC had been unwilling to reconsider their refusal to allow the defibrillator to be sited in the church porch. Sue Cox had yet to provide the Clerk with all details of the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) scheme as recorded at the June meeting. **Agreed** – to proceed with the project, using the Stanley Street phone box as the location. Clerk to follow up with Sue Cox.

5.5 WW1 end commemoration (5.6) – Storth School had expressed its willingness to participate in any BPC project and indicated it would also be making its own display. **Agreed** – that BPC should proceed to order two life-size ‘standing soldier’ silhouettes for siting at the two parish war memorials.

5.6 Leighton Beck Road & adjacent field - surface water (5.7) – Cllr Meakin and the Clerk to study land protection information received from CALC. Cllr Yates to study a relevant article in the July issue of Clerks & Councils Direct. CCC/EA flood assessment study ongoing, with report consequently delayed (see 6.2 below). The Parish Steward observed that two (possibly unauthorised) channels had been made to allow road surface water to drain into the adjacent field but that this simply moved the problem elsewhere and resulted in Stanley Street properties being put at risk.

5.7 Carr Bank Road issues (5.8) – the usual traffic/road safety matters persisted.

5.8 BPC member vacancy - see agenda item 4 above.

5.9 Natural England, coastal path proposal (7.1) – delays in resolving issues re the route of the path between Silecroft and Silverdale. No date given for publication of any revised report.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – report received and circulated. 61 incidents in general area (5 local to Beetham), resulting in 11 crimes being recorded – but no details given. Members felt that this limited information was not helpful to their understanding of what was going on and their ability to make some contribution to a solution. Clerk to email Cumbria Police, cc D Cllr McSweeney, to this effect.

6.2 County Council matters – CCC had completed their research but the Environment Agency contribution to the final report remained ongoing, meaning that the public meeting on flooding generally was not now expected before late summer/early autumn 2018. This implied that any remedial measures that might eventually be agreed would themselves be delayed, possibly into or beyond the winter season when more rain could be expected. This was a cause of concern to Beetham residents in particular. Clerk instructed to raise the matter with C Cllr Stewart and to make the relevant landowners (Carlisle Diocese/Beetham School) aware of the potential risks and consequent remedial/compensation costs. The overgrown hedge in Leighton Beck Road that had earlier been reported as a road safety issue (by encouraging traffic to move more into the centre of the road), had been inspected by Mr Christou and found to be over-stated; Cllr Yates, a frequent user, agreed.

6.3 District Council matters – the Lancaster City Council/SLDC-produced AONB DPD 19-21 June public meeting had gone well, with no significant changes to the plan expected.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – only re flooding and dealt with under items 5.6 and 6.2 above.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Rosehill Grove trees – the safety of certain trees was being questioned. Cllr Pickup to obtain quotes for professional tree surgeons to deal with.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

July 2018 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/2018/0209	Hawthorns	?	Demolition of bungalow & erection of 2 dwellings	03/07/18	Objection
SL/2018/0423	8 Blackberry Hill, Slackhead	Mashiter	Demolition of workshop & erection of 2 dwellings	09/06/18	Objection
SL/2018/0485	7 Greenbank Ave, Storth	Panton	In-fill extension under balcony	03/07/18	No objection
SA/2018/0496	4 The Mains, Beetham	?	Demolition of outhouse & Erection of single-storey rear extension	04/07/18	No objection

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

SL/2018/0547	2 Parsonage Fold, Beetham	?	Single-storey rear ext'n	20/07/18	No objection.
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2018/0243	Carr Bank Cottage, Carr Bank Road	Hendry	Change of use – garage to holiday let.	Approved with conditions
SL/2018/0276	5 Shoreline Business Park, Sandside	Gregory	Installation of additional doors & windows	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 – under new SLDC planning procedures, hard-copy plans are no longer being sent out to parish clerks (so will no longer be available to members at their monthly meeting), to be replaced by a simple notification email which the Clerk will forward to relevant planning committee members. The Clerk will continue to receive SLDC’s weekly (Wednesday) summary of all current planning applications, which he will also forward to BPC members where relevant. Members will need to access the SLDC website to be able to view relevant plan details in advance of BPC’s monthly meeting. Each member’s comments on these plans should be sent to each other planning committee member and to the Clerk – either ‘no objection’ or details of any concerns. Where any concerns are expressed, the Chair of each planning committee should then email to the Clerk a summary of what points he should pass to SLDC before the relevant deadline. As with current procedures, in any month where there are planning applications for discussion, a session of 15 minutes will precede each PC meeting; this is to enable members of the public to attend and hear BPC members’ views – which they have a legal right to do.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – JUNE 2018	MEETING – 2 July, 2018	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/06/18	Opening balances			22,669.98	19,254.89
30/06/18	Receipts:				
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50	
			- Ryan	20.00	
			- Smith (12 mths)	200.00	
			- Cooper “	100.00	
				332.50	
			Zurich – balance of insurance monies due re bus-shelter replacement	1,450.00	
			HMRC – refund of VAT paid in 2017/18	790.03	
30/06/18	Payments:				
	500 1151		CCC – Storth School room hire	20.00	
	501 1152		GHS – grasscutting etc	808.00	
	502 1153		Scargill - Clerk’s sal Jun (net)	435.84	
			6mthly exp allces	412.00	
			Postage & staty (3mths)	91.39	
			VAT	16.12	
				955.35	
			Total payments in month	-1,783.35	
30/06/18	Closing balances			23,459.16	19,254.89
30/06/18	Total funds all accounts				£42,714.05
	Reserve Funds at 30/06/18		Street lamp reserve	9,600.00	
			General Reserve	9,654.89	
			Total reserves	19,254.89	

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

9.2 Other financial matters:

- BPC bank mandate changes now confirmed.
- current cash reserves considered to be adequate and prudent, but to be seriously considered for at least partial use where worthwhile projects emerge.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – none.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – grass-cutting of site of Sandside promenade SID.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- * Cllr Noble - Beetham Exhibition Trust – AGM later this month (July).
- * Cllr Knowles – recent CALC meeting – useful.
 - Local Area Partnership (LPA) – meeting coming up.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Crayston - traffic disruption during recent closure of B6384 at Whassett.

Cllr Pickup - properties by the bridge at Whassett susceptible to flooding.

Cllr Clark - potholes on A6 towards Beetham parish boundary with Milnthorpe. New fence on road through Dallam park encroaching onto road surface.

Cllr Knowles - thanks from residents for improved road surface at Langdale Crest.

Cllr Yates - the 'Meadowbank' road sign had been stolen. The road surface of Leighton Beck Road, past the junction at the top of the hill, had been damaged by vehicles driving over the heat-softened tarmac.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Sandside Cutting - boundary wall still to be inspected by Cllr Meakin, Cllr Pickup and the Clerk, with particular emphasis on section between Friar Cote Bridge and Green Lane.

13.2 - Plot 4 - no developments.

14.0 General Correspondence - none.

15.0 Reading Matter - Clerk & Councils Direct, issue 118 July 2018.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Sept 2018) and additional to items referred to above - none.

17.0 Date of next meetings - 7.00pm on 3 September 2018 at Storth Village Church (no August meeting).

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.