

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd October 2017 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Steve Yates (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also D Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Jupe (holiday), Knowles (holiday) and Meakin (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th September 2017, had been circulated by email and, subject to correction of item 13.3 to read as follows - ‘Land Registry had approved the application by Dallam to register its existing right of way through the site’ - were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Yates.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda – Cllr Clark re item 6.3. Cllr Clark took no part in discussion of this item.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair –none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4th September 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) – Cllr Yates reported no further progress.

5.2 Slackhead signpost (5.2) – the signpost and all refurbishment materials were now with the signwriter for completion of the project.

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

5.4 Beetham ghost footpath (5.6) – Cllr Stewart had arranged with Highways for them to re-assess the site with a view to addressing the remaining concerns of residents.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – for September received from Cumbria Police and circulated.

6.2 County Council matters – lots of issues currently being dealt with, though none specific to Beetham parish. Severe financial pressures, in particular from the increasing needs of both the young and the elderly continue to inhibit expenditure elsewhere. Recent traffic incidents along the B5282 emphasised existing safety concerns on this stretch of road.

6.3 District Council matters The AONB DPD has been approved by Lancaster City Council and the cabinet of South Lakeland District Council (SLDC). The full council of SLDC will vote on the recommendation of the cabinet to approve the AONB DPD on 12th October. The AONB DPD will then go forward to a planning inspector whose decision is expected in Jan/Feb 2018. The two sites, B79 (Yans Lane) and B116, that were discussed in detail at the BPC meeting on 3rd July 2017, are not being proposed for development in the current version of the plan.

Three SLDC members had attended the Sandside Quarry site meeting/presentation on 20 September and an open day at Heron Hall, Storth, was scheduled for 11 October.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – comment that the BPC website was not fully up-to-date.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 ACTION – Household Emergency Planning – discussion deferred to next meeting. Clerk to agenda.

7.2 Provision of allotments – the legal position had been established and explained to the enquirer, who accepted this.

7.3 Donation offer for new village seat – repairs to the seat on Storth Green were already in hand and another local benefactor had the agreed to replace the barrier between Burntbarrow and Shaw Lane free of charge. **Agreed** – that the Cockshotts Lane seat was in a very poor state of repair (see 10.1 below) and should be suggested to the donor as the one most worthy of replacement. Cllr Meakin to progress with the donor.

7.4 ‘Smiley-type’ speed indicator device – in view of difficulties with the SID equipment available on loan from the LAP, suggested that BPC might consider the purchase of its own ‘smiley-type’ equipment for use exclusively in Beetham parish. **Agreed** – Clerk to approach both Milnthorpe and Arnside PCs to see if they might be interested in the collective purchase of say three such items (one per parish) should a discount be obtainable from the supplier as a result.

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Oct 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/2017/0761	1 Quarry Lane, Sandside	Willacy	Erection of building for retail & trade sales, storage & staff facilities	28/09/17	No objection

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

SL/2017/0821	Primrose Bank Barn, Hale	Hollister	Single-storey extensions to side and rear	06/09/17	No objection
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2017/0553	Hale Head Farm, Hale	Fishwick	Major renovation of existing property	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0666	Overthwaite Farm, Hale	Harker	General purpose & storage building	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 – Clerk to circulate to members the weekly Planning Summaries he receives from SLDC and to check with CALC as to how present procedural regulations could be met if SLDC’s current practice of issuing hard-copies of individual applications were to be terminated at some stage in the future (as seems likely).

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2017		MEETING – 2 Oct, 2017		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	
01/09/17	Opening balances					23,016.80	19,241.92
30/09/17	Receipts;						
		Ground rents - B-Jones			12.50		
		- Ryan			20.00		
						32.50	
30/09/17	Payments:						
	459 1110	Dallam	Ground rent for bus shelter		50.00		
	460 1111	Pickup	Materials for sign repair		217.41		
	461 1112	SLDC	Street lighting 2016/17		2,951.35		
	462 1113	Info Com	Data Protec annual renewal		35.00		
	463 1114	Scargill	Clerk’s sal. Sept. (net)	413.64			
			Postage & Stationery	20.30			
			VAT	3.11			
					437.05		
	Total payments in month					-3,690.81	
30/09/17	Closing balances					19,358.49	19,241.92
30/09/17	Total funds all accounts					£38,600.41	
	Reserve Funds at 30/09/17						
		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 – none.

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. Seat survey carried out – the Cockshotts Lane seat considered to be one of those most in need of replacement (see also 7.3 above), the others being at Carr Bank and Hale. The low wall at the northern end of Stanley Street, Beetham, near the stocks was in a poor state of repair and would be better demolished in view of the extra hazard it caused for and by parked vehicles where parking space was severely limited and the street narrow. **Agreed** – Clerk to attempt to identify the owner of the wall before any action taken.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – to remove graffiti from the bus shelter at St John's Cross/Green Lane end.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – Cllrs Meakin, Clark and Pickup had attended the Sandside Quarry site meeting/presentation on 20 September, which had been useful and reassuring as regards its present state and the plans for its future. The scheduled open day at Heron Hall on 11 October was an opportunity for the public to hear and respond to these plans before the submission of a formal planning application.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Clark – overgrown trees along the north side of the B5282 between Quarry Lane end and New Bridge now encroaching onto highway. Questioned the adequacy of local infrastructure (eg water treatment facilities) to be able to deal with the number of new homes planned for the general area.

Cllr Noble – overgrown hedges/trees along the B5282 between Carr Bank Road end and Friar Cote Bridge and repeated traffic incidents along this narrow and dangerous stretch of road. Serious damage to the old bus shelter at Carr Bank Road end by a car on 2 October.

Cllr Pickup -1) -parishioner's concerns of persistent speeding along the B5282

2) serious safety concerns about the Storth Rd/B5282 junction.

3) injury to child on footpath off Keasdale Road due to dumped rubble by new owner of this piece of land.

4) Collapsed culvert to the rear of Nuns Avenue preventing proper drainage of surface water and causing it to flow onto highway.

5) Flooding beside The Ship Inn at Sandside not resolved by recent exploratory digging – United Utilities notified by CCC contractor.

Cllr Stewart – complaint received about more inconsiderate parking along Stanley Street, Beetham, by Heron Theatre-goers on 29 September. Clerk to write Heron Theatre.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies – No further information.

13.2 - Sandside Cutting – more seasonal felling soon needed. Clearance of existing offcuts by shredding (permission for shredder hire given at BPC meeting 4 September).

13.3 - Plot 4 – nothing to report.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 08/09/17 – CumbriaMarineSPA – Morecambe Bay now has special protection status.

- 21/09/17 – Sellen – problems with signpost at Four Lane Ends, Storth. (BPC to deal with subject to approval by Highways).

- 25/09/17 – Helm – notification of start of road works opposite Carr Bank Nurseries.

- 02/10/17 – Beetham School – notification of defibrillator delivery. Next agenda.

15.0 Reading Matter - Clerks & Councils Direct - Sept 2017 - Issue 113.

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 6 November at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.