

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 5th October 2015 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, Chris Noble. Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill and two members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs P Jupe (work), D Clark and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7th September 2015, had been circulated by email. These 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 - Cllr Stewart re agenda item 7.1.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 7th September 2015 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whasset (5.1) - no developments.

Current and ongoing reorganisation of CCC's Highways team was delaying action.

5.2 Burntbarrow/Shaw Lane link path handrail (5.2) - this project had now been satisfactorily completed. Members expressed thanks to the contractor for his excellent workmanship and community spirit.

5.3 Beetham Jubilee Garden (5.3) - no further progress.

5.4 Beetham parish sign survey (5.4) - no progress. The Clerk offered to undertake with the help of the Parish Steward.

5.5 BPC member co-option (5.5) - delayed because of holiday/work absences. Cllr Meakin and the Clerk (and, if possible, Cllr Yates) would arrange to meet the interested party to discuss.

5.6 Burntbarrow Woods ROW public inquiry (5.7) - the Inspector's final decision had now been issued and a formal map modification order issued, for the most part in favour of the applicants.

5.7 Hale Marble Quarry ROW public inquiry (5.8) - Cllr Yates would present evidence on behalf of applicants BPC at the forthcoming hearing. **Agreed** - on a majority vote, that Cllr Yates be supported by, and to arrange, professional representation for a cost of £2,000 maximum.

5.8 Farleton Knott fencing (5.9) - the deadline for submissions had now passed and the Planning Inspectorate's decision was awaited.

5.9 Mill Lane, Beetham (6.4) - Cllr Meakin had received a negative response to his letter to Dallam. **Agreed** - that a second letter be sent, emphasising the road safety issues involved. All correspondence to date to be cleared by SLDC's Debbie Storr before required publication on BPC website.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – none received.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – Clerk urged to claim as soon as possible (from CCC's Victoria Upton) the £2K community grant agreed by Cllr Stewart for 2015/16. Also to arrange for road tidying work to remove weeds etc along kerbs/verges on all affected highways, in particular the A6 on and around Beetham Bridge, to be undertaken by Parish Steward without further delay (£1K funding already received). The road surface in the centre of Storth village remained a low priority for Highways. CCC still facing a large funding gap for 2018/19 which would inevitably require an increase in Council Tax. The cost of maintaining proper care services for an increasing number of elderly residents with improved life-expectancy was a significant and worrying factor.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – the new refuse collection arrangements had not gone entirely to plan but were settling down. The current Lyth Valley Internal Drainage proposals would be considered by SLDC in February 2016 but were thought unlikely to attract its financial support.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – welcome for the new handrail between Burntbarrow and Shaw Lane. An overgrown hedge opposite Storth School was causing Sandside-bound vehicles to swerve into the centre of Storth Road and into the path of oncoming traffic – Clerk to write to property owner.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Morecambe Bay Partnership funding application – for the control of Cotoneaster in Sandside Cutting - **Agreed** – that BPC should make a contribution of £200.

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Oct 2015 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/2015/0650	22 Hillcrest Drive Slackhead	Naylor	Single-storey side & rear extension	28/09/15	No objections

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

SL/2015/0826	Townend Farm, Farleton	Johnson	Internal alterations to listed building	07/10/15	No objections
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2015/0570	Poachers Cottage, Hale	Copeland	Vehicle access facility	Refused
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

8.4 Related matters & correspondence: Inspector's final decision on Fishwick's Beetham Hall crematorium application now well overdue.

9.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT					MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2015		MEETING – 5 th October, 2015		
Date	Transaction		Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c		HIBA	
						£	£	£	
01/09/15	Opening balances						15,243.71	19,227.52	
30/09/15	Receipts		Barclays	Bank interest o 7 Sept.				2.40	
30/09/15	Payments:								
	357	1004	Spatial	Dixies survey	250.00				
				VAT	50.00				
							300.00		
	358	1005	Info Com	Data protection renewal			35.00		
	359	1006	Scargill	Clerk's sal Sept. (net)	380.58				
				Postage & Stat'y	12.63				
				VAT	2.17				
							395.38		
	360	1007	HMRC	PAYE remit. Sept qutr			285.00		
	361	1008	Heron Th	Donation			500.00		
	362	1009	Storth PFA	Donation			1,000.00		
	“ Total payments in month							- 2,515.38	
30/09/15	Closing balances						12,728.33	19,229.92	
30/09/15	Total funds all accounts							£31,958.25	
Reserve Funds at 30/09/15			Street lamp reserve		4,800.00				
			General Reserve		14,429.92				
			Total reserves		19,229.92				

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

9.2 Other financial matters:

- unpaid second bill for £250.28 from Curtins in dispute. Franny Truscott to try to resolve with Curtins..
- BPC accounts for 6mths to 30 September 2015 – circulated and **approved**.

10.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS's update on current events – via Clerk – Dixies tidying work inspected but found to have already been done by persons unknown. Beetham School playground no longer available for Heron Theatre overspill car-parking. Clerk to enquire about theatre's alternative arrangements.

9.2 Additions to PS's work programme – removal of road direction sign at Leighton Beck Road junction to be added to list, subject to consultation between Cllr Yates and Parish Steward. Road tidying work (see 6.2 above) to be undertaken and completed in 2015/16. Road sign survey (see 5.4 above) to be undertaken ASAP, in 2015/16, by Clerk and Parish Steward.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- Cllr Pickup – continued traffic speeding on B5282.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1- Land at Dixies - Curtin's second invoice (for £250.26 – see item 9.2 above) in dispute and as yet unpaid. Due to cost constraints Cllrs Meakin and Yates, together with the Clerk, to decide on, inspect and formally order boulders from Sandside Quarry as minimum materials needed for protection against sea erosion of site, as part of scaled-down project. Cllr Meakin if possible to attend next Quarry Liaison meeting.

13.2 - Plot 4 – the meeting between Cllrs Meakin and Yates and tenants on 25 September had proved amicable, useful and constructive. Various points raised by tenants to be considered by BPC, with Clerk to investigate existing permissions for use of access track and responsibility for possibly dangerous adjacent wall. Tenants to provide a summary of their concerns about the lease content. Further meeting(s) to be arranged as required. A decision on the future use for the now-vacated wood-store site to be considered separately by BPC at an early date; planning permission may be needed for any change of use.

13.3- Sandside Cutting – Clerk to check that Parish Steward has the equipment and capability to deal with agreed tree-felling needs and, if so, to instruct to proceed with this as soon as possible.

14.0 General Correspondence :

- 25/09/15 – Beetham WI – thankyou letter for help given by Parish Steward re planters and permission requested to move one planter from its present location on A6 verge outside Beetham Nurseries to an alternative site beside Beetham village stocks (Stanley Street) - granted subject to compliance with planning regulations – Clerk to investigate.

15.0 Reading Matter: none

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (October 2015) – nothing additional to those items mentioned above.

17.0 Date of next meeting – Monday 2 November 2015 at Beetham School at 7.00pm – to be preceded at 6.45pm by any planning meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.