

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 9 January 2023 at Beetham School.

Present were – Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Clark, Crayston, Greifenberg and Phillips. Also C Cllr P McSweeney (for item 6 only) and WFC Cllr R Audland (as from item 6), Parish Clerk John Scargill and Parish Steward Bill Haddow. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – had been received in writing from Cllrs Yates (holiday), Knowles (ill), Dewar (holiday) and Harnett (priority engagement) – accepted by the meeting.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5 December 2022, had been circulated by email, were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record 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 – Beetham Church had advised Cllr Meakin that they were planning a special service in church for the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023 and would also like to be involved with any other community celebration plans there may be. **Agreed** – that Cllr Meakin respond on behalf of BPC wishing the Church well for its efforts in this matter.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 5 December 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further progress. Flood alert warnings received for 2023.

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

5.3 BPC-owned SID (5.4) – BPC had now received police contact details from D Cllr Chaffey and a request lodged for the required information regarding the traffic incident on 23 August 2021 which resulted in the demolition of the BPC-owned Sandside SID.

5.4 Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5) – **agreed** – that the acquired trees be planted in spring 2023 by the Parish Steward at agreed locations (the picnic area at the Friar Cote Bridge end of Sandside Cutting and Beetham village 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. No further action at this time.

5.6 Storth Playing Field benches (5.7) – the contractor had been instructed and installation would take place when the weather improved.

5.7 Beetham Village Planters (5.8) – No further progress on plaque wording, which Clerk had followed up with Beetham Nurseries as instructed.

5.8 Lovers Lane litter problem (7.3) – **agreed** – that the proposed meeting with Dallam Tower Estate would be best held on site which Cllr Phillips would attend per pro BPC. Cllr Phillips to contact Julian Oston direct to arrange.

5.9 Quarry Lane wall damage (13) – a second contractor had now been found and his quote for the repair work was expected on or about 20 January 2023.

5.10 Tramper path Sandside Cutting (11) – no known progress – AONB to do.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – no Police Report had been received.

6.2/3 Higher authority reports - Cllr Mc Sweeney referred to the recent flood alert and the road closure notification re the Hale caravan site, which had been circulated to all BPC members.

Also mentioned was that earlier planning enforcement against Ashton House, Beetham re the tarmacing of part of their adjacent field, had now been dropped.

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

7.0 New Matters for consideration – none.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth – legal formalities completed but update of related Land Registry amendment remained outstanding.

ii. Tree management etc – all work at The Pasture and the scheduled 2022/23 tranche of general work in Sandside Cutting had now been completed and paid for within budget.

9.00 Planning.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

December 2022 – January 2023 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/2022/1033	Longridge, High Cote Lane Slackhead	Rear roof extension, front roof ext'n and changes to fenestration front and rear elevations.		No objection
SL/2022/1177	Land at Park Rd/ Quarry Lane, Sandside	Major mixed-use development.		Some concerns – formal response to be agreed.
SL/2023/0005	Curraghgorm, High Cote Lane, Slackhead	Single-storey rear extension	30/01/23	No objection

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2022/1008	Swingletrees, Hale	Proposed front porch and two-storey rear extension.	Granted with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence:

a. re item 6.2/3 above – Cllr Meakin to prepare a draft response to application SL/2022/1177 above, for approval by all members before submitting to SLDC (or its replacement authority).

10. Financial matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – DECEMBER 2022

MEETING – 9 JANUARY 2023

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		Premium a/c
				£	£	£
01/12/22	Opening balance				10,555.61	19,347.15
31/12/22	Receipts	Ground rents Nov - - Ryan	B-Jones Ryan	8.34 20.00		
			Barclays Bank – bank interest to 4 Dec		28.34	10.79
	Payments					
	772 1428	CALC – course fees (MP)		30.00		
	773 1429	Scargill – post/staty 3 mths VAT		105.63 18.20		
				123.83		
	774 1430	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Dec (net)		613.73		
	775 1431	HMRC – PAYE Dec		154.66		
					-922.22	
31/12/22	Closing balances				9,661.73	19,357.94

31/12/22 Total funds all accounts		£ 29,019.67
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/12/22		
	Street lamp reserve	9,600.00
	Sports Field path project reserve (SLDC/PMS)	450.00
	SID2 (SLDC/PMS)	1,000.00
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	Total reserves/allocated funds	11,050.00
	Working funds	17,969.67
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	Total funds	29,019.67

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED.

Other financial matters:

- a. BPC accounts for 9mths to 31 Dec 2022 had been circulated to members - **approved.**
- b. BPC budget/precept requirement for 2023/24 had been prepared in draft as a result of the BPC Finance Group’s meeting on 4 Jan 2023 and circulated to all members. Approval was deferred subject to D Cllr Audland’s further enquiries at SLDC re its Footway Lighting charge to BPC and what (if any) precept percentage increase limitations there might be. BPC Clerk to provide Cllr Audland with more detailed information on this subject and to check with other parishes re their Footway Lighting charge for 2023/24. Cllr Audland also offered a grant of £500 to BPC for 2022/23 towards the cost of its Queen Elizabeth II jubilee seat, which was welcomed by members. In his capacity as a WFC member, Cllr Audland reported that he would be encouraging the new authority to pass more financial responsibility down the line, eg to parish councils.

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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):

Cllr Meakin - reported a number of recent house break-ins in Storth and advised all residents to be vigilant. Members were also asked to keep an eye on the embankment path and report evidence of both deterioration and improvement.

14.0 General correspondence - none.

15.0 Reading Matter received - Clerks & Councils Direct - Jan 2023, Issue 148.

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

17.0 Date of next meeting - 7.00pm Mon 6 February 2023 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.