

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd September 2018 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart . Also D Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Blenkarn (unavailable) and Yates (holiday). Also D Cllr R Audland and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2nd July 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 – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 2nd July 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) – BPC had been advised by the supplier that no additional frame was necessary as the panels were fully weatherproof, so **agreed** that this option be approved and Tom Hurst be informed accordingly. Freestanding metal supports for the panels, where needed, were available locally. These had been ordered and were now ready for installation. Cllr Knowles to liaise with supplier to identify precise locations and supervise installation on 5 September.

5.2 ‘Smiley’-type speed indicator sign (5.2) – no further progress. Clerk to establish if contactless downloading of data is possible with the equipment available and, in any event, to remind the Parish Steward to keep vegetation trimmed around the SID.

5.3 Four Lane Ends, Storth signpost (5.3) – project now completed - thanks to Cllr Pickup.

5.4 Beetham defibrillator (5.4) – Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) had agreed to assist in completing this project, with the Stanley Street phone box as the location. Clerk to check organisational details with them and consult Sue Cox re choice, cost and sourcing of the defibrillator equipment.

5.5 WW1 end commemoration (5.5) – delivery of the two Silent Soldier silhouettes was imminent. Clerk to organise installation with Parish Steward as necessary. Clerk now to check on firm commemoration plans/events by the two schools (Storth and Wings).

5.6 Leighton Beck Road & adjacent field - surface water (5.6) – the Parish Steward had reported no further flooding problems following the creation of gullies from road to field but, on the other hand, this was under exceptionally dry weather conditions. The situation to be kept under regular review.

5.7 Carr Bank Road issues (5.7) – requests to Cllr Pickup from some parishioners to promote the growth of wild flowers by restricting regular verge cutting in Storth Road (near Four Lane Ends) to one half-metre from road edge, except for a cut of the complete width annually in September. Similarly, B5282 verge to be cut back to ditch edge annually in September. Clerk to instruct Parish Steward to implement these changes, initially for a trial period to ascertain response of local residents. B5282 and Carr Bank Rd road safety problems persist. Persistent flooding behind Nuns Avenue appears to have been remedied by residents’ action. Complaints of ‘heavy-handed’ police action in some recent incidents relating to the use of unauthorised paths on land of local landowner – D Cllr McSweeney to discuss with Police & Crime Commissioner.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – report received and circulated. 34 incidents in general area (5 in Beetham parish), resulting in 8 crimes being recorded

6.2 County Council matters – funding shortfall for social care nationally (and of particular relevance to Cumbria) had been picked up by the national media – central government response awaited. Work was starting on budgeting for 2019/20 and an increase in Council Tax seemed inevitable for that year. Talks on related capital spending needs by Highways included a number of areas in Beetham parish with differing levels of priority for the limited funding available. The presentation of CCC’s Flood Investigation Report was to take place at the Heron Theatre, Beetham, on 24 October (6.30pm – 8.00pm) – **important for BPC members and Parish Steward to attend.**

6.3 District Council matters – waste collection (an SLDC responsibility) and disposal (a CCC responsibility) was an expensive service so needed to be efficient and cost-effective. Beetham School now had a new garden room in operation. The forthcoming Community Governance Review for South Lakeland was important for all parishes - BPC members to consider the document at their October 2018 PC meeting – initial submissions deadline Friday 09/11/18.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – question re recent damage to A6 bridge at Beetham by a motor vehicle – agreed that repair was primarily a CCC responsibility.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Community Governance Review for South Lakeland – see 6.3 above. Clerk to circulate to all BPC members - agenda for BPC’s October meeting.

