

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 5th September 2016 at Storth Village Church.

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

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Blenkharn (ill), Cllr Yates (holiday) and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th July 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 4th July 2016 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Beetham parish sign survey (5.1) - Thought to be substantially complete. Cllr Meakin to discuss any outstanding matters with the Parish Steward before concluding.

5.2 Defibrillators (5.3) - the Clerk was instructed to proceed to purchase the equipment recommended by Sue Cox.

5.3 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (5.4) - there remained uncertainty about allocation of responsibility for the overspend on legal expenses. Cllr Jupe to draft a letter to Brabners to try to resolve the issue.

5.4 Moor Lane, Beetham (5.5) - Beetham Nurseries had agreed to fund the sign despite the increased estimated cost (£885). Clerk to contact Highways (Victoria Upton) to agree the best procedure for ensuring that BPC retained the benefit of refundable VAT.

5.5 Proposed AONB litter-pick (5.6) - John Barwise (SLDC) unable to offer more than basic litter-picking equipment. Cllr Jupe to organise a litter-pick along the A6 at Beetham and invited offers of assistance from BPC members and members of the public.

5.6 BPC Standing Orders Review (5.8) - the BPC Finance Group had met and agreed a small number of amendments which had been circulated to all members. The amended Standing Orders were **agreed**, signed and dated by Cllrs Meakin, Knowles and Noble.

5.7 Village maps (7.2) - ongoing.

5.8 Storth Road bridge (12) - Clerk to follow up Historical Railways's 12th August check on condition of bridge with particular reference to the safety of the coping stones.

5.9 Carr Bank improvements (5.9) - following Dr Colhoun's confirmation that he owned the site in question it had been agreed by a majority of members that BPC's funding assistance was no longer appropriate and its £100 contribution had been repaid.

5.10 Beetham village traffic problems (5.10) - agreed as being a difficult situation to resolve to everyone's satisfaction. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart, for the attention of Highways's Victoria Upton, requesting enforcement of the need to keep the highway, including the ghost footpath, free of obstruction at all times.

5.11 Stone seat beside Heron Theatre (6.4) - theatre management happy for BPC to restore the seat to its original intended use. Beetham WI had asked to be involved in any decision to relocate its planter, presently sited on the seat. Cllrs Meakin and Jupe to meet with WI representatives and Parish Steward to agree on way forward..

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – received and circulated before the meeting. 92 incidents in the wider area resulting in 18 recorded crimes. 5 incidents of note in Beetham parish, plus several reports of speeding vehicles in the area of Paddock Way, Storth - police to monitor. Noted that a car accident on the B5282 was not mentioned in the police report.

6.2 County Council matters – Cllr Stewart and Nick Raymond (Highways) had together inspected highway issues throughout the parish. Some remedial work had been done, though not always to a satisfactory standard. The ‘patching’ crew were due in the area again in September. Cllr Stewart advised that reports of road problems/needs be emailed to him together with an attached photograph wherever possible. He was also working closely with District Cllrs Audland and McSweeney to tackle persistent flooding issues in the Parsonage Fold, Beetham area. Dallam were responsible for the river and Environment Agency advice would need to be considered. Cllr Stewart to report back at the October BPC meeting.

6.3 District Council matters – Cllr McSweeney apologised for having missed BPC meetings in June and July, due to pre-arranged commitments. SLDC was debating boundary changes which could affect Beetham parish. As mentioned in 6.2 above, flooding at Parsonage Fold was being tackled. The Tree Preservation Order on the woodland adjacent to Arnbarrow was refused (limited to specific trees). A woodland management plan is needed to ensure the satisfactory management of this area of woodland.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Slackhead signpost – Cllr Meakin had been in contact with Peter Standing, who had been involved in the successful restoration of a similar post at Arnside. Quotes had been received for the Slackhead post and Landscape Trust was willing to assist but unable to fund 100% - so could BPC make a contribution? **Agreed** – BPC to offer a contribution of £1,000 towards the cost of basic restoration (sandblasting etc), with Landscape Trust to contribute the remainder (approx.£750) and to manage the project. BPC to arrange the repainting.

7.2 Wall opposite 12 Rose Hill Grove – this wall is part of BPC’s Sandside Cutting property and showing early signs of deterioration, but **agreed** that surrounding trees should be dealt with first. Repairs to the wall could follow as necessary.

