

# **BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Beetham School at 7.00pm.**

**Present** were Cllrs Ken Blenkharn (chair), David Clark, Ian Duckworth, Jessica Harvey, Pru Jupe, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also present was Parish Clerk John Scargill.

## **1.0 Apologies for absence** - Parish Steward Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Blenkharn.

**3.0 Announcements by the Chair** – Cllr Blenkharn hoped that an imminent hip operation would not prevent his attendance at the next parish council meeting.

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

### **5.0 Matters arising from the minutes:**

**5.1 Broadband (5.1)** – Cllr Clark had prepared a questionnaire on broadband speeds currently achieved in Beetham parish, which he would be asking members to complete. The Clerk had obtained maps showing areas likely to benefit from forthcoming improvements in broadband coverage, which he was asked to circulate to all members.

**5.2 Whassett Common (5.2)** – Dallam Estates had responded positively to the Clerk's letter of apology for work undertaken without Dallam's permission.

**5.3 Whassett street lamps (5.2)** - SLDC had agreed to replace the poles on which the two street lamps in Whassett were mounted; this was likely to be done in February.

**5.4 Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration 2012 (5.4)** – Cllr Duckworth had no progress to report. It appeared that Natural England had interests in the Farleton Knott area and would have to be consulted re its use for the proposed celebratory beacon.

### **6.0 Public Participation**

**6.1 Police Report** – for December had been received only at the last minute, so there had not

been time to circulate. Again crime-free as regards Beetham parish.

**6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** – A Household Waste Recycling consultation had just been launched, though no proposals directly affected Beetham parish. The 2012/13 budget was in its final stages of preparation and it was hoped to avoid any increase in Council Tax. The sponsors of current plans for a South Cumbria Internal Drainage Board had been asked to reconsider their proposals.

**6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Jupe)** – the Local Development Framework study was

progressing with the publication of preferred sites due on 11 January 2012. Quarry Lane was the only such site in Beetham parish. It was agreed that the existence of a neighbourhood plan might be useful in resisting unwanted development but that Beetham should not undertake to

no  
prepare one for the time being. The 2012/13 budget was nearing completion but there was  
decision yet on Council Tax levels. Cllr Jupe announced that she would not be standing for  
re-election to SLDC in 2012/13.

## **6.4 Matters raised by members of the public –none**

## 7.0 Planning Matters

### 7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

**Jan 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

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

SL/2011/0898	Beetham Nurseries	Abbit	Portal frame storage bldg.	23/12/11	No objections
SL/2011/0942	Silver Ley, Greenbank Dr, Storth	Thomas	Single-storey extension to replace conservatory	23/12/11	No objections
SL/2011/0964	The Pines, Sandside	Turner	New dwelling – Resub. of SL/2011/0801	26/12/11	No objections
SL/2011/0910	Fern Side, Carr Bank Rd, Carr Bank	Donnelly	Extensions & alterations	19/01/12	No objections
SL/2011/1038	Wings School, Whassett	Wings Education Ltd	Temporary siting of portakabin office	17/01/12	No objections
SL/2011/1057	Fern Cottage, Hale	Coates	Extension to house annex plus new access routes.	27/01/12	No objections
SL/2011/1074	7 Rose Hill Grove, Sandside	Banks	Erection of first-floor rear Dormer	31/01/12	No objections

### 7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SL/2011/0792	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	Marsden	Shed for equipment storage	Approved with conditions
SL/2011/0858	Heron Mount, Storth Rd, Storth	Abbit	Two-storey side extension and garage roof realignment	Approved with conditions
SL/2011/0898	Beetham Nurseries	Abbit	Portal frame storage bldg.	Approved with conditions
SL/2011/0942	Silver Ley, Greenbank Dr. Storth	Thomas	Single-storey extension to replace conservatory	Approved with conditions

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

**7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 9 Jan 2012 – attached.**

**7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none**

## 8.0 Financial Matters

8.1 Receipts, 8.2 Approval of bills payable, 8.3 Balances on BPC bank accounts.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT      MONTH – DECEMBER 2011      MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	HIBA
				£	£
01/12/11	Opening balances			80.33	14,890.16
31/12/11	Receipt	Elec NW	Annual wayleaves	72.75	
	"	Barclays Bk	Bank interest to 4/12/11		2.06
31/12/11	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA			600.00	-600.00
"	Payment	821 Lambert S H	Access rent 2012 -28.98 VAT -5.80		
	"	822 J Scargill	Clerk's sal Nov (net) -353.62 Postage & Stat'y -2.30 VAT -	-34.78	
"	"	823 HMRC	PAYE – Dec qtr remit'ce -162.00		
"	"	824 K Blenkarn	Chair's honorarium 2011/12 -120.00		
	Total payments in month				-672.70
31/12/11	Closing balances			80.38	14,292.22
31/12/11	Total funds all accounts				£14,372.60

**8.4 BPC accounts, 9 months to 31 December 2011** – had been circulated. After providing for further estimated legal costs associated with the lease of land for the new bus shelter and design costs for the Hale information board it was forecast that the overall financial result for 2011/12 would show a useful surplus, an improvement on the budgeted break-even result.

