

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 1st September 2014 at Storth Village Church.

Present were Cllrs Ken Blenkarn (Chair), David Jupe, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk), Bill Haddow (Parish Steward) and ten members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs David Clark, Pru Jupe (work), Brian Meakin (holiday) and Chris Noble (prior engagement)

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7th July 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Blenkarn.

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 7th July 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Hale Interpretation Panel (5.1) – now installed, to everyone's satisfaction.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.3) and 5.3 Flooding on B6384 at Whassett (5.4) – agreed that referral to Highways should be left until later in the year when the problems could more effectively be demonstrated, together with a similar problem at the junction of Storth Road and the B5282. **Agreed** – to retain on BPC agenda until resolved.

5.4 Signage along the A6 in Beetham parish (5.4) – unauthorised signs were a nuisance and a distraction to motorists, but not a high priority for Highways.

5.5 – Travis Perkins – no further news on the timing of their planned move from Sandside to Milnthorpe.

5.6 - LGA response to highways signage – 'of no concern'. Clerk to convey BPC's disappointment at this response.

5.7 – B4YS broadband scheme (19.0) – a recent public meeting at Storth had been well attended and the project was moving ahead, but limited possibilities for a useful BPC contribution.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – received and circulated before the meeting. A small number of relatively minor incidents in the Beetham area, although a large amount of horse-riding equipment stolen from outbuildings at Hale Bank.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – the latest repairs in Carr Bank Road were unsatisfactory – Highways advised - ongoing. Recent surface dressing and renewed white-lining on the B5282 was welcomed and lining improvements at the bottom of Green Lane were expected within the week.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – little to report. Changes to some recycling containers had been announced.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none other than those dealt with under agenda item 7 (Planning) below.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Sept. 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/2014/0663	The Hollies, Keasdale Rd, Carr Bank	Cooke	Extension & alterations	31/07/14	No objections
SL/2014/0688	Hall More Fishery, Hall More Caravans Hale	Morphet	Use of caravan as office/ manager's accommodation	18/08/14	No objections

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

SL/2014/0701 SL/2014/0702	Fishwick's Beetham Hall site	Fishwick	Change of use & extensive building alterations to create a crematorium.	23/09/14 (as revised)	Objections – refusal recommended
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2014/0555	Green Acres, Hale	Owens	Erection of two extensions & formation of terrace etc	Approved with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.3 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting immediately preceding this PC meeting.

In view of the importance and controversial nature of planning application SL/2014/0701 & 0702 (see above), the time allocated to this meeting had been extended to allow full participation by members of the public. With the exception of Cllr Blenkharn, all BPC members present at the meeting expressed their views on the application and the emailed views of absent members were read out by the Clerk. On the whole, members' views were fairly evenly split over the principle of having a crematorium in the parish although all agreed that the proposed design of and screening for such a development was unacceptable. There was complete agreement that the application as it stood failed every relevant policy test set by both the National Planning Policy Framework and SLDC's local Plan: Core Strategy – in particular it provided no evidence to justify need, no assessment of alternative possible locations and no 'clear and convincing' justification for a development within an AONB or in the setting of an Ancient Monument and Grade 2* Listed Building or in close proximity to (and therefore in the setting of) a Conservation Area. On all these grounds it was **agreed** that, as a consultee, BPC would register its collective view that SLDC should refuse these two applications.

7.4 Related matters & correspondence: a letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Handy of Stanley Street, Beetham, objecting to planning applications SL/2014/0701 & 0702.

8.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – JULY/AUG 2014		MEETING – 1 st September 2014	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	HIBA		
				£	£	£	£
01/07/14	Opening balances				12,863.74	19,217.75	
31/08/14	Receipts:						
	66	Mewburn B-Jones	Ground rent 2014/15 - ditto -		20.00 20.00		
	Payments:						
	300	946 Harvey	Payroll service 6mths 2014	25.00			
	301	947 GHS	Grasscutting etc June 2014	456.59			
	302	948 Hurst	Hale interpretation panel	460.00			
	303	949 Brailsford	ditto (boulder transport) VAT	112.00 22.40			
					134.40		
	304	950 GHS	Grasscutting etc July/Aug	881.00			
	305	951 Scargill	Clerk's sal. Jul/Aug (net) Postage & Staty VAT	721.26 66.96 11.52			
					799.74		
	Total payments in month				-2,756.73		
31/08/14	Closing balances				10,147.01	19,217.75	
31/08/14	Total funds all accounts				£29,364.76		

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

8.2 Other financial matters – none.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS's update on current events – the tarmac round Beetham cenotaph steps in need of repair. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart for attention by CCC before Remembrance Sunday.

9.2 Additions to PS's work programme: item 89 (trim verges beside Rocklands, Storth Rd) to be added to list for attention. See also agenda item 13.4 below.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies : none.

11.0 Local highways amenity work: no additional items. Discontinue inclusion on future agendas.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Pickup** – additional grit bin needed at junction Carr Bank Rd/Keasdale Rd/Nuns Avenue. Usual speeding motor vehicles on B5282.

- **Cllr Yates** – the A6 bus-stop poles/signs at Beetham now promised for September 2014.

- **Cllr D Jupe** – some public footpath signs in need of attention.

- **Cllr Blenkarn** – was pleased with the new road surface dressing through Whasset and the traffic calming effect of the new white-lining.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1/13.2 - Land at Dixies (former Flippin' Fluke) and Beetham A6 layby – now being tackled as one project. Stones to be delivered and positioned on 22 September, Parish Steward to assist. Dangerous Sands signs to be placed at Dixies.

13.3 - Plot 4 – Mr & Mrs Beresford-Jones had indicated their wish to purchase their garage site but the Parish Land Working Group had decided against this as a policy and advised them accordingly. Milne Moser's charge for advising on simple lease agreements for the garage sites had been received but their estimate of the cost of preparing the leases was considered too high. Clerk to seek alternative quotes.

13.4- Sandside Cutting – the Forestry Commission licence to fell a number of trees was now being finalised. Some recently notified 'nuisance' trees overhanging Rose Hill Grove would then be dealt with. **Agreed** – the Parish Steward to fill in pathway holes left by felled trees in exchange for residual timber from the felling.

14.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT) – Cllr Stewart had been asked by APPT to attend their next meeting.

15.0 Beetham village traffic (in Mill Lane) – restoration of selected white-line 'ghost' footways in the village to be undertaken. Mill Lane issues - Clerk to try to organise a working group meeting, to include Dallam, Billerud and BPC representatives.

16.0 Streetlamps – a site meeting with CCC, SLDC and BPC representatives had been held regarding the three lamps in Stanley Street, Beetham. Two of these lamps were owned by SLDC who would replace them with new free-standing lamps when ENW removed the existing poles. A similar solution for the third (BPC-owned) lamp was impracticable and alternative nearby sites were being considered.

17.0 General Correspondence, already circulated to members:

- 14/08/14 – SLDC – draft development brief consultation for a site at Swarthmoor.

18.0 Reading Matter:

- Arnside & Silverdale AONB – Management Plan 2014-19

- Arnside & Silverdale AONB – Keer to Kent – Issue 84 – Summer 2014

- Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 94 – July 2014

19.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Sept 2014) - nothing additional to those items mentioned above.

20.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 6th Oct. 2014 - 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.

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.