

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 at Beetham School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, Pru Jupe, Bob Pickup, Chris Noble, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also District Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public (Sarah Easton - Beetham WI).

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllr Knowles (family commitment), Parish Steward Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 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** - introduction of a representative from Electricity NorthWest who provided information on the work being done in connection with the new BT broadband cabinet beside the pumping station at Sansdside. Members drew attention to the flooding risk in this area and advised Electricity NorthWest to liaise with United Utilities to ensure the new installation was adequately protected. BPC copies of the relevant paperwork for the installation to be sent to the Clerk. Include on agenda for November meeting.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 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 (5.2)** - purchase of the equipment was proceeding via Sue Cox. The Clerk had received notice from BT of the proposed removal of underused public phone boxes, one of which (Stanley Street) had been earmarked to house the defibrillator installation. **Agreed** - that BPC exercise the option to 'adopt' any phone box under threat of removal which might be needed for a defibrillator, now or in the future. This would include the Stanley Street and Hale boxes. Clerk to write to BT with this proposal.

**5.3 Hale Marble Quarry inquiry (5.3)** - Cllr Jupe produced a draft letter to Brabners to try to resolve the issue of outstanding fees. Subject to minor amendment it was **agreed** that this letter be sent by the Clerk as soon as possible.

**5.4 Moor Lane, Beetham (5.4)** - no response had been received from Highways (Victoria Upton) to advise the best procedure for ensuring that BPC retained the benefit of refundable VAT. Clerk to send a follow-up email, cc Cllr Stewart.

**5.5 Proposed AONB litter-pick (5.5)** - Cllr Jupe to organise a litter-pick along the A6 at Beetham, probably during late November. Offers of assistance invited from BPC members and members of the public.

**5.6 Village maps (5.7)** - no further progress. Ongoing.

**5.7 Stone seat beside Heron Theatre (5.10)** - Sarah Easton, on behalf of Beetham WI, was happy with the proposal to bring the seat back into use and relocate the planter. Clerk to ask Parish Steward to keep Mrs Easton informed of his work schedule in this connection. BPC thanked Beetham WI for its admirable efforts in improving the appearance of the village by installing and maintaining planters.

**5.8 Flooding at Parsonage Fold (6.2)** - dealt under item 6.3 below.

- 5.9 **Slackhead signpost (7.1)** - Dallam had received requests from local residents for a minor relocation of this signpost to improve visibility. This will be discussed with Dallam as part of the project, but relocation would need to be cleared with Highways in advance - Clerk to notify Dallam.
- 5.10 **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** - installation of supporting pole at Sandside is imminent, with the period of loan of the SID scheduled for later in October.
- 5.11 **Flashing sign for Beetham School** - parents had taken steps for an installation in Stanley Street and were requesting BPC support - **agreed**. Clerk to notify parents.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

**6.1 Police Report** - received and circulated before the meeting. 63 incidents in the wider area resulting in 18 recorded crimes. One incident in Beetham parish. In the absence of a regular police presence at BPC meetings, District Cllr McSweeney offered to present future police reports for a trial period. He would also take over responsibility for answering members' questions on policing matters - **agreed** by members (already agreed with police). He also suggested that incidents be reported direct to him rather than via the unsatisfactory 101 phone number. Cllr McSweeney further agreed to investigate members' request for the categorising of incidents mentioned in the report. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart with members' request for speed monitoring on the A6, near the entrance to Billerud paper mill.

**6.2 County Council matters** - highway surfacing repairs in Storth Road were now in hand and an Engineering Safety Survey (ESS) had been organised for the A6 between Hale and the northern parish boundary with Milnthorpe. A review of CCC-owned residential care homes was underway, although not yet covering Beetham parish. The county's share of Council Tax for 2017/18 was likely to show the maximum permitted 2% increase, with a substantial increase in the cost of adult social care. The capping of Council Tax increases had not yet been extended to smaller parish councils such as Beetham. Members were unhappy with the length of time over which temporary traffic lights had been installed at Milnthorpe New Bridge, including two weekends, without any sign of work for much of this time - Clerk to email Cllr Stewart for an explanation from Highways. Cllr Stewart reported that the Highways information system was to be upgraded for the easier notification of, and with feedback on, matters requiring their attention.

