

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 8th April 2013 at Beetham School at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Ken Blenkharn (chair), David Clark, Jessica Harvey, Pru Jupe, Chris Noble and Bob Pickup. John Scargill (Parish Clerk) and Bill Haddow (Parish Steward) also in attendance. Two members of the public for items 6.4 and 7.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Brian Meakin (holiday), Ian Stewart (work) and Steve Yates (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th March 2013, 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 - none.

4.0 Declarations of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda - Cllr Harvey declared an interest in agenda item 7 (re planning application SL/2013/0198).

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes: 8th March 2013 and not included on agenda below :

5.1 Annual Parish Assembly (12) - report on the event as minuted and circulated. The Chairman made special mention of the excellent presentation by Richard Leafe, though disappointment at the number of parishioners present; these sentiments were echoed by all members. As a result, it was agreed to reconsider the format of Beetham's Annual Assembly to attract higher attendance by inviting annual reports from various parish organisations. To be included on the agenda of the May meeting of the Parish Council.

5.2 Fairy Steps footpath closure (5.2) - an explanatory notice of the temporary closure had been prepared and published, as agreed. If not already reopened for use by the public, this was expected very soon.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - none.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) - none (elections pending).

6.3 District Council matters (Cllrs Jupe) - not much to report. The question of the creation of unitary authorities continued to remain in the background and was the likely direction of future development. Cllr Jupe would enquire about any progress on land drainage plans affecting the parish, following changes to Environment Agency services and the referral back of original proposals by a local independent group.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - related entirely to planning application SL/2013/0198 - in particular to emphasise problems of access (without encroaching on private property) and drainage.

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

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

SL/2013/0198	Land at The Pastures Green Lane, Storth	Wray	Detached bungalow	17/04/13	Objections - earlier concerns not satisfied
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 8 April 2013 - if any (as above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none.

8.0 Financial Matters

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

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – MARCH 2013	MEETING – 8 th April, 2013	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA
				£	£	£
01/03/13	Opening balances				65.14	17,023.70
31/03/13	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA				2,000.00	-2,000.00
	Receipt	Barclays	Bank interest to 1 Mar 2013			2.23
			31/03/13 Payments:			
“	233 878	AONB	Grant 2012/13	-700.00		
“	234 879	Storth PFA	Grant 2012/13	-440.00		
“	235 880	Lanc Canal	Subscription 2013	- 14.00		
“	236 881	GHS	Tree work (Sandside Cut)	-18.00		
“	237 882	Beetham PO	Annual Assembly food	-72.00		
“	238 883	Heron Th.	Annual Assembly room rent	-40.00		
“	239 884	CCC	Meeting room hire (Beetham Sch)	-100.00		
“	240 885	Storth VCh	Meeting room hire 2012/13	-60.00		
“	241 886	Storth VH	Storage room hire	-25.00		
“	242 887	J Scargill	Clerk’s sal Mar (net)	418.82		
			Postage & Stat’y	7.63		
			VAT	1.17		
				-427.62		
“	243 888	HMRC	PAYE remittance	-46.20		
“	244 889	K Blenkharn	Chairman’s honorarium	-120.00		
“	Total payments in month				-2,062.82	
31/03/13	Closing balances				2.32	15,025.93
31/03/13	Total funds all accounts					£15,028.25

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

8.2 Other financial matters:

- **Resolved** - BPC annual accounts 2012/13 – circulated in advance of the meeting – be now **APPROVED**
- **Resolved** - BPC Annual Return 2012/13 – presented at the meeting – be now **APPROVED and signed**.

9.0 Parish Steward & Area Steward:

9.1 PS update on current events – a long-standing and continuing problem of car parking on Stanley Street, Beetham, where the driveways of residents are regularly blocked by patrons of the Heron Theatre and other visitors to the village. Cllr Jupe would investigate the possibility of installing ‘Residents only parking’ signs, as already in place on Meadowbank, Beetham. She would also check on any original planning conditions/restrictions applying to the Heron Theatre and report back to the next parish council meeting.

9.2 PS additions to work programme – none.

9.3 AS – nothing to report.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies: Cllr Pickup reported that Martin Wain, Woodlands Advisor for the new Morecambe Bay Nature Improvement Area, had expressed an interest in speaking to Beetham PC about woodland areas in the parish and grants available for improvement purposes.

Agreed – the Martin Wain should be invited to speak at the parish council’s June meeting (as the May meeting would already require extra time to incorporate Annual Meeting formalities)

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

11.1 Cllr Clark – potholes on the Haverbrack road into Beetham and the need for appropriate signage to discourage HGVs from using Cockshotts Lane as a route from Storth to Beetham. Small piles of tarmac by Barclays Bank in Milnthorpe (Clerk to ask Milnthorpe PC to remove). Questioned the cost and justification for a number of new footpath signs erected by AONB (Clerk to query with AONB).

11.2 Cllr Pickup – the usual speeding traffic along the B5282 between Sandside and Arnside, a number of broken signs, and the need for cautionary signs along the route used by Carr Bank children walking to and from Storth School. Questioned the delay in repairing the wall at Friar Cote Bridge – apparently due to a pending insurance claim.

11.3 Cllr Jupe – a build up of litter along the A6; would check if SLDC responsible for clearing.

12.0 BPC-owned street lamps – there were known to be some 30 lamps housed on utility company poles (ENW & BT) which were vulnerable to recent change of practice against this. The cost of replacing these with BPC-owned freestanding lamps could run into tens of thousands of pounds. This was a national problem. Cllr Jupe had alerted Tim Farron MP and the national media, and the implications needed to be taken seriously at the highest level. However, it was agreed that there was nothing more that BPC could (or should) do at the moment.

13.0 Beetham Children’s Play Area – Cllr Jupe reported that local families remained keen to progress this project, but the problem of finding a suitable and available location had not been resolved.

14.0 Annual Review of BPC Standing Orders – the Clerk had pointed out that an annual review was overdue. Cllr Harvey offered to undertake this and make recommendations as necessary.

15.0 General Correspondence.

a) Received and circulated in email form:

15.1 – 20 Mar ’13 – CALC – Trading Standards Support and Advice Service

15.2 – 20 Mar ’13 – CALC – introductory letter from Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner

15.3 – 27 Mar ’13 – policy letter direct from Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner

15.4 – 5 Apr ’13 – SLDC – re land allocations consultation.

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

15.5 – 15 Mar ’13 – Milnthorpe PC – re removal of trees at Ackenthwaite ENW sub-station.
(Clerk to convey BPC response – ‘not an issue of great concern to BPC’).

15.0 Reading Matter:

- Friends of the Lake District - Whole Valley Planning.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (May 2013):

- Beetham children's playground.
- Beetham Annual Assembly - new future format suggestions.

17.0 Date of next meeting - Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.00pm at Storth School, preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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.