7.2 Storth Community Transport – annual report 2017/18 – welcomed by members and Clerk to convey thanks to Mrs Meakin for keeping BPC informed.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Sept 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/2018/0166	Green Head Farm, Storth Rd	Ingham	Amendment to original plans for erection of bungalow	16/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0535	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Extension to dwelling	03/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0591	Seahaven, Sandside		Variation of conditions re SL/2016/0156	01/08/18	Some matters for consider'n
SL/2018/0593	11 Woodlands Cl. Storth		Two-storey rear extension	01/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0612	Field opp. Fell End Caravan Park, Hale		Horse stabling & grazing	22/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0613	16 Shaw Gr, Storth		Disable access to garden	10/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0640	Birch Wood, Leighton Dr, S'hd		Variation of original plan SL/2017/0361	16/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0641	Seahaven, Sandside		Single-storey garden room	20/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0653 (ex weekly list – no direct notification)	Helmwood, Teddy Heights, Carr Bank	Tyres	Extensive building works	28/08/18	No objection
SL/2018/0674	4 Shaw Grn, Storth		First-floor extension etc	28/08/18	Concerns

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

SL/2018/0681	Pyes Br Farm, Hale		Conversion of agri. bldg. to dwelling.	11/09/18	No objections
SL/2018/0747	Parkside, Back Lane, Hale		First floor sun room extension	24/09/18	Objection re appearance

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2018/0396	39 Burntbarrow, Storth	Grundy	Single-storey rear ext'n	Approved with conditions
SL/2018/0399	19 Dallam Drive, Storth	Squires	Single-storey rear ext'n	Approved with conditions
SL/2018/0412	Beetham School	Nicholas	Garden classroom	Approved with conditions
SL/2018/0485	7 Greenbank Ave. Storth	Panton	In-fill ext'n under balcony	Approved with conditions
SL/2018/0496	4 The Mains, Stanley St, Beetham		Single-storey rear ext'n	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 – none.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – AUGUST 2018		MEETING – 3 September, 2018		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	£
01/08/18	Opening balances					21,964.42	19,264.49
31/08/18	Receipts:						
			Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50		
			- Ryan		20.00		
						32.50	
31/08/18	Payments:						
	508	1159	Designworks – new info panels	234.00			
			VAT	46.80			
					280.80		
	509	1160	GHS - grasscutting etc		430.00		
	510	1161	Scargill - Clerk's sal Aug (net)		435.84		
	Total payments in month					-1,146.64	
31/08/18	Closing balances					20,850.28	19,264.49
31/08/18	Total funds all accounts					£40,114.77	
	Reserve Funds at 31/08/18						
			Street lamp reserve		9,600.00		
			General Reserve		9,664.49		
			Total reserves		19,264.49		

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

9.2 Other financial matters:

- BPC 2017/18 annual accounts – approved with clean sheet by external auditors.
- BPC period accounts 4mths to 31 July 2018 – circulated before meeting – **approved** by members.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events -involved with installation of new room at Beetham School.

10.2 Further additions to work programme - modification to grass-cutting work schedule (see 5.7 above). Also installation of concrete platform (approx. 2m x 1m x 10cm) directly in front of BPC's Carr Bank Road parish notice board. Cut back overgrown vegetation at small bus shelter, Carr Bank Road-end.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- * Cllr Pickup - Beetham Exhibition Trust meeting - re grants for 2018.
- * Cllr Knowles - recent CALC meeting.
 - Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Meakin - eroded right-of-way markings at B5282/Storth Road junction. Burntbarrow footpath safety rail now in place, courtesy of Blacksheep Iron Works.

Cllr Clark - overhanging trees on B5282, north side between Quarry Lane and New Bridge.

Cllr Pickup - new fence on road through Dallam Park encroaching onto road surface (point made by Cllr Clark at July meeting). Clerk to advise Victoria Upton (Highways) cc Cllr Stewart. Overgrowth of trees beside smaller bus shelter (Carr Bank Road-end) - Clerk to instruct Parish Steward to cut back.

Cllr Knowles - footway at Woodlands Close in need of resurfacing.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Sandside Cutting - boundary wall inspected by Cllr Meakin, Cllr Pickup and the Clerk. Priority wall repair worklist prepared and circulated. Sunset Ridge wall first priority at an estimated cost of +/-£600. Plan **agreed and adopted** by members.

13.2 - Plot 4 - no developments.

14.0 General Correspondence -

* notice of CCC Flood Investigation Report meeting - Heron Theatre 24 October 2018.

* SLDC Planning - consultation on Draft Statement of Community Involvement.

* North West Coastal Access - Monthly Update.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

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

17.0 Date of next meetings - 7.00pm on 1 October 2018 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.