**6.3 District Council matters** - Cllr McSweeney reported complaints from residents about the imminent removal (without replacement) of street lamps in Back Lane, Hale - a matter explored in depth and recorded in detail at earlier BPC meetings but without any solution being found. Also complaints from the same residents about overhanging vegetation in that area - Clerk to bring to attention of Dallam. Along with Cllr Stewart, highways engineers and local authority floods specialists, Cllr McSweeney had investigated the flooding risk at Parsonage Fold, Beetham. Suggested that, initially, Parish Steward Bill Haddow work with Tony Riden and his team of AONB volunteers to clear clogged gullies in this area and see what techniques are most effective, subject to the necessary permissions from Dallam. A recommendation from the flooding experts would be helpful - Clerk to request via Cllr Stewart.

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

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

**7.1 Morelock Speed Feedback signs** - unsolicited information received by Clerk, but agreed by members as not appropriate for BPC at this time.

## 8.0 Planning matters.

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Oct 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

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

SL/2016/0882	Sandside Farm, Carr Bank Rd	Smith	Change of use – field to domestic garden.	10/10/16	Tree species to be specified and indigenous
SL/2016/0901	Green Head Farm, Storth Rd, Storth	Kirby	New dormer bungalow with vehicular access	17/10/16	Further access details required

### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decision

SL/2016/0666	The Old School House, Storth	Smith	Rear extension	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:

## 9. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2016	MEETING – 3 Oct, 2016
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/09/16	Opening balances			17,717.11	19,237.12
30/09/16	Receipts;				
		Barclays Bk	Bank interest to 4 Sept		2.40
		Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50	
			- Ryan	20.00	
				32.50	
30/09/16	Payments:				
	414 1063	Info. Com. Data Protec.	Renewal	35.00	
	415 1064	Zurich	Insce prem. 2016/17	363.08	
	416 1065	GHS	Grasscutting	185.00	
	417 1066	Scargill	Clerk's sal Sept (net)	396.55	
			Postage & stationery	77.23	
			VAT	14.47	
				488.25	
	Total payments in month			-1,071.33	
30/09/16	Closing balances			16,678.28	19,239.52
31/08/16	Total funds all accounts				£35,917.80
<b>Reserve Funds at 30/09/16</b>		<b>Street lamp reserve</b>		<b>7,200.00</b>	
		<b>General Reserve</b>		<b>12,039.52</b>	
		<b>Total reserves</b>		<b>19,239.52</b>	

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

### 9.2 Other financial matters – BPC period accounts 4mths to 31/07/16 circulated, 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:**

- liaise with Beetham WI (Sarah Easton) before start of Heron Theatre seat restoration.
- liaise with Tony Riden (AONB) re flood protection work at Parsonage Fold.
- clear gullies on B6384 at Whassett Common.

**11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** - none.

**12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):**

- **Cllr Clark** - potholes generally, but particularly A6 around Paradise Lane end/Beetham House and by Kings Arms, Hale.
- **Cllr Meakin** - to check on progress with trimming of hedge at Cornerlea, Storth Square. Yans Lane gullies in need of clearing (missed last year!).
- **Cllr Pickup** - poor condition of footpath from Storth School to bottom of Guard Hill Lane, a path used daily by school children (BPC application for public ROW status suggested). Also inferior condition of footway along B5282 from Carr Bank Road end to parish border (when compared with condition of its continuation in Arnside parish). Missing grit bin at junction Carr Bank Road/Nuns Avenue.
- **Cllr Blenkham** - gullies along B6384 at Whassett Common now full of autumn leaves, leading to highway flooding.
- **Cllr Yates** - Leighton Beck Road flooding (and consequent ice hazard in winter) - problem not tackled so far, but cost of rectification understood to be prohibitive. No bus timetable yet on new bus stop pole - A6 near Beetham School.

**13.0 Parish Land:**

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

**13.2 - Sandside Cutting** - some tree felling/trimming done. Bulk of work now awaiting attention of Parish Steward (per item 100 on his Rolling Work Programme).

**14.0 General Correspondence:**

- 13/09/16 - CALC - advising all parish councils consider having an emergency plan in place to deal with identified risks/emergencies.
- 26/09/16 - Kent & Leven Catchment Director - progress report on flood management in area

**15.0 Reading Matter** - none.

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

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - normal monthly BPC meeting - Monday 7 November 2016, 7.00pm at Storth Village Church.

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm.**