

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at Storth School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Margaret Knowles (Chair), Ken Blenkarn, David Clark & Bob Pickup. Also District Cllr P McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and twenty members of the public.

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

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Jupe (holiday), Meakin (holiday), Noble, Stewart (work) and Yates (holiday).

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017, had been circulated by email. Subject to amendment in respect of item 5.2 (Cllr Pickup - that the refurbishment of the sign was going slowly but well and was expected to be completely cleaned by the time of the July meeting) these were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Knowles.

**3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** - Cllr Clark in respect of item 7.1 (SLDC/AONB Development Plan Document, June 2017). Cllr Clark took no part in discussion of this item under 6.4 and 7.1.

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** - notification of a re-scheduled Beetham Flooding public meeting, now to be held at the Heron Theatre on 10 July 2017, but this date also possibly subject to change at the request of Milnthorpe PC as an interested party.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Village map boards (5.1)** - Cllrs Knowles and Yates had met with Barbara Henneberry (AONB) on 7 June 2017 and made good progress with design details of the BPC signs.

**5.2 Slackhead signpost (5.2)** - the post was currently with the painter, but there had been a problem with obtaining the paint. This now had to be re-ordered.

**5.3 Hale grass verge (5.3)** - unlikely to be further developments. Remove from future agendas.

**5.4 A6 signage for paper mill and corn mill (5.4)** - paper mill remained anxious to progress this matter as quickly as possible. Being progressed with CCC, via Cllr Stewart.

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

**5.6 Road from Beetham to Slackhead (10.1)** - A letter had been sent to Ashton House about hedge/tree overgrowth creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and traffic, but no response as yet. An additional section of the same hedge was now of concern. Clerk to send another letter about this.

**5.7 Beetham ghost footpath (6.4) - agreed** - that all parties be invited to take part in a meeting to try to decide how the persistent problem of traffic control and pedestrian safety in this area could best be resolved.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police Report** - no report for June received from Cumbria Police.

**6.2 County Council matters** - no report in the absence of Cllr Stewart on CCC business. Cllr Stewart's election as Deputy Leader of CCC noted and welcomed.

**6.3 District Council matters** - D Cllr McSweeney reported that priority currently being given to SLDC/AONB Development Plan Document 2017, recently published (see also 6.4 & 7.1).

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – as those members of the public present were primarily interested in the SLDC/AONB DPD 2017, which was on the agenda as item 7.1, this item was brought forward for public discussion. D Cllr McSweeney explained the purpose and formal procedural stages of this paper, emphasising that it merely set out the indicated proposals for amendments by local landowners and interested property developers to the original development plan. This was something they were perfectly entitled to do. It was, however, but the first stage of a lengthy process which involved consultations with all interested parties, including other local residents and members of the general public. The main concerns of those present were the types of development being proposed and the threat to greenfield sites in this area of outstanding natural beauty. They were urged to ensure their voices were heard by responding in detail, and in numbers, to the consultation. The proposed formal response of Beetham PC, prepared by Cllr Brian Meakin and agreed by members, was read out to those present. The deadline for responses was 17 July 2017. Most members of the public left at the conclusion of this agenda item.

Additional items raised were a large conifer in the verge at Langdale Crest (objections from a resident to its proposed removal), car parking at the shore end of Storth Road and an overgrown conifer hedge in Storth Road, opposite Tarn Close, that was once again becoming a hazard to pedestrians.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

**7.1 SLDC/AONB Development Plan Document, June 2017** – see 6.3 & 6.4 above.

**7.2 ACTion – Household Emergency Planning** – an information document had been circulated to members in advance and copies of a Household Emergency Plan booklet were distributed to members at the meeting. Clerk to agenda for next meeting.

**7.3 Drainage work at The Ship Inn, Sandside** – CCC had indicated they wished to make a serious attempt to resolve the perpetual flooding at this site and requested permission to undertake exploratory excavations, including in the BPC-owned Sandside Cutting. This development was welcomed and permission duly given at the meeting. Clerk to convey this permission to CCC.

## 8.0 Planning Matters

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

July 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

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

SL/2017/0554	Heath Ridge, 8 Chapel Close, Storth	Evans	Conservatory to side elevation	20/07/17	No objections

### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decision

SL/2017/0361	Birch Wood, Leighton Dr, Slackhead	Chapman	Extensive ext'l alterations	Approved with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://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 – JUNE 2017	MEETING – 3 July, 2017		HIBA
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		£
				£	£	£
01/06/17	Opening balances				25,617.12	19,244.32
30/06/17	Receipts;					
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50		
			- Ryan	20.00		
			- Cooper	87.50		
					120.00	
30/06/17	Payments:					
	450	1101	Harvey Payroll admin 6mths	25.00		
	451	1102	GHS Grass-cutting etc	435.00		
	452	1103	Scargill Clerk's sal June (net)	413.64		
			Post & Stat'y	96.27		
			VAT	17.53		
				527.44		
	453	1104	HMRC PAYE remit. 3mths	309.60		
	Total payments in month				-1,297.04	
30/06/17	Closing balances				24,440.08	19,244.32
30/06/17	Total funds all accounts				£43,684.40	
<b>Reserve Funds at 30/06/17</b>			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** – none.

### 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. Two of the three overgrown hedges behind a number of Stanley Street, Beetham, properties had now been dealt with. A fallen branch from Ashton House, in Leighton Beck Road, had been removed – but another had since appeared (see 5.6 above). Vegetation overgrowth at Slackhead junction had become a problem for road users – Clerk to write to Dallam. The Wheatsheaf carpark was being used for overnight parking by camper vans (unclear if with permission) and the nearby grass verge by the war memorial for toilet needs of the camper van occupants – Clerk to write to The Wheatsheaf and to SLDC (environment protection).

**10.2 Further additions to work programme** – Bill Haddow was asked to attend a public meeting at The Heron Theatre, now on 10 July (7.00 – 9.00 pm) on flooding issues, at which the rubble problem (see 10.1 above) might usefully be raised.

**11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Knowles had attended an interesting CALC meeting, minutes of which to follow.

### 12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Pickup** – damaged B5282 signs at Guard Hill Lane and, further towards Arnside, warning of the low bridge, had still not been dealt with. ‘No Access’ signs had appeared in Dick Slack Road and at Dixies. The quality of water discharged by the Milnthorpe Waste Water Treatment Works was being questioned. Confirmed the car parking problem at the bottom of Storth Road (as per 6.4 above).

- **Cllr Clark** – overgrowth along the B5282 northern verge, just east of the Quarry Lane junction, was encroaching onto road (Cllr Clark to provide photographs for Clerk to send to CCC via Cllr Stewart).

### 13.0 Parish Land:

**13.1 - Land at Dixies** – ongoing.

**13.2 - Sandside Cutting** - nothing to report

**13.3 - Plot 4** - first annual rent received from the new owner of Croft Cottage (see 9.1 above).

**14.0 General Correspondence** - none.

**15.0 Reading Matter** - Landscape Trust - Keer to Kent - issue 93, 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 4 September 2017, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm.**