

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 4th July 2016 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, Pru Jupe, Margaret Knowles and Chris Noble. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward and three members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Pickup (holiday), Cllr Stewart (work), Cllr Yates (holiday), District Cllr McSweeney and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6th June 2016, 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 in respect of items on this agenda - none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 6th June 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Beetham parish sign survey (5.1) – Cllr Meakin to discuss any outstanding matters with the Parish Steward before concluding the project.

5.2 Defibrillators (5.3) – at the invitation of the Chair, Sue Cox outlined the operating procedures for an independent installation. On her assurance that there were four local nominated guardians, suitably trained and experienced, who would guarantee ongoing maintenance of the equipment, it was **agreed** that BPC should purchase appropriate equipment, as recommended by her, at an estimated total capital cost of +/- £1,000, to be sited at an approved location in Beetham village, probably the Stanley Street phone box.

5.3 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (5.4) – no further information as yet on possible further legal costs for BPC.

5.4 Moor Lane, Beetham (5.5) – Clerk to advise Beetham Nurseries of the estimated cost of an appropriate sign and obtain confirmation of their earlier offer of funding.

5.5 Proposed AONB litter-pick (5.6) – Tony Riden (AONB) unable to help with a litter pick on the A6 (due to traffic dangers) and suggested John Barwise at SLDC as a possible source of assistance. Clerk to contact Mr Barwise.

5.6 BPC Standing Orders Review (5.8) – by BPC Finance Group – arranged for 7.00pm on Thursday 14 July at Beetham House Lodge – Clerk to ensure all Group members advised.

5.7 Village maps (7.2) – the AONB had signalled willingness to assist with producing one board per parish, including a draft basic design for all boards. Ongoing.

5.8 Storth Road bridge (12) – Historical Railways Estate, as owners of the bridge, had last inspected the bridge on 8 December 2015 and found no faults. Next inspection planned for 12 August 2016 and HRE had noted BPC's concerns about coping stones.

5.9 Carr Bank improvements (12) – subject to inspection and approval of the site by the Clerk, BPC's cheque for £100 to be passed to Dr Colhoun as agreed funding assistance.

5.10 Beetham village traffic problems (12) – at the invitation of the Chair, Jenny Marks provided verbal detail to supplement her letter of 28 June. Agreed as being a complex problem on which much BPC time had already been spent and to which there was unlikely to be any solution that would satisfy all parties. Clerk to ask Highways (via Cllr Stewart) to make further alternative proposals for consideration.

6.0 Public Participation.

- 6.1 **Police Report** – a brief email received and circulated before the meeting, with only one incident (a minor traffic accident) relating to Beetham.
- 6.2 **County Council matters** – no report in the absence of Cllr Stewart.
- 6.3 **District Council matters** – no report in the absence of Cllrs McSweeney and Stewart.
- 6.4 **Matters raised by members of the public** – speed bumps in Stanley Street largely ineffective. An old stone seat outside the Heron Theatre had been rendered unusable by past changes to road surface levels – Clerk to discuss possible improvements with Heron Theatre management. The removal of Mill Lane from BPC agendas (BPC meeting 6 June, 5.2) – explained as due to lack of progress in attracting the interest of Dallam Estate in co-operating to rectify road safety issues. Clerk to remind the AONB about the need to replace a broken (and now completely removed) finger post at the entrance to Mill Lane.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

- 7.1 **SLDC Development Brief consultations, 2 & 3A** – agreed no BPC action needed.
- 7.2 **CCC Connecting Cumbria – local broadband workshops** – agreed that no reason for BPC involvement.