8.0 Planning matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Sept 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
SL/2016/0630	Field adjacent to Overthwaite Farm	Harker	Agricultural building	29/07.16	No objections
SL/2016/0631	1 Arnbarrow, Storth	Evans	Demolition of porch	26/07/16	No objections
SL/2016/0681	Newlands, Leighton Drive, Slackhead	Barker	Single-storey extension & garage	05/08/16	No objections

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

SL/2016/0777	1 Arnbarrow, Storth	Evans	Two-storey side extension	07/09/16	No objection
SL/2016/0819	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Single-storey extension + 3-bay garage + new access	16/08/16	No objection but risk of overdevelopment
SL/2016/0820	Rose Villa, Hale	Christou	Conversion of former bldg. to separate dwelling	16/08/16	No objection but risk of overdevelopment

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2016/0060	Barcaldine, Leighton Drive, Slackhead	Nelson	Single dwelling	Refusal now appealed
SL/2016/0442	Old Parsonage Farmhouse, Beetham	Sadler	Single-storey conservatory	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0499	1A Hillcreast Drive, Slackhead	Fishwick	First-floor extension	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0631	1 Arnbarrow, Storth	Evans	Demolition of porch	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0520	Breeze Hill, Carr Bank Road	Evans	Detached dwelling	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0630	Field adjacent to Overthwaite Farm Holme	Harker	Agricultural building	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0681	Newlands, Leighton Drive, Slackhead	Barker	Single-storey extension & detached garage	Approved with conditions
SL/2015/0989	Cautley Farm, Whassett	Dallam T Est	Conversion of barn into cottages	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:

Sandside Quarry – SLDC approval granted for the importation, storage & processing of reclaimed asphalt.

9. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – JULY/AUG 2016		MEETING – no August meeting.	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA	
				£	£	£	£
01/07/16	Opening balances				22,925.30	19,237.12	
31/07/16	Receipts;						
		Colhoun	– repayment of chq 1055	100.00			
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50			
			- Ryan	20.00			
					132.50		
31/07/16	Payments:						
	406 1056	HMRC	PAYE – June qutr	294.00			
	408 1057	SLDC	Street lighting 2016/16	2,648.26			
			Election costs 2014/15	126.16			
					2,774.42		
	409 1058	BDO	External audit 2015/16	100.00			
			VAT	20.00			
	410 1059	Scargill	Clerk's sal July (net)	408.22			
			Total payments in month July		-3,596.64		
31/08/16	Receipts;						
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50			
			- Ryan	20.00			
					32.50		
31/08/16	Payments:						
	411 1060	Haddow	Grasscutting etc to date	1,330.00			
	412 1061	Dallam	Bus shelter ground rent (yr)	50.00			
	413 1062	Scargill	Clerk's sal Aug (net)	396.55			
			Total payments in month August		-1,776.55		
31/08/16	Closing balances				17,717.11	19,237.12	
31/08/16	Total funds all accounts					£36,954.23	
	Reserve Funds at 31/08/16						
		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 – Annual Return for year to 31 March 2016 – clear report from external auditors BDO. This annual return, including BDO's certificate, hereby **approved and accepted**.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 **PS's update on current events** - nothing to report. Meeting between Cllr Jupe, the Clerk and the Parish Steward pending.

10.2 **Additions to PS's work programme** - the bridle path between Heron Corn Mill and Church Street, Beetham had now been cleared (although not by Parish Steward).

11.0 **Reports from representatives on outside bodies** - Cllr Noble had attended a meeting of Beetham Exhibition Trust on 7 July 2016 for dealing with regular Trust business.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Clark** - potholes generally, but particularly in Paradise Lane and by Kings Arms, Hale.

- **Cllr Meakin** - a hedge at Cornerlea, Storth Square was overgrown and causing an obstruction. Clerk to write to property owner.

- **Cllr Pickup** - the vacated Travis Perkins site at Sandside was in an untidy state. The entry stile to a footpath beside Beetham School had been barred. The WW2 'tank traps' at Storth were protected in a woodland area adjacent to Cockshot Lane. Comments on potholes and flooding generally.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - **Land at Dixies** - no further developments. Ongoing.

13.2 - **Sandside Cutting** - tree trimming by Parish Steward due to begin (post 1 September).

14.0 General Correspondence:

- LAP - SID loan to Beetham parish next scheduled for 3-14 October 2016 - but still no post to carry SID. Stuart Braithwaite had been contacted and had promised installation before October.

- Dan Humm (Slackhead) had requested BPC support for flashing speed sign at approaches to Beetham School. **Agreed** - Clerk to organise.

- BT request for broadband cabinet installation beside pumping station at Sandside - **approved** and initial formalities completed.

15.0 Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct - Issue 107 - Sept 2016.

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

17.0 **Date of next meeting** - normal monthly BPC meeting - Monday 3 October 2016, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.