

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Beetham School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Crayston, Brian Dean, Rebecca Dewar, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also County Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and two members of the public.

Before the meeting commenced, Rebecca Dewar submitted her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a new member of Beetham Parish Council. This brought BPC membership up to the required 9.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Clark (prior engagement), Greifenberg (holiday) and Knowles (holiday). Also from D Cllr Chaffey.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 7 Oct. 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Meakin.

**3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** - none.

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** - Cllr Meakin welcomed Rebecca (Becky) Dewar as a new member of BPC. The Clerk was asked to circulate Becky Dewar's contact details to all other members and update BPC records and circulation lists as necessary.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 7 Oct. 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** - Cllr Dean reported that the local Resilience Group had been active, emergency measures for Parsonage Fold and Leighton Beck Road were being worked on by CCC. A further public meeting was likely to be held at Heron Theatre after the forthcoming general election, when future funding details should be available.

**5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.2)** - Quotes for repairing the wall of the well at Jonny's Steps were awaited. Traffic speeds on the B5282 continued to be excessive.

**5.3 Beetham Crematorium traffic problem (5.3)** - it appeared all had now been done that could be done. Members were asked to keep the situation under observation and report future problems via the 101 police phone line. Remove from future agendas.

**5.4 Fairy Steps access signage (5.4)** - CCC's Guy Timperley had the situation logged for future attention, but unlikely before 2020/21. **Agreed** - that BPC should undertake this work itself - Parish Steward to inspect and report back if it proved to be a job he could do. If not, then a local contractor would be employed for the purpose.

**5.5 a Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.5)** - Highways were continuing to work on finding a solution.

**5.5 b Leighton Beck Road signage** - in hand.

**5.6 Co-option of BPC members (5.6)** - a full complement of members was now in place. Clerk to deal with formalities vis a vis SLDC.

**5.7 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.7)** - a suitable mirror had been identified and would be ordered (requiring payment in advance - see item 9).

**5.8 Beetham ghost footpath (5.8)** - Highways enforcement process now underway.

**5.9 CALC courses for BPC members (5.9)** - Cllr Dewar expressed interest and agreed to contact CALC direct for most suitable course and venue.

**5.10 Clerk's contract of employment (5.10)** - no further progress. Awaiting Clerk's response to suggested updating changes.

**5.11 Beetham village signs (5.11)** - Clerk to write to the caravan site owners, suggesting they advise touring caravan users of the approach road problem. Review in 6mths - April 2020 agenda.

- 5.12 **Arnside/Kendal bus service 552 (7.1)** – the petition was well underway with some 800 signatures to date and further forms to be made available eg to Storth Village Shop.
- 5.13 **Beetham Band (9.2)** – confirmation received by BPC that their funding offer had been gratefully accepted. Confirmation awaited that the band could meet the match funding condition.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 **Police Report** – for October received and circulated before the BPC meeting. Theft of spirits from Booths (Milnthorpe) and of lead from Dallam Tower. Other stolen property found in Milnthorpe. The number of quad-bike thefts in rural areas has recently increased.

6.2/3 **County and District Council matters** – C Cllr McSweeney reported regular obstruction of the public footway at Arnbarrow, Sandside by recreational fishermen. The barrier by The Ship Inn, preventing direct access to the estuary especially for the disabled, had been the subject of a complaint from a local resident.

### 6.4 Matters raised by members of the public:

6.4.1 a resident of High Cote Lane, Slackhead, was concerned about proposed changes to the status of this path, which was purely an access route for High Cote Lane residents. A proposal to make this reportedly privately-owned land more available to the public was not welcome by some residents and there were disadvantages.

Cllr Meakin reported on comments by Julian Oston (Dallam Estate) at a meeting on 4 Nov 2019 and relevant to the on-going application by local residents for PROW designation of the footpath from High Cote Lane, as summarised below:

i High Cote Lane is reported to be a private road. PROW status would require access at both ends of the proposed footpath ie the footpath would start at the junction of High Cote Lane and Leighton Beck Road and would include the length of High Cote Lane.

ii PROW approval normally provides links with other PROW paths - not the case here.

iii An alternative might be to try to register the footpath as a ‘private prescriptive right of way’.

The PROW applicants were now understood to be reconsidering the application. Proponents of the idea were understood to be reconsidering.

6.4.2 A number of local signposts had fallen down – Anne Robinson to email details to Clerk.

6.4.3 Some Stanley Street street lamps were not working properly – advice is to report to CCC on their website quoting lamp ident. numbers.

6.4.4 Idea for a convex mirror at the junction of Stanley Street and Leighton Beck Road.

6.4.5 Overgrowth of vegetation at the bottom end of the Wheatsheaf car park impaired highway sightlines – Clerk to write to Wheatsheaf requesting cut back.

