

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2014 at Beetham School. Normal PC business was preceded by two presentations:

Presentation 1 - Representatives from Fishwicks Funeral Service gave a short preview of plans for development of their Beetham Hall site, for which detailed formal application would soon be made and which would then need to be considered by BPC's East Ward Planning Committee.

Preseantion 2 - Representatives of BF Internet outlined their B4YS community-led and community-funded project for bringing superfast broadband to the area and asked for BPC support in publicising and helping to carry the project forward. BPC agreed to consider this request at its next meeting.

Normal PC business then followed:

Present were Cllrs Pru Jupe (chair), Ken Blenkarn, David Clark, David Jupe, Brian Meakin, Bob Pickup and Chris Noble. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk), Bill Haddow (Parish Steward), PCSO Jayne Park (Cumbria Constabulary) and nine members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Ian Stewart (work) and Steve Yates (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2nd June 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: 2nd June 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Hale Interpretation Panel (5.1) - no further progress.

5.2 Milne Moser future arrangements for BPC matters (5.3) - Richard March would be taking over BPC business from Simon Rose, who had retired. A draft lease agreement re Plot 4 had now been produced (see agenda item 13 below).

5.3 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.5) - deferred in the absence of Cllr Stewart.

5.4 Flooding on B6384 at Whassett (5.6) - deferred in the absence of Cllr Stewart.

5.5 Signage along the A6 in Beetham parish (5.5) - deferred in the absence of Cllr Stewart.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - PCSO Park apologised for not emailing a monthly report, which would follow, although there were no crimes to report. There had been very recent damage to the Storth Playing Field equipment by identified children and investigation was underway.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) - no report in the absence of Cllr Stewart. Cllr Meakin asked about the time scale for Travis Perkins proposed move from Sandside to Milnthorpe (deferred for Cllr Stewart's attention).

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr P Jupe) - nothing to report.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public:

Mill Lane – concerns were expressed about the unsuitability of Mill Lane for a high volume of traffic and the greater risks, particularly to pedestrians, by the increased numbers of vehicles envisaged in recent development of the Corn Mill. The lane was quite unsuitable for coaches and other large vehicles and near-accidents had already occurred. Such vehicles would be better parking on the A6 layby car-park. Nearby residents were also worried about the likely increase in the cost of repairs to the road, for which they understood they were partly responsible. There were already problems with new signage to the Mill and anticipated further problems with the Corn Mill car park if its existing free parking status were to be lost. The precise status of Mill Lane – as a public bridleway or otherwise – needed to be established. Although these were not BPC matters per se, it was agreed that BPC would pass all the above concerns to Dallam as the landowner and to the Corn Mill’s management. Clerk to implement.

Speeding traffic – entering Beetham village from the main A6 access point. Agreed that speed limit signage on the A6 at this point was confusing and likely to be misunderstood. Nearby residents adversely affected by the absence of a footway and the removal of white line pedestrian-only indicators (albeit at the request of other village residents).

A6 Beetham bridge layby – concerns if this car parking facility were to be removed. BPC had no intention to remove this facility, but wanted to avoid regular damage to the grassed area by measures confining vehicle parking/turning to the surfaced area.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

July. 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
SL/2014/0461	Pentlands, Keasdale Rd, Carr Bank	Linton	Attached garage and single-storey extension	25/06/14	No objections
SL/2014/0517	26 Hill Crest Drive, Slackhead	Hewitt	Single-storey rear ext'n & upper grd floor balcony	23/06/14	No objections
SL/2014/0555	Green Acres, Hale	Owens	Two extensions and formation of terrace etc	04/07/14	No objections
SL/2014/0566	Toulsdon, Keasdale Rd, Carr Bank	Burnett	Minor amendment to Cond.2 of SL/2013/1160	07/07/14	No objections

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

SL/2014/0567	12 Hill Crest Drive, Slackhead	Lusted	Single-storey extension	09/07/14	No objections
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2014/0405	Land at Daisy Bank House, Whassett	Burn	Erection of dwelling	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0424	Turret House, 6 Hale Green, Hale	Favell	Replacement single-storey extension & balcony	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0461	Pentlands, Keasdale Rd	Linton	Attached garage and single-storey extension	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 – JUNE 2014 MEETING – 7th July 2014

