

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 3rd June 2013 at Beetham School at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Ken Blenkharn (chair), David Clark, Jessica Harvey, Brian Meakin, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. John Scargill (Parish Clerk) and Bill Haddow (Parish Steward) also in attendance. PCSO Jayne Park (for agenda item 6.1 only) and two members of the public up to and including agenda item 6.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Pru Jupe (work) and Chris Noble (ill).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 13th May 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 Meakin declared an interest in, and prior to discussion of, agenda item 16 (Community Transport).

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes: 13th May 2013 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Stanley Street, Beetham, car parking (12.1) – Cllr Stewart asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting to enable more enquiries to be made.

5.2 Dog-control signs (15.2) – the five signs bought and installed in Storth in April had proved effective and very welcome, so much so that residents were requesting more.

Agreed – that five more signs be bought, for use in Storth and elsewhere in the parish as needed.

5.3 Unauthorised usage of Plot 4 (15.2) – Cllr Yates had inspected the site where a touring caravan had now been parked for some time, without the parish council's permission. He pointed out that, apart from permission from the PC as site owner, planning permission from SLDC would also be necessary

Agreed - that the caravan owner be asked to seek the necessary planning permission and, if granted, the parish council would consider whether to accept the caravan siting and what ground rent might be payable.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – a police report had been received and circulated before the meeting – but too late for most members to read. PCSO Park gave a verbal report covering salient points. She apologised for lack of a police presence at recent Beetham PC meetings, due to staff

shortages and territorial reorganisation, and hoped this could be remedied in coming months. A new messaging facility between the various public services and users was proving helpful.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – following the recent elections a Labour/Lib-Dem coalition was now in control but still too early to judge the practical effect of this.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllrs Stewart) – the Local Development Framework (Land Allocations) enquiry would reconvene at the end of June with the AONB now to be dealt

with

as one unified area (despite spreading into two counties). Local Parish Plans,

Neighbourhood

and/or Community Plans should enable parishes to exercise more influence on development, though all agreed that the work (and cost) involved should not be undertaken lightly.

Agreed - Beetham PC to defer for the moment further work on its existing Parish Plan.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – Mrs June Whitehead thanked the parish council for its efforts in replacing its broken street lamp on Meadowbank, Beetham. She presented the parish council with a cheque for £170 towards the replacement cost, being the total contributed by grateful residents. Clerk to write a thank-you letter to each individual contributor.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

June 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/2013/0335	The Coach House, Ashton Hse, Beetham	Jackson	Revised design of previously approved windows SL/2004/1039	14/06/13	No objections
SL/2013/0408	Kern Knotts, Keasdale Rd, Storth	Robinson	Detached garage	14/06/13	No objections if satisfactory tree survey completed.
SL/2013/0470	Beetham School	Nicholas	Covered outdoor play area	25/06/13	No objections

7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2012/0713	Sandside Farm, Carr Bank Road	Smith	Extensions & alterations	Appeal against previous refusal (no BPC objections).
SL/2013/0300	Moss Hall, Carr Bank Rd,	Smith	Single-storey lean-to entrance porch	Approved with conditions

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

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 3 June 2013 - as above.

7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none

8.0 Financial Matters

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – MAY 2013	MEETING – 3 rd June 2013		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	£
01/05/13	Opening balances				185.13		14,025.93
31/05/13	Receipts:						
		SLDC	Precept 2013/14				15,199.37
		SLDC	Parish grant 2013/14				678.54
		HMRC	VAT refund to 31/03/13		384.64		
		Mewburn	Ground rent 2013/14		20.00		
		Hunn	“ “		20.00		
		Ryan	“ “		20.00		
		Smith	“ “		40.00		
31/05/13	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA				500.00		-500.00
31/05/13	Payments:						
“	249 894	CCC	Mtg room hire (Storth Sch.)		-20.00		
“	250 895	GHS	Grasscutting etc		-452.50		
“	251 896	J Scargill	Clerk’s sal May (net)	346.82			
			“ car allce 6mths	250.00			
			“ phone allce 6mths	20.00			
			Postage & Stat’y	-			
			VAT	-			
					-616.82		
“	Total payments in month					-1,089.32	
31/05/13	Closing balances				80.45		29,403.84
31/05/13	Total funds all accounts					£29,484.29	

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

8.2 Other financial matters:

- **Hale Interpretation Panel** - noted that this panel was still not erected on its designated site on Hale Green. Clerk to enquire of ex-Cllr Duckworth if there was any early prospect of this under the original plan for a cost-free installation by a local resident. If not, Clerk to research possible cost of installation by a contractor and possible involvement of AONB.