6.4.6 The sandbags used to stop the flow of surface water from Leighton Beck Road into Beetham sports field were only a temporary flood defence measure and a more permanent solution was needed – Parish Steward to send photographs to C Cllr McSweeney.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 **Cumbria in Bloom 2020 – agreed** – that BPC would support any effort to improve the visual aspects of Beetham village, including entering this competition. Application needs to be made by April 2020.

7.2 **BPC projects that might benefit from C Cllr McSweeney’s offer of funding from his locality budget.** The creation of a footpath down the northern edge of the Beetham sports field was considered a good project for this funding. Clerk to write to the landowner about this idea. Christmas tree lighting was another suggested project.

7.3 **Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2019** – the wreaths at Beetham and Storth cenotaphs to be laid by Cllrs Crayston and Clark respectively.

## 8. Planning Matters:

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

November 2019 meeting

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

SL/2019/0688	Kingfisher Restaurant Sandside		Removal of pitched roof & creation of external patio.	12/11/19	No objection
SL/2019/0843	1 Woodlands Close, Storth		Additional vehicle access.	14/11/19	No objection
SL/2019/0848	Bramley Bay, Carr Bank Rd		Detached single-storey home office/garden store	19/11/19	No objection
SL/2019/0817	The Homestead, Carr Bank Rd		2 x two-storey extensions and garage reconstruction.	21/11/19	No objection

### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2018/0191	Parkside, Back Lane, Hale	Eden	First floor sun room ext'n	Appeal allowed
SL/2019/0633	6 Fellfoot Cottages, Farleton		Single storey front, side and rear extensions.	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0707	5 Dallam Drive, Storth		Single-storey extensions.	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0708	Breeze Hill, Carr Bank Road		Single-storey side extn's & alterations..	Approved with conditions

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

### 8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

### 8.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

## 9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – OCTOBER 2019		MEETING – 4 Nov, 2019		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	£
01/10/19	Opening balances					12,794.04	19,302.95
31/10/19	Receipts:		Ground rents July - B-Jones		8.34		
			- Ryan		20.00		
			SLDC – Community Infrastructure Levy			28.34	
						1,546.52	
31/10/19	Payments:						
	562	1216	Info Com – data protection annual fee		40.00		
	564	1217	Lanc City Cncl – AONB work		156.00		
	564	1218	A2A - website annual hosting fee		65.00		
			VAT		13.00		
						78.00	
	565	1219	Royal Br Legion – remem day wreaths		60.00		
	566	1220	Scargill – Clerk's sal Oct (net)		447.28		
			Postage & Stat'y		49.61		
			VAT		9.42		
						506.31	
	567	1221	Central; Source – convex mirror		93.18		
			VAT		18.64		
						111.82	
	Total payments in month					-952.13	
31/10/19	Closing balances					13,416.77	19,302.95
31/10/19	Total funds all accounts					£32,719.72	
	<b>Reserve Funds at 31/10/19</b>						
			Street lamp reserve		9,600.00		
			General Reserve		9,702.95		
			Total reserves		19,302.95		

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

## 9.2 Other financial matters – none.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

**10.1 Update on current events** -reported the poor state of some grassed areas in the parish where CCC contractors had failed to clean up properly on leaving sites where they had worked. Had questions about the wall to which the Storth notice board was fixed (a holiday let) – Cllr Meakin to try to ascertain owner. More questions about practical problems associated with the concrete base needed at the Carr Bank Road notice board, but asked to proceed with this work. The Silent Soldier silhouettes were now in position for Remembrance Sunday and would be removed for re-storage on 12 November.

#### 10.2 Further additions to work programme:

Fixing convex mirror at Storth Road/B5282, once to hand.

### 11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- Cllr Meakin reported that a national report on National Park and AONB activities had recommended that AONBs be declared statutory bodies in relation to the review of planning applications. An improved level of funding from central government was also recommended.

**12.0 Parish Matters (for information only)** – nothing to report.

### 13.0 Parish Land.

**13.1 – Sandside Cutting** – a Rosehill Grove resident had safety concerns about three BPC trees in close proximity to his house. **Agreed** – Clerk to ask Roger Cartwright to inspect and report back, with BPC to follow his recommendations. This could involve changing work priorities for other trees in the cutting for the next felling period beginning March 2020. The Parish Steward commented on the existing and likely future extent of ash die-back with Sandside Cutting trees.

### 14.0 General Correspondence received:

- Beetham Band's acceptance of the BPC conditions for a grant in 2019/20.

### 15.0 Reading Matter:

AONB – Keer to Kent – issue 10 – autumn/winter 2019.

CALC – annual report 2019.

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (December 2019) and additional to items referred to above** – none.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** – monthly meeting 2 December 2019 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.