

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

The parish council meeting of 3 December 2012 was preceded by a presentation by SLDC Development Strategy Manager Dan Hudson at the request of SLDC. This presentation was to explain the recent temporary suspension of the government inspector's current hearing on SLDC's Local Development Framework land allocations and set out the options for a way forward.

The inspector's view was that, by its blanket rejection of small sites in the area, SLDC had given insufficient weight to the special status of the Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB, in which Beetham lay, where small sites would actually be appropriate. These were now to be brought into consideration, for which SLDC had requested time for them to be properly identified and investigated. This had time-scale implications for the Local Development Plan as a whole.

SLDC's favoured option was now to deal with the whole AONB area as one unit, in isolation from the rest of the South Lakes area and in conjunction with all parishes sited there, including those in the adjacent county of Lancashire. There would be an early meeting to explore this. Organisationally, the AONB was a Lancaster City Council offshoot, so such co-operation would be essential. If agreement could be reached it should enable the well advanced plan for the remainder of South Lakeland to proceed to the original timetable – and thus help meet the urgent need for affordable housing.

Mr Hudson and his colleagues were thanked for their attendance and a clear presentation.

## **MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 at Beetham School at 7.20pm.**

**Present were** Cllrs Jessica Harvey (chair), David Clark, Pru Jupe, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also present - Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and fifteen other members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Ken Blenkarn (illness), Brian Meakin (holiday) & Cumbria Police.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Harvey.

**3.0 Announcements by the Chair:** none.

**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 PC casual vacancy (5.3)** – the Clerk reported that there was now a candidate for this vacancy and arrangements would be made for an early interview. This news was welcomed by members.

**5.2 Broadband (5.1)** – the contract between CCC and BT had now been signed, though some details had still to be worked out. It was estimated that full implementation might take two years to complete but, eventually, some 93% of Cumbria would benefit. Technological developments during this period could be expected and EEC money had been promised.

not **5.3 Beetham Traffic Calming (5.2)** – the work had very recently been completed, though to everyone’s satisfaction (see 6.4 below).

**5.3 Elbourne seat (5.5)** – CCC confirmed that their proposed agreement with the parish council did allow for the replacement of the seat with a new one at the end of its useful life. The parish council had already agreed to take responsibility for its maintenance. **Resolved** – that the agreement between CCC and the Beetham Parish Council now be signed, as provided, by Cllr Stewart and the Clerk on behalf of the parish council.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police Report** – circulated – crimes in the parish continue to be minimal.

**6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** – the county’s budget consultation process had now begun – still some £18m savings to find – probably no County Council or District Council increase for Council Tax in 2013/14. Cllr Stewart was about to make one of his regular trips around the parish with a CCC employee for the purpose of identifying highways work needed. The recent heavy rain had exacerbated the perpetual problem of flooding on the main road into Farleton, with complaints from residents, but there was no easy solution due to the lack of any basic drainage provision – but Cllr Stewart would raise the matter again with CCC.

**6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Jupe)** – Much discussion about the suspension of the land allocations hearing but SLDC’s willingness to reconsider the AONB area was welcome.

SLDC car-park meters were to be modified to eliminate the need to key-in vehicle registration numbers. Council Tax was now to be charged in full on second homes.

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – apart from reference to the risk of accidents arising from commercial oversigning on the A6, all points were all to do with the newly completed traffic calming scheme in Beetham village, namely complaints that:

- road signage now confusing and inadequate (persisting dangers on Leighton Beck Rd)
- ‘ghost’ footpath lines overdone, poorly executed, unsightly and unhelpful both to vehicles and pedestrians (plus adverse business effect for shop and hotel)
- inappropriate measures for an attractive village in a conservation area
- speed control bumps of limited effectiveness.
- insufficient publicity and consultation with public throughout.

It was pointed out that public meetings had been held in the village both at the outset, to ascertain residents’ wishes, and during the design period, to illustrate proposed works, with the object of incorporating their full input – though some attendances were disappointing. Cllr Stewart agreed to check if CCC had done what they were asked to do and how this might now be modified to meet present concerns. A further public meeting would be arranged with CCC for the New Year, when these issues can be raised.

