

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of Annual Meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Storth School at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Ken Blenkharn, Jessica Harvey, Pru Jupe and Chris Noble, Ian Stewart (item 12.1 onwards) and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill and Bill Haddow as Parish Steward and elector. No other electors.

## **1.0 Election of Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2013/14 .**

**Resolved** - that Cllr Ken Blenkharn be re-elected Chair for the council year 2013/14.

## **2.0 Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Ken Blenkharn signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair for the council year 2013/14.

## **3.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs B Meakin (holiday) and R Pickup (prior engagement).**

## **4.0 Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2013/14.**

**Resolved** - that Cllr Jessica Harvey be reappointed as Vice-Chair for 2013/14.

## **5.0 Appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies.**

**Resolved** - that councillors be appointed to represent the council on outside bodies for the year 2013/14 as follows, subject to the agreement of absent appointees:

- Beetham Exhibition Trust      Jessica Harvey, Chris Noble
- Lancaster Canal Trust      Ken Blenkharn, Pru Jupe
- AONB Executive      Brian Meakin, Pru Jupe
- CALC South Lakeland Com.      Ken Blenkharn, Ian Stewart
- Beetham School Governors      Ian Stewart
- Storth School Governors      Jessica Harvey
- Quarry Liaison Committee      David Clark (reserve Steve Yates)
- Burton-in-Kendal Educ. Fdn.      Steve Yates
- Local Area Partnership      David Clark/Brian Meakin

## **6.0 Appointment of committees, sub-committees etc.**

**Resolved** - that councillors be re-appointed to serve as follows, subject to the agreement of absent appointees:

- East Ward Planning      Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, Pru Jupe, Steve Yates
- West Ward Planning      Jessica Harvey, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart
- Parish Newsletter      Brian Meakin (editor), the Clerk (correspondent)
- Parish Council website      Brian Meakin
- Parish Land Wkg. Grp.      David Clark, Jessica Harvey, Brian Meakin, Pru Jupe

## **7.0 Annual Subscriptions.**

**Resolved** - that the following subscriptions be approved:

- CALC      be continued for 2013/14 (£267)
- Lancaster Canal Trust      be continued for year to 31/12/2013 (£14).

## 8.0 Inspection of Deeds.

The parish council's solicitors, Messrs Milne Moser, had confirmed in writing that they were holding its title deeds to the following properties:

- Land at Slackhead, Beetham to the rear of Rock Cottage (known as Plot 4).
- Land at Sandside, known as Sandside Cutting (title number CU107948)
- Land at WWPS Sandside (sub-station) – counterpart lease.

No other property and no investments.

**This concluded the business of the annual meeting and was followed by Planning Committee meetings for both East and West Wards. A normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council then commenced, at approximately 07.30pm, as follows:**

**9.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013, had been circulated by email.

These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Blenkarn.

**10.0 Announcements by the Chair** – Cllr Blenkarn explained that, for health reasons, he would be unable to offer himself as a driver under agenda item 23 (Community Transport scheme) if the parish council were to participate.

**11.0 Declaration of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – none.

**12.0 Matters arising** from the minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013:

**12.1 Stanley Street, Beetham, car parking (9.1)** – Cllr Jupe was not optimistic about the possibility of ‘residents only’ parking. Cllr Stewart explained that cost and effective policing were two of the issues; he would again raise the matter with CCC but was not hopeful of success. Driveway entrance road markings might be an easier and more effective solution, which he would explore with CCC, following up the parish council’s earlier request.

**12.2 New AONB signage (11.1)** – Lucy Barron had provided a comprehensive explanation and justification for the new signs, which had been forwarded to all members. The signs had cost less than 50 pence each and been placed only on well-used paths.

**13.0 Public Participation:**

**13.1 Police Report** – none. Members were disappointed at the regular lack of a report and the continued failure of any police representative to attend Beetham PC meetings despite being sent copies of agendas and minutes (Clerk asked to convey to Cumbria Police Authority). Cllr Harvey reported a recent incident of vandalism at Storth School.

**13.2 County Council Matters** – Cllr Stewart reported an interesting but inconclusive result from the recent elections, with a noticeable increase in postal voting. Publication of organisational changes was imminent.

**13.3 District Council Matters (Cllr Jupe)** – similarly little to report, although Cllr Jupe had been elected as the new Vice-chair of SLDC.

**13.4 Any other matters raised by electors** – the litter bin previously sited on Beetham Green, by the stocks, had been stolen. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart, who would arrange a replacement from SLDC.

## 14.0 Planning Matters.

### 14.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

May 2013 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

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

SL/2013/0300	Moss Hall, Carr Bank Rd	Smith	Single-storey lean-to entrance porch	17/05/13	No objections
SL/2013/0342	Heathwaite, Storth Rd, Storth	Buchanan	2=storey + single storey rear extension.	27/05/13	No objections
SL/2013/0339	46 Leighton Beck Rd Slackhead, Beetham	Duxbury	Single-storey rear extension	30/05/13	No objections
SL/2013/0344	Wings School, Whassett	Wings Education	Removal or variation of conditions re portakabin	28/05/13	No objections
SL/2013/0350	3 Hill Crest Drive, Slackhead, Beetham	Morgan	Alterations & extensions	29/05/13	No objections
SL/2013/0360	Unit 5, Shoreline BP, Sandside	Aspden	Change of use – offices to showroom etc	30/05/13	No objections
SL/2013/0330	The Spinney, Storth Rd, Storth	Craker	Greenhouse + minor related building modifications	06/06/13	No objections

### 14.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decision


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

### 14.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 13 May 2013 - (as above)

### 14.4 Related matters & correspondence : none

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## 0 Financial Matters.

### 15.1 Cash receipts, bills payable (for approval) and balances on BPC bank accounts

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – APRIL 2013		MEETING – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2013		HIBA	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c			
				£	£	£		£
01/04/13	Opening balances				2.32	15,025.93		
30/04/13	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA				1,000.00	-1,000.00		
30/04/13	Payments:							
“	245 890 Hartley		Internal audit hon.	-50.00				
“	246 891 Meakin		Website mtce	35.88				
			VAT	7.18				
						-43.06		
“	247 892 CALC		Subscription 2013/14			-267.00		
“	248 893 J Scargill		Clerk’s sal Apl (net)	346.82				
			Postage & Stat’y	75.12				
			Dog-control signs	19.59				
			VAT	15.60				
						-457.13		
“	Total payments in month					-817.19		
30/04/13	Closing balances				185.13	14,025.93		
30/04/13	Total funds all accounts					£14,211.06		

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

**15.2 Other financial matters – agreed** – the dog-control signs purchased above to be used wherever needed in the parish.  
**- agreed** – Cllr Yates to inspect the site impact of the caravan parked on Plot 4 without BPC authority, before further consideration of the parish council’s response.

At this point in the meeting, the Clerk was called away to deal with a family emergency. As a result, and with the agreement of all members present, the Chair declared the meeting closed, with all outstanding agenda items to be carried forward to the next (June) PC meeting.

**16.0 (agenda item 26) - Items to be included on the agenda of next meeting (June 2013)**

16.1 All agenda items (16-25) left over from the May 2013 meeting.

16.2 Plot 4 - caravan - policy decision

16.3 Hale interpretation panel - arrangements for completion.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** (agenda item 27) - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 at Beetham School at 7.00pm, to be preceded by any planning committee meetings at 6.45pm as notified.

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm.**

**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.**