

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th October 2014 at Beetham School.

Present were Cllrs Pru Jupe (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, David Jupe, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk) and seventeen members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Bob Pickup (prior engagement), Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1st September 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Jupe.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda – none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – Cllr Jupe drew the attention of member to the fact that Beetham was currently featured as ‘Parish of the Month’ on the SLDC website.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 1st September 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whassett (5.2 & 5.3)) – retained on agenda awaiting suitable conditions for inspection and until resolved. No progress to date.

5.2 Beetham village traffic, inc Mill Lane (15) – white line ‘ghost footway’ opposite Wheatsheaf car-park to be reinstated. No progress re Mill Lane, Clerk to write again to Wit Lazurek.

5.5 – Street-lamps replacement (16) – confirmation received from SLDC that a new column to be installed at Hale (opposite phone box) and two on Stanley Street, Beetham. Also, provisionally, the third (middle) streetlamp on Stanley Street, subject to relocation problems being resolved.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – received and circulated before the meeting. Since last BPC meeting, 64 reported incidents in general area, resulting in 6 recorded crimes – one in Beetham parish.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – some changes to local bus route timetables (Clerk to be provided with details). More CCC expenditure cuts needed, made more difficult by the increased number of children having to be taken into care. New housing plans for Milnthorpe include a development near its southern boundary with Beetham, now in consultation. Clerk to circulate details to BPC members as made available.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr P Jupe) – little to report, nothing specific to Beetham.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public:

- how planning applications were dealt with by SLDC? – each application considered on its individual merits.

- BPC’s intended response to amended Fishwick crematorium planning application? – essentially the same as with the original application, as it fails to answer BPC’s previous objections by not meeting essential planning requirements. Clerk’s formal response to SLDC to be copied to Michael Eden, acting for local residents.

- traffic problems in Beetham village? (see 5.2 above).

- Beetham war memorial surround? – to be repaired before Remembrance Sunday.

- possibility for a cycle path between Hale and Beetham? – would be useful, but cost would be high and probably unaffordable. Members of the public invited to suggest other, more affordable, projects which would gladly be considered.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Oct. 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/2014/0784	Farleton House, Farleton	Prickett	Formation of equine exercise area	22/09/14	No objections
SL/2014/0843	Land –Harbourwain Keasdale Rd	Weldon	Erection of bungalow	06/10/14	No objections
SL/2014/0851	9 Parsonage Fold, Beetham	Shaw	Siting of timber storage shed	06/10/14	No objections

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

SL/2014/0701	Fishwicks Beetham Hall site	Fishwick	Amended plane for siting crematorium	15/10/14	Objections
SL/2014/0916	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	Marsden	Erection of aviary	23/10/14	No objections
SL/2014/0926	Rockwood, Storth Rd, Sandside	Tootell	Extension of existing balcony	24/10/14	No objections

7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2014/0663	The Hollies, Keasdale Rd	Cooke	Extension & alterations	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0688	Hall More Fishery, Hale	Morphet	Use of caravan as office/ manager's accommodation	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

8.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – SEPT 2014 MEETING – 6th October 2014

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/08/14	Opening balances				19,217.75
30/09/14	Receipts:				
		Barclays	Bank interest to 07/09/14		2.58
30/09/14	Payments:				
“	306	952 Milne Moser	Legal fees re Plot 4 leases VAT	302.00 60.00	
				362.00	
	307	953 Dallam	Bus shelter gr. rent '14/'15	50.00	
	308	954 W Treecare	S Cutting treework VAT	70.00 14.00	
				84.00	
	309	955 Zurich	Insurance prem 2014/15	403.87	
	310	956 Brailsford	Stones transport VAT	112.00 22.40	
				134.40	
	311	957 Scargill	Clerk's sal. Sept. (net)	360.63	
“	Total payments in month				-1,394.90
30/09/14	Closing balances			8,752.11	19,220.33
30/09/14	Total funds all accounts				£27,972.44
Reserve Funds at 30/09/14		Street lamp reserve		2,400.00	
		General Reserve		16,820.33	
		Total reserves		19,220.33	

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

8.2 Other financial matters - BPC accounts 6mths to 30 Sept. 2014 – presented and **APPROVED**.

- Finance Working Group composition – agreed to be Cllrs P Jupe, B Meakin & S Yates.
- Finance Working Group meeting (budget/precept 2014/15) – Clerk to arrange ASAP.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS's update on current events - no change (PS absent).

9.2 Additions to PS's work programme: none.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies : Cllr Meakin had attended a meeting with the AONB Manager to review AONB procedures for developing planning application responses. These were prepared by a Planning Sub-group of their Executive Committee. Because of his expertise in planning matters it was suggested that Cllr Yates be co-opted onto this Sub-group, to be proposed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee on 15 October 2014. **APPROVED.**

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Meakin** - reported a dangerously overgrown hedge at Rocklands, Storth Rd - Clerk to write to occupiers.
- **Cllr D Jupe** - reported a derelict direction sign at the corner Leighton Beck Rd/Deepdale Road, Slackhead and a broken 'Public Footpath' finger post at the Beetham bridge/A6 layby. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart with details.
- **Cllr Clark** - expressed disappointment with further delays in the introduction of local superfast broadband, apparently now not expected before April 2015.

12.0 Parish Land:

12.1/12.2 - Land at Dixies and Beetham A6 layby - parking restriction stones now in place at Dixies, but more needed to act as breakwater at high tide. Clerk to organise. Also stones now in place at Beetham bridge/A6 layby. Some complaints already received about the A6 layby stones and resulting parking/turning difficulties. Clerk to write to Dallam to request co-operation in providing better parking facilities in this part of Beetham village. Some residual stones had been positioned at Hale Green to restrict parking there, but had been moved shortly after by persons unknown - later replaced by the Clerk. Location to be kept under observation. The need for some restriction on the grass verge on the north side of the B5282, opposite the eastern end of Quarry Lane, was also discussed - to be referred to AONB in view of flora considerations.

12.3 - Plot 4 - after considering quotes from different legal firms for the preparation of leases, it was agreed that Wright & Lord should be asked to undertake this work. Clerk to progress after Parish Land Working Group had discussed and agreed on required details of lease content.

12.4- Sandside Cutting - the Forestry Commission licence to fell a number of trees had now been received and work could begin.

13.0 BPC liaison with Arnside Parish Plan Trust (APPT) - Clerk to write to APPT to suggest more frequent contact between the two organisations.

14.0 General Correspondence - none.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

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

17.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 3rd November. 2014 - 7.00pm at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.