**7.0 Planning Matters**

**7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:**

**Dec 2012 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	Deadline	Response
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**Type B applications – SLDC deadline falls after next PC meeting – Ward members to discuss at mtg.**

SL/2012/0952	Land at Carr Bank Rd.	Durie	Erection of detached agri. storage building	24/12/12	No objections
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**7.2 Decisions received from SLDC**

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(More planning information available non SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

**7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 3 Dec 2012 - if any (attached)**

**7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none**

**8.00 Financial Matters**

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

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – NOV 2012		MEETING – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2012		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/11/12	Opening balances				123.71	19,221.30
30/11/12	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA				900.00	-900.00
“	Pd 224 869	GHS	General land work etc	-97.50		
“	225 870	J Scargill	Clerk’s sal Nov (net)	409.89		
			Car allowance (6mths)	250.00		
			Computer all’ce (6mths)	150.00		
			Phone all’e (6mths)	20.00		
			Postage & Stat’y	2.10		
			VAT	NIL		
				- 831.99		
“	Total payments in month				-929.49	
30/11/12	Closing balances				94.22	18,321.30
30/11/12	Total funds all accounts					£18,415.52

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

**8.2 Other financial matters:**

- Budget/precept 2013/14 – submitted to SLDC (but will be withdrawn for amendment if new government rules introduced)
- Clerk’s annual review – Cllr Jupe would arrange before the New Year.

**9.0 Parish Steward & Area Steward:**

**9.1 PS update on current events** – was keeping in close contact with the Clerk on the need for

gritting as it arose. Reported all grit bins full. Road flooding issues attended to where possible throughout parish.

**9.2 PS additions to work programme** – items 68 and 69 added (retrospectively) and completed

**9.3 AS** – nothing to report.

## **10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies.**

**10.1 Meeting of BPC Land Working Group (Cllrs Jupe & Meakin + Clerk) – with residents**

living adjacent to Plot 4 has led to proposal to **set up a small joint group** to deal with future Plot

4 management matters (BPC representatives as above). Residents' representatives to produce a

five-year management plan for the site by Jan 2013, to be approved by the joint group before implementation, with future joint meetings to be mainly supervisory or as needed for important

management decisions. Work to be done by residents themselves or approved contractors and at residents' expense. Clerk to check on any legal restrictions applying to BPC's title to the site.

**10.2 CCC Highways presentation** – the Clerk had attended a presentation by Keith Masser on

CCC's plans for dealing with adverse weather conditions over the coming winter as well as an update on the CCC Better Highways project. Clerk to circulate a summary to all members.

## **11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):**

**11.1 Cllr Clark** – unsatisfactory making good after recent work by Electricity NW beside Milnthorpe New Bridge. Vehicles parking regularly on footway in Quarry Lane.

**11.2 Cllr Pickup** – Hale Moss Nature Reserve overdue for maintenance and in urgent need of attention (maybe a matter for Country Landowners' Assn) – Clerk to email Cllr Stewart for forwarding to CCC. Speeding traffic issues on the B5282 and Keasdale Rd. Accident near junction of Carr Bank Rd and Black Dyke Rd. Need for a grit bin at junction of Carr bank Rd and Nuns Avenue.

**11.3 Cllr Noble** – appreciative of long-awaited move of Carr Bank Rd grit bin by CCC.

**11.3 Clerk** – flooding of car-park at Ship Inn as a result of water pouring through Sandside Cutting boundary wall (due to recent heavy rain). Tenant's concerns over damage to wall (although probably BPC property), restricted use of car park area and risks to Ship customers

if

flood water were to freeze.

## **12.0 General Correspondence.**

### **a) Received and circulated in email form:**

**12.1** – 30 Nov '12 – SLDC – Council Plan and Budget Consultation 2013/14..

### **b) Received in hard-copy form (not circulated):**

**12.2** – 23 Nov '12 – CCC – online public consultation on draft budget proposals 2013/14

**12.3** – 30 Nov '12 – AONB – reporting bad state of ROW footpath 504030 (Johnny's Steps)

## **13.0 Reading Matter:**

- CCC – Local News & Views – issue 8 – November 2012-12-04

- CCC – Go Cumbria – bus timetable guide 05/11/12 - 25/03/13

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

- Beetham traffic calming update

- SLDC – LDF land allocations – developments re AONB area rethink

**15.0 Date of next meeting** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.00pm at Storth Village Church,  
preceded  
at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

**The meeting closed at 8.52pm.**

**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.**