

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 7th January 2013 at Storth Village Church at 7.00PM.

Present were Cllrs Ken Blenkarn (chair), David Clark, Jessica Harvey, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also present - nominated member for co-option Steve Yates, Parish Clerk John Scargill, PCSO Jess Bullock and five members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Pru Jupe (work).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3rd December 2012, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Harvey (who had chaired that meeting).

3.0 **Announcements by the Chair:** Cllr Blenkarn introduced Steve Yates to other members. Mr Yates had previously been interviewed by a small group of members who now recommended his appointment as a co-opted member of Beetham Parish Council.

Resolved - that Steve Yates be appointed as a co-opted member of Beetham PC.

Mr Yates then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place on the council.

4.0 **Declarations of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** - none.

5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes:**

5.1 **Beetham Traffic Calming (5.3 & 6.4)** - following the PC's December meeting, Cllr Stewart had taken up the matter with CCC. Cllr Stewart then read an emailed response dated 2 January 2013 from Victoria Upton (CCC Traffic Management Engineer) confirming that the new road markings on Main Street and Church Street would be removed, as requested and as soon as practically possible.

5.2 **Land matters - Plot 4 (10.1)** - the Clerk reported that a check made by the PC's solicitor had revealed no existing restrictive covenants affecting Plot 4, to which the parish council has legal title. This information would be passed to the newly-formed residents' group.

6.0 **Public Participation.**

6.1 **Police Report** - reported two relatively minor crimes in the parish. Some possibilities emerging for a relocated police station in the general area.

6.2 **County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** - the size and nature of central government grants to local authorities for the purpose of limiting Council Tax increases was now known and should result in no increase for 2013/14. The number of children in the care of CCC was disproportionately large, compared with other regions, and formed a large proportion of its budgeted costs. The revenue budget for Highways had been cut back but it was hoped that the resulting shortfall for 2013/14 could be made up from capital monies. Other areas of expenditure could well be adversely affected.

6.3 **District Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** - SLDC was now set to remove the present 10% discount on the Council Tax for second homes. It would also be speeding up the process of charging on empty properties. Overall it was hoped to find a fair and equitable solution to changes in the burden of Council Tax.

6.4 **Matters raised by members of the public** - thanks were expressed for the successful outcome of Cllr Stewart's efforts to arrange the removal of the newly-painted white lines in

Beetham village (as requested at the December meeting). There remained the problems of poor and inadequate road signage, rain water regularly flooding across Leighton Beck Road, near the double-bends (about which representations had been made to CCC) and the nature of the speed-bumps in Stanley Street, Beetham (about which nothing could now be done).

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

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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/2012/0981	Billerud Paper Works, Beetham	Holmes	Construction of 8,000 litre effluent holding tank	03/01/13	No objections

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

SL/2012/1041	Felstone, Whassett	Simpkin and Bowness	Extension & alteration (revision of SL/2012/0530 – no objections from BPC)	24/01/13	No objections
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2012/0853	Mossdale Service Station, A6 Hale	Vincent	New shopfront	Approved with conditions
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(More planning information available non SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 7 Jan 2013 - if any (reflected above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none

8.00 Financial Matters

8.1 Bank receipts, payments (for approval) and balances.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – DEC 2012		MEETING – 7 th Jan 2013		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/12/12	Opening balances				94.22	18,321.30
31/12/12	Receipts:	Barclays	HIBA interest to 2 Dec '12			2.40
		Lanc City	Grant (via AONB) re second panel		395.00	
		Elec NW	Wayleaves		74.97	
31/12/12	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA				400.00	-400.00
31/12/12	Payments:					
“	Pd 226	871 Lambert SH	Access rent (SC)	28.98		
			VAT	5.80		
					-34.78	
“	227	872 Tom Hurst	Supply of panel frame	-395.00		
“	228	873 J Scargill	Clerk's sal Dec (net)	409.89		
			Postage & Stat'y	51.92		
			VAT	10.39		
					-472.20	
“	229	874 HMRC	PAYE remitt. Dec qutr	-37.60		
“	Total payments in month				-939.58	
					24.61	17,923.70
31/12/12	Total funds all accounts					£17,948.31

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED

8.2 Other financial matters:

- BPC accounts for the nine-months to 31/12/12 - were presented by the Clerk and accepted by the council.

- Budget/precept 2013/14 – now amended slightly in the light of new legislation. **Resolved** – that the amended precept request (for £15,199

in place of £15,878) be now submitted to SLDC. The new precept form was signed by the Chair, Vice-chair and Clerk.

- Clerk's annual review – had been satisfactorily conducted by Cllr Jupe on 31/12/12. **Resolved** – that the Clerk's SCP grade be increased by one point to SCP22 as from 01/12/12, following his fifth year of satisfactory service and as provided for in current budgets.

9.0 Parish Steward & Area Steward:

9.1 PS update on current events – nothing to report.

9.2 PS additions to work programme – nothing to add – but Clerk to request attention by Highways to persistent flooding of B6384 at the junction with Moor Lane.

9.3 AS – nothing to report.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies.

10.1 Agreed - that members would, as requested by Cllr Harvey, complete a form testifying to her experience in chairing meetings.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

11.1 Cllr Stewart – with Highways representatives, had completed his periodic survey of road-work requirements in the parish.

11.2 Cllr Pickup – reported a number of new potholes in the Carr Bank area and continued traffic speeding along the B5282 and Carr Bank Road.

11.3 Cllr Harvey – appreciated the recent filling of potholes in Yans Lane, Storth. Had received a complaint from a resident about new blue exterior lighting at the old chapel in Storth Road (now a private house). Clerk to email SLDC Planning to ask if within regulations.

11.4 Cllr Clark – most gullies now cleared, but this revealing basic structural faults. Remedial ground work needed as a result of ElecNW activity near New Bridge still outstanding.

11.5 Cllr Noble – is aware of an unusually high level of complaints of tyre damage to vehicles in the Carr Bank area.

11.6 Cllr Yates – confirmed the problem of excessive water near the double-bend on Leighton Beck Road, resulting from it being diverted by a nearby householder.

12.0 General Correspondence.

a) Received and circulated in email form:

12.1 – 31 December '12 – Mike Cole – complaint about flood water at entrance to Farleton.

12.2 – 7 Jan '13 – Inside Government – members sought for inter-active forum

b) Received in hard-copy form (not circulated): none.

13.0 Reading Matter: none.

14.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Jan 2013):

- BPC annual assembly – choice of speaker (Clerk to research)

15.0 Date of next meeting – Monday 4th February 2013 at 7.00pm at Beetham School, preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend throughout any meeting of the Parish Council but may speak only during the Public Participation item on the agenda to raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish, District or County Councils or Cumbria Police.