

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 4th September 2017 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Blenkarn (unwell), Cllr Jupe (work) and D Cllr McSweeney.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3rd July 2017, 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 -due to a break in the power supply to the Beetham area, Beetham School was without lighting for the meeting. After a short delay it was decided to commence the meeting and continue for as long as possible by natural and torch light. Consequently the meeting would concentrate on pressing agenda items and some less important ones may be omitted.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 5th July 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) - Cllr Yates reported that BPC's share of the estimated cost of its two boards would be £612. **Agreed** - that this cost be accepted and the project progressed.

5.2 Slackhead signpost (5.2) - paint for the post was now in hand but the appointed painter had so far been unable to start work. Ongoing. Clerk and Cllr Pickup to discuss details.

5.3 A6 signage for paper mill and corn mill (5.4) - no further progress.

5.4 Review of BPC Standing Orders (5.5) - Cllr Meakin had scrutinised these and concluded that no changes were needed at this time. **Agreed.**

5.5 Road from Beetham to Slackhead (5.6) - no public money was available to rectify the vegetation overgrowth along what was, and would remain, an inherently difficult road for both vehicles and pedestrians. **Agreed** - that the Parish Steward do what he could to deal with the overgrowth problem.

5.6 Beetham ghost footpath (5.7) - some line repainting had now taken place but the underlying problem for traffic, pedestrians and householders had not been resolved. The original and important 'SLOW' and '20' road markings had not been restored.

5.7 Langdale Crest conifer (6.4) - no developments. Remove from future agendas.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - for August received from Cumbria Police and circulated. Few incidents.

6.2 County Council matters - severe financial pressures continue to inhibit the undertaking of work in several worthwhile areas.

6.3 District Council matters - interrupted refuse collection locally in the current week, at least partly due to external circumstances. Some controversial areas in the original development plan had now been ruled out. Projects to be judged on the criterion of 'soundness'.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 ACTION – Household Emergency Planning – an information booklet was distributed to members, for discussion at the next meeting. Clerk to agenda.

7.2 Provision of allotments – a verbal request had been received about the availability of allotments in the parish. No public allotments at present time. **Agreed** – Clerk to ascertain precise responsibility of parish councils for such provision and report back.

7.3 Location for proposed Beetham defibrillator – local First Responders considered Beetham School to be too far from the village centre to be seen as a practical location and BPC had concerns about potential ongoing maintenance costs of an ‘adopted’ Stanley Street phone box. Beetham PCC had been asked to consider a church porch location – response awaited.

7.4 NW Coastal Access Delivery Team proposals re Beetham parish – involved a gap in the coastal path between Arnside and Grange, thus bypassing Beetham and some other parishes altogether. A public consultation was scheduled for late September – to be monitored.

7.5 Donation offer to BPC from a Storth resident - for the provision of a new seat on Storth Square (or some other community project). Replacement of the barrier at the Shaw Lane end of the ginnel from Burntbarrow had been suggested, and accepted by the donor, as a suitable alternative. Clerk to research cost.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Aug/Sept 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
SL/2017/0553	Hale Head Farm, Hale	Fishwick	Major renovation of existing property	16/08/17	No objection
SL/2017/0617	Rollen Court, Carr Bank Rd	McKendrick	New door, side-screen and balcony	07/08/17	No objection
SL/2017/0666	Overthwaite Farm, Holme	Harker	General purpose agri. building	18/08/17	No objection

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

SL/2017/0735	Garden of Rose Cottage, Back Lane	Sharples	Single dwelling	13/10/17	Some concerns
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2017/0249	Hale End, Hale		Riding area, field shelter and glass house.	Approved retrospectively **
SL/2017/0304	Ellers Farm, Farleton	Robinson	Extension to poultry unit	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0440	Beetham Nurseries	Abbit	Extension of tea rooms	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0474	Knott View Barn, Marsden Farm, Farleton	Twiname	Change of use – agricultural field for detached garage	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0554	Heath Ridge, 8 Chapel Close, Storth	Evans	Conservatory to side elevation	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

NOTE ** - original application never received by BPC!

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – JULY/AUGUST 2017		MEETING – 4 Sept, 2017	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	£	HIBA £
01/07/17	Opening balances				24,440.08	19,244.32
31/07/17	Receipts;					
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50		
			- Ryan	20.00		
			- Simpson	100.00		
			- Smith	200.00		
			- Hunn	20.00		
					352.50	
31/08/17			- B-Jones	12.50		
			- Ryan	20.00		
					32.50	
31/08/17	Payments:					
	454	1105	CCC Meeting room hire (Storth School)	20.00		
	455	1106	Scargill Clerk's sal July (net)	413.64		
	456	1107	BDO Audit 2016/17	130.00		
			VAT	26.00		
					156.00	
	457	1108	Scargill Clerk's sal. Aug. (net)	413.64		
	458	1109	GHS Grasscutting etc	805.00		
			Total payments in month		-1,808.28	
			Adjustment to HIBA balance (due to termination of bank interest)			-2.40
31/08/17	Closing balances				23,016.80	19,241.92
31/08/17	Total funds all accounts				£42,258.72	
	Reserve Funds at 31/08/17					
			Street lamp reserve	9,600.00		
			General Reserve	9,641.92		
			Total reserves	19,241.92		

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

9.2 Other financial matters – BPC period accounts for the 4 months to 31 July 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were **approved**.

- the external audit of BPC by BDO LLP had now been concluded, with no matters requiring mention (ie a 'clean sheet').

- changes to audit procedures for small parish councils had been notified, commencing 2018/19. Essentially there would be no external audit in future, but additional information would need to be published by those parish councils affected – like BPC. This was not expected to present a problem for BPC.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – A6 bridge crash barrier at Beetham – large stones still remained in grass verge behind barrier, creating damage hazard for mowing machinery, so no grass able to be cut in this area. Those parish seats most in need of refurbishment had been power washed. Some street lamps on Stanley Street were currently lit during daylight hours. The Parish Steward, along with Cllr Stewart, had represented BPC at the public meeting on flooding issues (10 July 2017). Further update meetings were expected in due course.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – a. to trim overgrown vegetation as far as possible along Leighton Beck Road, from Stanley Street junction to the builders' yard at the second bend.

b. to review the condition of all BPC seats as the basis for a programme to replace gradually with recycled hard plastic alternatives as necessary.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only) – not discussed.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - **Land at Dixies** – the ‘For Sale’ notices had now been removed. No other information.

13.2 - **Sandside Cutting** – some cuttings etc still to be removed before new cutting season began. **Agreed** – to hire a shredder at a cost of up to £500 to help with this - Parish Steward and Cllr Pickup to organise. The investigation by CCC into possible existing (and blocked) underground drainage channels from the Cutting, under The Ship car park and B5282, to the estuary, had now been concluded – report awaited.

13.3 - **Plot 4** – Land Registry had approved the application from Dallam for the track through this site to be reclassified as a Public Right of Way.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 24/08/17 – EQ Communications – invitation to members to a proposed site meeting at Sandside Quarry to discuss future developments etc – **members to respond individually and ASAP with preferred dates via link shown.**

- 12/07/17 – email from Mr G Harrison re a pothole at Fell End Road, Hale.

- July - NALC – legal topic note re protection of ownerless common land and village greens.

15.0 **Reading Matter** – Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2017 – Issue 112.

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 2 October 2017, 7.00pm at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.