

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd December 2019 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Steve Yates (Chair), David Crayston, Rebecca Dewar, Margaret Knowles and Bob Pickup. Also County Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public (Sue Cox - local first responder).

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Clark (prior engagement), Dean (unwell), Greifenberg (holiday) and Meakin (holiday). Also from D Cllrs Audland and Chaffey.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4 Nov. 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Yates.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4 Nov 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) - no further developments.

5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.2) - Quotes for repairing the wall of the well at Jonny's Steps were now to hand. **Agreed** - that the quote from Chris Helm for £450 be accepted. Traffic speeds on the B5282 continued to be excessive. C Cllr McSweeney to check if a road safety survey by Highways (promised by late Cllr Stewart in 2018) would soon be taking place. Closure of the access point to the estuary from opposite The Ship was on private land, so could not be removed by the authorities. A local resident had suggested the creation of a mini-roundabout at the B5282/Storth Road junction; Cllr Pickup to advise the resident to contact C Cllr McSweeney direct on this matter.

5.3 Fairy Steps access signage (5.4) - it was understood that this work would now be done within the current financial year, along with other outstanding signage matters previously reported, under Highways' replacement signage programme. Clerk to send relevant email chain to C Cllr McSweeney.

5.4 a Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.5) - nothing further to report; Highways were continuing work to find a solution.

5.5 b Leighton Beck Road signage - in hand. Meeting on 10 December to agree relocation of street nameplates from A6 junction to a site near village stocks.

5.5 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.7) - the mirror was now to hand, with installation awaiting Cllr Meakin's return to finalise precise location.

5.6 Beetham ghost footpath (5.8) - matter now with Highways - nothing further to report.

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

5.8 Arnside/Kendal bus service 552 (5.12) - a petition with in excess of 1000 signatures from Arnside & Storth residents had been presented to SLDC on 28 Nov. Residents were generally pleased with the partial replacement service now being provided by Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches, but it was important for good use to be made of this service for when its economic viability came to be reviewed by the operator in 2020.

5.9 Beetham Band (5.13) - confirmation received that Beetham Band had satisfied the match funding condition of BPC's grant offer. **Agreed** - that the BPC grant cheque of £400 be prepared for signature at its January 2020 meeting.

5.10 Beetham Sports Field path (7.2) - the land owner had responded positively to BPC's written proposal for a footpath down the northern perimeter of the field and would attend BPC's January 2020 meeting to hear more details of this project.

5.11 Damaged/missing signs generally (6.4.2) – it appeared that all signs listed by Anne Robinson at BPC’s November meeting would be replaced either by CCC or AONB.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – for November received and circulated before the BPC meeting. More theft of spirits from Booths (Milnthorpe) and farm equipment in nearby Holme. No incidents recorded in Beetham parish.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters – C Cllr McSweeney reminded members that the pre-general election state of purdah prevented the normal activity report. Cllr Crayston asked that Highways consider the installation of ‘road narrows’ signage at the northern entrance to Whassett village as a road safety measure. He would also supply C Cllr McSweeney with photo evidence of a broken stile on the footpath running east from Whassett Common.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public: Cllr Pickup asked for it to be recorded that the origin of the dispute recorded in min 6.4 of the November meeting was action by Dallam Estate to clarify/change the status of High Cote Lane, Slackhead.

6.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 Carr Bank Road public phone box. Sue Cox (Beetham first responder co-ordinator) had identified this phone box as a highly desirable location for a publicly available defibrillator, although it was not yet on BT’s decommissioning list. **Agreed** – that BPC apply to adopt this phone box (as soon as it became available for adoption), with any initial expense on cleaning it up to be met from C Cllr McSweeney’s 2019/20 SLDC discretionary allowance. BPC to establish whether the first (but unused) defibrillator it acquired for the Stanley Street phone box might be available for use at this new location.

7.2 BPC website update – there is a new requirement to make the website mobile-friendly. A2A would do the necessary work for a cost of £300 + VAT. **Agreed**- to instruct A2A.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

December 2019 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 |
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Type B applications – SLDC deadline falls after next PC meeting – members to discuss at mtg.

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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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| SL/2019/0543 | Moss Lea, Carr B Rd | | Two-storey side extension. | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2019/0751 | Sandend, Green Lane Storth | | Single-storey rear extension | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2019/0771 | Thorny Croft, Yans Lane, Storth | | Porch extension & window alterations. | Approved with conditions |

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

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – none.

8.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

9. Financial Matters.

| BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT | | | MONTH – NOVEMBER 2019 | MEETING – 2 Dec, 2019 | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Date | Transaction | Payee/er | Detail | Current a/c | HIBA |
| | | | | £ | £ |
| 01/11/19 | Opening balances | | | | 13,416.77 |
| 30/11/19 | Receipts: | | | | |
| | | Ground rents July - B-Jones | | 8.34 | |
| | | - Ryan | | 20.00 | |
| | | | | | 28.34 |
| | | HMRC – VAT refund 2018/19 | | | 1,663.85 |
| | | Barclays – bank int to 2 Sept | | | 9.63 |
| | | Arithmetical correction (May/June) | | | .50 |
| 30/11/19 | Payments: | | | | |
| | 568 | 1222 | Scargill – Clerk’s sal Nov (net) | 447.28 | |
| | | | Exs alices 6mths | 413.00 | |
| | | | | | -860.28 |
| 30/11/19 | Closing balances | | | | 14,249.18 |
| 30/11/19 | Total funds all accounts | | | | £33,561.76 |
| | Reserve Funds at 30/11/19 | | | | |
| | | Street lamp reserve | | 9,600.00 | |
| | | General Reserve | | 9,712.58 | |
| | | Total reserves | | 19,312.58 | |

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

9.2 Other financial matters – none.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – outstanding jobs – remove Silent Soldiers for storage, fix convex mirror on B5282 as soon as precise location confirmed, re-fix Storth notice board to wall as soon as permission received from wall owner.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – none.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- Cllr Knowles reported on her attendance at the CALC AGM 2019, which had involved the election of a new Chair, a recommendation for a small increase in the CALC subscription for 2020 and presentations by SLDC’s Peter Thornton and Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership’s Jo Lappin.

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

13.0 Parish Land.

13.1 – Sandside Cutting – a work plan was now needed for implementation in March 2020 (and payment April 2020 or later). Roger Cartwright had been contacted and had agreed to advise on the work to be done.

14.0 General Correspondence received:

- 24 October – apologies from Rev Andrew Norman – that unable to attend this BPC (November) meeting as planned.

- 28 November – Cadent (gas network) – reminding BPC to contact them before commencing any groundwork in Sandside Cutting, due to presence of gas piping.

15.0 Reading Matter – none.

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 6 January 2020 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.