9.0 Parish Steward & Area Steward:

9.1 PS update on current events – it had emerged that the litter bin missing from Beetham Green (BPC meeting 13 May, min 13.4) had been removed by a local resident due to the fact that it had remained un-emptied for some time and smelt. Clerk to report to SLDC.

9.2 PS additions to work programme – items 71, 72 & 73 had been added, completed and paid

for. **Agreed** – Parish Steward to inspect overgrowth along the A6, impeding access to the Hale Moss Wetland area, and rectify if possible and report back.

9.3 AS – nothing to report.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies: none.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

11.1 Cllr Harvey – traffic in Storth Road regularly exceeding 20mph limit.

11.2 Cllr Pickup – the usual speeding traffic along the B5282 between Sandside and Arnside.

11.3 Cllr Meakin – potholes at various places along Storth Road.

11.4 Cllr Yates – local residents wished to renovate old direction sign at Slackhead (but agreed –

not allowed as effectively classed as a listed monument). Bus-stop signs on A6, near Beetham School, not replaced despite repeated requests to Stagecoach and CCC. Clerk to pass correspondence to Cllr Stewart.

11.5 Cllr Clark – potholes along A6 and at Haverbrack.

11.6 Cllr Blenkarn – a metal tower now being erected at ENW Whassett substation on B6384.

12.0 BPC-owned street lamps – what had begun as a local issue had now been accepted as having far more widespread implications. Both Tim Farron MP and CALC (and, indeed, NALC) were now taking it seriously. The matter was recognised as ‘very important’ by Norman Baker MP (Minister responsible for local highways) and was currently with central government’s Department of Transport for study. Developments would be reported as they occurred.

13.0 Beetham Children’s Play Area – deferred for further discussion, awaiting input from Cllr Jupe.

14.0 Annual Review of BPC Standing Orders – Cllr Harvey had completed her review and concluded that the current Standing Orders were adequate without amendment and were being observed.

15.0 Beetham Annual Assembly – Agreed – that a change of format was desirable, with local organisations being asked to present an annual report of their activities. Members to email Clerk with suggestions of which organisations should be invited. To be summarised for the next PC meeting with the object of agreeing an invitation list well in advance of the 2014 Annual Assembly.

16.0 Community Transport. The Clerk had attended the AGM of the Storth CT Group and explained how their system worked – much simpler than the previous SLDC system (now terminated) and its replacement, run by CCC. The system (operated by volunteers) was largely self-financing, with the biggest ongoing cost being insurance cover. BPC’s insurers had confirmed that BPC’s existing Public and Employer’s Liability cover would extend, without additional premium, to the Storth CT scheme if a link were to be established between the two organisations and had requested further details of the Storth scheme. Subject to BPC’s approval in principle to its becoming involved, this information would be provided.

Resolved – that Beetham PC participate in the Storth Community Transport scheme, with the added hope that the Storth scheme could be extended to cover the whole of the parish or, alternatively, a similar scheme be set up based in or around Beetham village.

17.0 General Correspondence:

a) Received and circulated by email:

17.1 – 20 May ’13 - between Cllr Jupe and Mr Quinn re the Slackhead No-cold Calling Zone.

17.2 – 20 May ’13 – NALC – re localising Council Tax support.

17.3 – 20 May ’13 – CCC – update of their summary of Projects of Wider Interest.

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

18.0 Reading Matter - none.

19.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (July 2013):

- Beetham children’s playground.

- Beetham Annual Assembly – members’ suggestions for future participants.

- Community Transport.

- Slackhead No-cold Calling Zone.

20.0 Date of next meeting – Monday 1st July 2013 at 7.00pm at Storth School, preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

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.