8.0 Planning matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

July 2016

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/2016/0989	Barns at Cautley Farm, Whasset	Dallam Tower Estate	Conversion of barns into dwellings.	12/07/16	No objections
SL/2016/0520	Breeze Hill, Carr Bank Road	Evans	Detached dwelling	21/07/16	No objections

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2015/1005	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Conversion of outbuilding to form new dwelling	Earlier appeal dismissed
SL/2015/1016	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Two-storey extension and erection of garage/workshop	Earlier appeal dismissed
SL/2016/0156	Seahaven, Sandside	Clements	Demolition of garage etc & erection of single-storey detached domestic annex	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0412	Land at corner of Arnside Lane, Hale	Coates	One dwelling	Refused

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

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings - as above

8.4 Related matters & correspondence:

- consultation on a Waste County Matter (application for planning permission) – noted.
- Fishwicks – application to SLDC for permission to instal and operate a cremator at Beetham Hall as part of crematorium development – noted.

9. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – JUNE 2016	MEETING – 4th July, 2016	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/06/16	Opening balances				23,585.46	19,234.72
30/06/16	Receipts;					
	710	Barclays	Bank Interest to 5/6/16			2.40
		Hunn	Ground rent	40.00		
		B-Jones	“	45.00		
		“	“	12.50		
		Ryan		20.00		
					117.50	
	Bank Adj.		Returned cheque 1028		700.00	
30/06/16	Payments:					
	402 1050	W & Lord	Legal fees – rent agree'ts	200.00		
			- VAT	40.00		
					240.00	
	403 1051	AONB	Replaced chq 1028		700.00	
	404 1052	CCC	Mtg room hire (Storth School)		20.00	
	405 1053	Harvey	Payroll admin (6mths)		25.00	
	406 1054	Scargill	Clerk's sal June (net)		392.66	
	407 1055	Colhoun	Landscape improvements		100.00	
			Total payments in month		-1,477.66	
30/06/16	Closing balances				22,925.30	19,237.12
30/06/16	Total funds all accounts					£42,162.42
	Reserve Funds at 30/06/16					
		Street lamp reserve		7,200.00		
		General Reserve		12,037.12		
		Total reserves		19,237.12		

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

9.2 Other financial matters – Clerk's payscale – NALC revision backdated to 1 April 2016 – **approved**.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 PS's update on current events – possible need for contracted assistance (path clearance) – to be discussed with Cllr Jupe and Clerk at meeting Wednesday 20 July 2016, Wheatsheaf – Clerk to arrange. Clerk also to enquire about the possibility of a permit from local recycling centres (at Kendal and Carnforth) for the disposal of grass and tree cuttings etc.

10.2 Additions to PS's work programme – regular clearance of bridle path connecting Heron Corn Mill and Church Street, Beetham (Cllr Stewart's local amenity grant to cover).

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - no reports but Cllr Noble to attend Beetham Exhibition Trust meeting on 7 July 2016.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Jupe** – the continued and increased presence of illegal advertising boards, particularly along the A6 at Beetham. Clerk to raise with CCC via Cllr Stewart.

- **Cllr Blenkham** – earlier reported pothole in Moor Lane remains unrepaired and gullies at Whasset (B6384) remain blocked.

- **Cllr Meakin** – a domestic property at Sandside was now providing tattooing services (change of use issue) – Clerk to advise SLDC.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies - the owner of this site had now been identified and was known to be in the process of registering title. Further BPC involvement suspended pro tem.

13.2 - Plot 4 - could be removed from future agendas following satisfactory completion of the new agreements and BPC receipt of all rents due to date.

13.3- Sandside Cutting - currently no outstanding matters known.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- LAP - SID loan to Beetham parish next scheduled for 3-14 October 2016 - but still no post to carry SID. Clerk to contact Stuart Braithwaite again to press for installation.

- SLDC - 9/6/16 - request for assistance in identifying parish **ward** boundaries - but BPC has no precise information on this.

15.0 Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct - Issue 106 - July 2016.

- Landscape Trust - Keer to Kent - number 90 - summer 2016.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Sept 2016) - nothing additional to those mentioned above.

17.0 Date of next meeting - normal monthly BPC meeting - Monday 5 September 2016, 7.00pm at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.