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/06/14	Opening balances				16,143.50	19,215.30
30/06/14	Receipts:					
	65	Barclays HMRC	Bank interest to 1 June 2014 VAT refund for 2013/14		195.43	2.45
30/06/14	Payments:					
	295	941 SLDC	Street lighting 2013/14	2,687.00		
	296	942 BDO	Audit fee 2013/14 VAT	100.00 20.00		
					120.00	
	297	943 CCC	Storth School – mtg room		20.00	
	298	944 Scargill	Clerk’s sal. June (net) Postage & Staty VAT	360.63 15.11 2.45		
					378.19	
	299	945 HMRC	PAYE remittance		270.00	
	“	Total payments in month			-3,475.19	
30/06/14	Closing balances				12,863.74	19,217.75
30/06/14	Total funds all accounts				£32,081.49	
Reserve Funds at 30/06/14		Street lamp reserve		2,400.00		
		General Reserve		16,817.75		
		Total reserves		19,217.75		

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

8.2 Other financial matters: - audited Annual Return 2013/14 – **approved and accepted**
 - BPC accounts for 3mths to 30/06/14 – **approved and accepted.**

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS’s update on current events – jobs 79, 81 and 82 now completed. Re job 79, hedge trimmed only to head height. Clerk to write to hedge owners (Stanley Street properties) asking that they trim these hedges above head height to prevent overhang onto path. Clerk to keep Highways informed of BPC’s regular maintenance of this path.

9.2 Additions to PS’s work programme: jobs 77 and 78 now again in need of attention.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies : none.

11.0 Local highways amenity work: no additional items.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Clark** – heavily overgrown verges on some minor roads (viz Beetham to Haverbrack) making them dangerous for road users. Clerk to request attention from Highways.
- **Cllr Blenkarn** – B6384 recently resurfaced and new white-lining awaited. Had registered his suggestions for improvements to lining in relation to better vehicle speed control.
- **Cllr Meakin** – a hedge on Shaw Green, Storth, in need of trimming. Clerk to write to householder.
- **Cllr Noble** – a few traffic control signs now needed reorientation, following recent road resurfacing.
- **Cllr Pickup** – reported continued traffic speeding along the B5282 and Keasdale Rd.
- **Cllr P Jupe** – referred to the overuse of signage (including standard highways signage) along the A6 in the parish. Clerk to contact Local Government Ass’n. for guidance on such matters.

13.0 Parish Land:

- **former Flippin’ Fluke car park** – stones now on order from Sandside Quarry

- **Beetham bridge lay-by** – Cllr Yates had produced an improvement plan. Stones on order.
- **Plot 4** – Cllr Yates had summarised the findings of the Working Group following a site meeting on 17 June (circulated to members). **Agreed** – that discussion be deferred until the next (September) BPC meeting when Cllrs Stewart and Yates were expected to be present.
- **Sandside Cutting** – further paperwork had been received from Forestry Commission and been dealt with. BPC's application for appropriate felling licenses proceeding slowly.

14.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT) – nothing further to report.

15.0 Lancaster Canal Trust (LCT), canal adoption scheme – details of the scheme had been circulated to all members, who had mostly responded by email **to advise against BPC involvement**. This was **confirmed by a majority vote at the meeting**. Clerk to advise LCT of this decision.

16.0 Streetlamps – after consultation with both Elec NW and CCC, SLDC had produced a definitive schedule of ten lamps in Beetham parish under threat of removal in the near future. Of the ten lamps, CCC had ruled five as being 'impossible to replace' for site difficulty reasons and two others were at road junctions, so agreed as possible and important to replace. The remaining three were on Stanley Street, Beetham, two being BPC-owned and one being SLDC-owned. SLDC had suggested a site meeting with BPC to discuss the optimum configuration for future lighting requirements here – an offer readily accepted by BPC. Clerk to arrange site meeting as soon as possible in July since, to ensure funding availability for all lamps, SLDC needed to produce an agreed working plan by a 31 July 2014 deadline.

17.0 General Correspondence, already circulated to members:

- 9 June 2014 – SLDC – 'Engaging with the SLDC Planning Service'.
- 26 June 2014 – Lancashire CC – notification of offshore oil & gas scoping consultation.

18.0 Reading Matter:

- CCC Foundation – Annual Review 2013
- SELRAP – 2014 update.

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

- B4YS broadband scheme.
- traffic speeding and pedestrian safety measures for Beetham village.
- Mill Lane and Corn Mill issues.
- decision re Plot 4 leases versus alternatives.
- streetlamps – decision made re Stanley Street.

19.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 1st Sept. 2014 – 7.00pm at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.

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.