**8.5 Clerk's annual review** – had been conducted by Cllr Jupe on 30 December 2011 and was satisfactory. Cllr Harvey proposed that the Clerk's SCP grade on the NALC salary scale be increased by one point following his fourth year of service and his motor allowance for travel on BPC business be increased to cover an annual mileage based on records kept during the previous 9 months.

**Resolved** – that, with effect from 1 December 2011, the Clerk's salary grade be increased to SCP 21 and his motor allowance increased to £500pa.

The Clerk was thanked for his contribution to parish council work.

## 9.0 Parish Land Working Group – no meeting, but it was reported as follows

**9.1 Parish land - Plot 4** – nothing to report.

**9.2 Copse to west of Langdale Crest** – there had been some response to the request for information on the ownership of this land, but nothing conclusive. There had also been an acknowledgment of receipt on behalf of the owner of No 20 (who was currently out of the country) to the Clerk's letter requesting information. It was agreed to await further response from

this development.

## 10.0 Parish Steward & Area Steward:

**10.1 PS update on current events** – none.

**10.2 PS additions to work programme** – none.

**10.3 Gritting/snow clearance** – there was brief discussion regarding the appearance of salt piles around the parish whilst bins for this purpose were left unfilled. Cllr Pickup to email Cllr Stewart about specific locations where this had occurred so CCC could be asked to explain.

## **11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies : none.**

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

**12.1 Cllr Meakin** – deep pothole at the junction of Storth Road and Quarry Lane.

**12.2 Cllr Clark** – blocked gullies along the B5282 from Milnthorpe New Bridge to Sandside.

**12.3 Cllr Blenkharn** – flooding on the B6384 at the junction with Moor Lane. This had already

been reported to CCC and was now marked with warning cones.

**12.4 Cllr Pickup** – scarcely visible road markings on Carr Bank Road at its junctions with both

Keasdale Road and Nuns Avenue. Clerk to advise CCC.

**12.5 Cllr Harvey** – blocked gully causing standing water in Yans Lane, beyond Bouskill, which

was a hazard to pedestrians. A plastic-covered sheep shelter had been erected in the field opposite Bouskill.

**12.6 Cllr Jupe** – a fallen tree blocking the bridleway from Beetham Corn Mill to Storth Road.

The southern corner of the Billerud site, along the A6, remained untidy despite the removal of broken fencing and some fencing posts; possible candidate for a joint 2012 project in conjunction with AONB and the Beetham Diamond Jubilee group (Cllr Duckworth to put to the latter and Clerk to discuss with AONB).

**12.7 Cllr Duckworth** – Grass in gutters along the A6. Pye's Bridge Lane again under water as a

result of cleared mud being heaped on verges. Clerk to advise CCC for more remedial work by Farmer Bland.

## **13.0 BPC Newsletter, December quarter 2011** – as circulated and published in the January edition of Gateway – approved.

## **14.0 Annual Assembly 2012 (15 March at Storth Village Hall)** – Natural England was the favoured

organisation to be asked to provide a speaker. Cllr Stewart to provide name of a specific person,

Clerk to issue invitation.

## **15.0 General Correspondence.**

### **a) Correspondence received in email form and already forwarded to members:**

**15.1** – 13 Dec '11 – Cumbria Constabulary – new single non-emergency number – 101.

**15.2** – 4 Jan '12 – CCC – consultation on 2012/13 budget.

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

**15.3** – 3 Jan '12 – Mike Cole – re lack of general facilities in Farleton

**15.4** – 30 Dec '11 – SLDC – LDF land allocations, unveiling event Kendal TH 12 Jan '12

**15.5** – 5 Dec '11 – AONB – requesting BPC's continued financial support.

## **16.0 Reading Matter:**

- CCC – public consultation on draft budget 2012/13
- Craven Rail – SELRAP magazine – issue 16, 2011/12
- SLDC – South Lakeland News – issue 18, winter 2011.
- NALC – Planning Explained booklet.
- Clerks & Councils Direct – issue 79, January 2012.
- CCC – Household Waste Recycling – public consultation.

## **17.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Feb 2012):**

- Quality Parish Council status – next steps for BPC.

**18.0 Date of next meeting** – normal monthly meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.00pm at Storth Village Church, preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings as notified

**The meeting closed at 8.24pm.**

**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 Council.**