BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 1st October 2018 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Margaret Knowles (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, David Crayston, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also D Cllr P McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

1.0 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Meakin (holiday), Noble (other commitment) and Yates (holiday). Also Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 3rd September 2018, had been circulated by email, were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Knowles.

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 3rd September 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

5.1 **Village map boards (5.1)** – were now complete and installed. Thanks to all involved for bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

5.2 **'Smiley'-type speed indicator sign (5.2)** – no further progress.

5.3 **Beetham defibrillator (5.4)** – now awaiting confirmation of phone box adoption from BT before ordering equipment recommended by Sue Cox.

5.4 **WW1 end commemoration (5.5)** – Silent Soldier silhouettes now delivered and in place at the two parish war memorials. Wings School had enquired about a suitable location in the parish for a display they were working on – Storth Village Hall and Heron Hall suggested as possibilities – Clerk to advise them accordingly.

5.5 **Leighton Beck Road & adjacent field - surface water (5.6)** – no further flooding problems as yet but the situation to be kept under regular review. Flooding meeting reminder – see 7.2 below.

5.6 **Carr Bank Road issues (5.7)** – usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282 and Carr Bank Road. Before taking up the matter with the Police & Crime Commissioner, D Cllr McSweeney needed to speak to local residents about recent police action against alleged trespassers on privately owned land – contacts to be provided by Cllr Pickup. Also questions about apparent omissions from recent police reports.

6.0 **Public Participation.**

6.1 **Police Report** – no report received for the September period.

6.2 **County Council matters** – work on the 2019/20 budget period now underway, leading to final figures and Council Tax effect by February 2019. Like most councils, CCC was under great pressure to make expenditure savings, squeezed between increasing needs and static central government funding. Escalating child care costs were a serious problem for CCC. The innovative use of specially-treated plastic waste for road resurfacing work was being trialled, as was a new type of fire engine for Arnside.

6.3 **District Council matters** – the forthcoming Community Governance Review for South Lakeland was important for all parishes (see 7.1 below). Beetham and Milnthorpe parishes seemed to have low priority as regards District Council projects. Extra public bus service journeys, using school buses, were under consideration. To deal effectively with speeding HGVs it was important to record and report the registration number, livery, date, time and direction of travel of offending vehicles.

6.4 **Matters raised by members of the public** – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Community Governance Review for South Lakeland – after short discussion, members **agreed** that current arrangements for Beetham parish were about right, with no change required – this to be confirmed at BPC's November meeting and submitted to SLDC by the 9 November deadline.

7.2 Beetham Flooding meeting – reminder - 24 October 2018 at Heron Theatre, Beetham

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC: Oct 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

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

SL/2018/0751	Ship Inn, Sandside		Installation of pvc windows	17/10/18	No objection
SL/2018/0790	Hale End, Hale		Detached summerhouse	17/10/18	No objection

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC **SLDC decision**

SL/2018/0613	16 Shaw Green, Storth		External platform for disabled access rear garden	Approved with conditions
SL/2018/0641	Seahaven, Park Rd, Sandside		Single-storey detached garden room	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.

9.1 BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING – 1 October, 2018

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA
				£	£	£
01/09/18	Opening balances				20,850.28	19,264.49
30/09/18	Receipts:					
			Ground rents - B-Jones	12.50		
			- Ryan	20.00		
					32.50	
30/09/18	Payments:					
	511	1162	Dallam – bus shelter annual ground rent	50.00		
	512	1163	Info. Commissioner (annual data protec.fee)	40.00		
	513	1164	Designworks – fixings for panels	750.00		
			VAT	150.00		
				900.00		
	510	1161	Scargill - Clerk's sal Sep (net)	435.84		
			Postage/stationery	19.81		
			VAT	3.13		
				458.78		
			Total payments in month		-1,448.78	
30/09/18	Closing balances				19,434.00	19,264.49
30/09/18	Total funds all accounts				£38,698.49	

Reserve Funds at 30/09/18	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 – none.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events –none.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – fallen tree at Plot 4, to remove if possible.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Crayston – seasonal flooding on B6384 at Whassett Common.

Cllr Clark – overhanging trees on B5282, north side between Quarry Lane and New Bridge. Start of a new pothole on A6, running north from Beetham House

Cllr Pickup – a conifer at Langdale Crest in need of trimming. A blind spot had been identified on Keasdale Road. A road accident by Carr Bank Garden Centre.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Sandside Cutting – letter received from Dallam Drive resident warning of danger to his property from trees rooted in cutting; Clerk to respond – that BPC had an action plan for dealing with all dangerous trees in the cutting, to be implemented the felling season ending March 2019.

13.2 – Plot 4 – fallen tree as reported in 10.2 above.

14.0 General Correspondence –

* CALC – notification of (slightly reduced) BPC subscription for 2019/20
* Royal Mail – warning on how to spot and report scam mail.

15.0 Reading Matter – Clerks & Councils Direct – Sept 2018 – issue 119.

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

17.0 Date of next meetings - 7.00pm on 5 November 2018 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.