

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 5 December 2022 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** – Cllrs Knowles (Chair), Clark, Crayston, Dewar, Greifenberg and Harnett. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** – had been received in writing from Cllrs Meakin (holiday), Phillips (holiday) and Yates (holiday) – accepted by the meeting. Also from C Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 7 November 2022, had been circulated by email, were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Knowles.

**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 of 3 October 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – no further progress.

**5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – no further progress

**5.3 BPC-owned SID (5.4)** – awaiting further information from police via D Cllr Chaffey.

**5.4 Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5)** – the Woodland Trust trees had been delivered, one batch to Storth School and one batch to Parish Steward Bill Haddow for planting at the Sandside Cutting picnic site and in Beetham village, precise locations to be determined.

**5.5 Wild flower planting (5.6)** – the Parish Steward was exploring the possibility of setting up a wild flower site in Beetham village.

**5.6 Storth Playing Field benches (5.7)** – these remained on site and awaiting installation. A further contribution of £700 towards installation costs to be received from Storth Playing Field Committee, as requested.

**5.7 Beetham Village Planters (5.8)** – No further progress – awaiting Beetham Nurseries' suggestion for plaque wording. Parish Clerk to chase up.

**5.8 Lovers Lane litter problem (7.3)** – Dallam Tower Estate had suggested a meeting to discuss. Clerk to arrange when Cllr Meakin returns from holiday (19 December).

**5.9 Quarry Lane wall damage (13)** – the third party's insurers had accepted responsibility and requested quotes for repair – one quote received and one awaited.

**5.10 Sandside embankment path (13)** – fencing had been erected but the path remained in a very poor state with serious long-term damage and now virtually unusable by walkers.

**5.11 Tramper path Sandside Cutting (7.2)** – BPC had been offered a choice of access gates for this AONB-funded project. The large metal option, providing good access and a long life-span was preferred by BPC.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police matters** – a Police Report was received and circulated, but not in time for the meeting.

**6.2/3 County and District** – nothing reported in the absence of their representatives.

**6.4 Matters reported by electors** – none, in the absence of any members of the public.

## 7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 **Beetham PC elections 2023** – Cllr Meakin had suggested that members make known their intentions (to stand for re-election or not) so that steps could be taken to seek replacements where needed. These intentions were signalled at the meeting as follows:

- willing to seek re-election - Cllrs Clark, Greifenberg, Knowles, Meakin (by email).
- uncertain – Cllrs Crayston (residency-dependent), Harnett.
- not to seek re-election – Cllr Dewar.

## 8. BPC Land issues:

**i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth** – legal formalities slow but proceeding.

**ii. Tree management etc** – John Weinholt, a resident at The Pasture, had expressed concerns re:

- a) BPC delay in cutting back ivy on its nearby trees to reduce wind resistance and the potential for the trees to be blown down during winter storms. This work would now start on 8 Dec.
- b) The basic condition of these, and other, nearby BPC trees. Any such trees assessed as unsafe by BPC’s professional arboriculturist, would be dealt with at the same time.
- c) The adequacy of BPC insurance cover for any related damage to his property. BPC was able to confirm full Public Liability insurance cover, linked to annual professional inspection.

## 9.00 Planning.

### 9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

November 2022 – December 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	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
SL/2022/1002	Hale Moor Farm	Steel-framed enclosure for baler	02/12/2022	No objection
SL/2022/1004	Springfield, Keasdale Rd, Storth	Extensive renovations to existing property.	02/12/2022	No objection
SL/2022/1008	Swingletrees, Hale	Proposed front porch plus tywo-storey rear extension & alterations.	02/12/2022	No objection
SL/2022/1033	Longridge, High Cote Lane, Slackhead	Roof extensions front & rear plus fenestration changes to elevations.		No objection
SL/2022/1044	Pye’s Bridge Fm Hale	Erection of replacement building.		No objection
SL/2022/1046	Temple Bank, Beetham	Replacement of boundary fence.	12/12/2022	No objection
SL/2022/1065	Rollen Cottage, Carr Bank Road	Variation of condition 2 re SL/2020/0896	20/12/2022	No objection
SL/2022/1070	Old Pumphouse, Farleton	Variation of condition 2 re SL/2016/1136	26/12/2022	Objection – re road parking & access problem

### 9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decisions

PN/2022/0092	Hazelslack Farm	Steel-framed agricultural building	Approved
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

## 10. Financial matters:

### BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING – 5 December 2022

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		Premium a/c
				£	£	£
01/11/22	Opening balance				14,825.80	19,347.15
30/11/22	Receipts	Ground rents Oct -	B-Jones	8.34		
		-	Ryan	20.00		
					28.34	
			Stirrh Plg Fld Committee – grant towards seats		700.00	
	Payments					
	763	1418	Rotal Br Legion – Rem Day wreaths	60.00		
	764	1419	Beetham Church – donation for Xmas tree	60.00		
	765	1420	Lakeland Tree Cons. – site mtg S Cutting	60.00		
	766	1421	A2A – website annual hosting fee	75.00		
			VAT	15.00		
				90.00		
	767	1422	CALC – course fees MP	30.00		
	768	1423	SLDC – street lighting 2022/23	2,902.91		
	769	1424	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Nov (+ backpay) net	1,045.48		
	770	1425	HMRC – PAYE Nov	337.14		
	771	1427	Scargill – half-year all’ces	413.00		
					-4,999.53	
30/11/22	Closing balances				10,554.61	19,347.15
30/11/22	Total funds all accounts				£ 29,901.76	

Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/11/22			
	Street lamp reserve		9,600.00
	Sports Field path project reserve (SLDC/PMS)		450.00
	SID2 (SLDC/PMS)		1,000.00
	Total reserves/allocated funds		11,050.00
	Working funds		18,851.76
	<b>Total funds</b>		<b>29,901.76</b>

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

**Other financial matters** – Finance Group meeting re BPC 2023/24 budget to be arranged for 19 or 20 December 2022 or early January 2023, subject to Cllr Meakin’s availability (Cllrs Crayston, Knowles, Meakin & Parish Clerk/RFO John Scargill to attend).

### 11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events - PS to plant Queen’s Jubilee saplings as agreed.

11.2 Additions to work programme - to check on any wildflower verge possibilities in Beetham.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only) - none.

14.0 General correspondence - none.

15.0 Reading Matter received -none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Jan 2023) and additional to items referred to above - none.

17.0 Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Mon 9 January 2023 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.