

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 7 Feb. 2022 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Crayston, Dewar, Greifenberg, Harnett, Knowles and Yates. C Cllr McSweeney for item 6 only. Also Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** - had been received in writing from Cllr Clark (another commitment). The Clerk had been informed by telephone that Cllr Dean had been taken ill on Sunday 6 Feb and was currently hospitalised. Also from Parish Steward Bill Haddow. All apologies were accepted by the meeting.
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 10 January 2022, had been circulated by email. These 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** - Cllr Meakin reported that an appropriate email of concern and good wishes for Cllr Dean's speedy recovery had been sent to Mrs Dean on behalf of all members.
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes 10 January 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
 - 5.1 **Beetham flooding (5.1)** - no further progress. Ongoing. See also item 6.2 below.
 - 5.2 **Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** - no further progress. Ongoing. See item 6.2.
 - 5.3 **Mobile SID on loan (5.3)** - this equipment was now back in action on the A6, with high numbers of speeding vehicles already recorded.
 - 5.4 **BPC-owned SIDs (5.4)**. Highways's installation of a new support pole had been requested and was awaited before a new SID was ordered, as already agreed.
 - 5.5 **Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5)** - Clerk to ask Jennie Keighley for her recommendation re tree species appropriate for the Friar Cote Bridge site, with oak preferred by members. No response from the owner of the potential Carr Bank Road site; **agreed** - that this site be deleted from the scheme.
 - 5.6 **Wild flower planting (5.6)** - Cllrs Meakin and Knowles will deliver an information sheet to Storth residents living adjacent to the proposed wild flower site. It is then planned to circulate information on the plans more widely to Storth residents.
Agreed - A defined area of the Four Lane Ends verge will be tested regarding its suitability for wildflowers before taking any decision to plant a larger area at this site.
 - 5.7 **Beetham war memorial maintenance (5.7)** - **agreed** - local residents had now cleaned the Storth memorial. Already agreed that cleaning of the Beetham memorial should wait until the surrounding flooding problem had been resolved.
 - 5.8 **BPC's Storth notice board (5.8)** - following a site meeting, Highways had provisionally approved the re-siting of the board as self-standing on the verge near its previous wall location. Storth Village Hall committee had been kept informed and had asked for their separate board to be included in the project in return for an appropriate financial contribution. A local contractor had inspected the site and would provide a cost estimate for the work. The Clerk to keep the nearby property owner informed.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – a report had been received covering Kendal and Kendal Rural. A stolen quad bike at Haverbrack was the only reference to Beetham parish. No apologies received for non-attendance at the meeting by police personnel.

6.2 County & District (C Cllr McSweeney):

- i. Beetham flooding (agenda items 5.1 & 5.2) - CCC had advised property owners of practical measures to be taken to reduce risk, although Highways reluctant to fund due to variations in the water course from time to time. The earlier CCC proposal to deal with Beetham's Stanley Street flooding problem was no longer valid due to the school's proposal for use of the adjoining field for football pitches. Highways were continuing to work with landowners to resolve the regular flooding of Leighton Beck Road.
- ii. Local Government Reorganisation - all affected councils continuing to work together to achieve a vesting (start) date of 1 April 2023 for the new Westmorland & Furness Council. The Structural Change Order had now been laid before parliament. The judicial review of these proposals, as requested by the leader of CCC, had been dismissed on all counts. CCC were appealing this decision. The oral appeal would be heard by a judge before the end of February 2022. The appointment of a second new CEO for CCC was underway after the resignation of the first. Elections for the new Westmorland & Furness Council set for 5 May 2022.
- iii. Council Tax 2022/23 – SLDC decision imminent. CCC are proposing a 2% increase in their element of the Council Tax to be ring-fenced for adult social care. The police precept to increase by 3.6% (£9.99 for band D properties).
- iv. Beetham 'ghost' footpath – some clearance work had been done but obstructions remained – BPC to report via the Highways website. Also to establish with Highways exactly what measures were needed to be taken to comply with regulations, then press the executors of the property to undertake.
- v. Reported that Milnthorpe PC had succeeded in establishing contact with Electricity North West as regards the replacement of sodium with LED street lamps. Clerk to follow up re such lamps in Beetham parish (previously attempted without success).

7.0 New Matters for consideration – Annual Parish Assembly 17 March 2022 – Clerk actively seeking a speaker, needed before publicity could be finalised – deadline 25 February 2022 latest.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers – agreed to proceed ASAP. Cllrs Meakin and Yates to provide their availability dates for site meetings with interested parties. Clerk to finalise site meeting arrangements.

ii. Tree management – most of the work identified as a priority for the current year (2021/22) had now been done and the remainder would be done before 31 March. Residents around Plot 4 had agreed to dispose of the felled trees. **Agreed** - residents around Sandside Cutting to be offered a similar arrangement re felled trees in that location.

9. Carr Bank B5282 bus stop – as a matter of urgency, BPC to request a meeting with the appointed contractor to organise the completion and submission of the formal permission applications to Highways and Street Works, with a view to starting site work on the project at the earliest possible date.

10. Parish Footpath issues – an email from Carr Bank Resident Bob Pickup drew attention to the landowner's locking of an access gate to the non-PROW estuary path from the B5282. This was an issue raised regularly in the past without resolution. BPC's position was that it was not prepared to take up this matter formally with little prospect of success and the consequent risk of wasting public

money. There was, however, no objection to action being taken independently by those local residents who wished to do so. Clerk to advise Mr Pickup accordingly.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Feb 2022 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
SL/2022/0005	Knott View Barn, Farleton		Internal reconfiguration etc	14/02/22	No objection

11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2021/0058	Lingwood, Storth Rd		Loft conversion etc	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0940	Low Wood Edge Farm, Haverbrack		Farm yard re-concreting and new midden roof	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/1045	28 Dallam Drive, Storth		Single-storey extensions	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/1140	Lyndhurst, Storth Road		Raising roof for additional accommodation etc	Approved with conditions

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

11.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

11.4 Related matters & correspondence – none

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12. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – JANUARY 2022

MEETING – 7 Feb 2022

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
£	£	£			
01/01/22	Opening balance			11,607.11	19,339.25
31/01/22	Receipts	Ground rents January	B-Jones Ryan	8.34 40.00	
		Wayleaves - Elec. NW	“	81.89 50.00	48.34
				131.89	
	Payments				
705	1360	A2A – annual web hosting fee		65.00	
		VAT		13.00	
				78.00	
706	1361	Thwaites – S Cut’g & Plot 4 work		3,120.00	
		VAT		624.00	
				3,744.00	
707	1362	Scargill – post/stat’y 4mths		46.08	
		VAT		6.48	
				52.56	
708	1363	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Jan (net)		574.48	
709	1364	HMRC – PAYE Jan		137.40	
				-4,5486.44	
31/01/22	Closing balances			7,200.90	19,339.25
31/01/22	Total funds all accounts			£26,540.15	

Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/01/22

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	11,310.00
Working funds	15,230.15
Total funds	26,540.15

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

- 12.2 Other financial matters** – BPC quarterly accounts 9mths to 30/12/21 circulated and **APPROVED**.
- BPC grants/donations for the year 2021/22 to be finalised at 7 Mar 2022 meeting.

13.0 Parish Steward:

- 13.1 Update on current events** – Parish Steward currently out of action as the result of a fall.
13.2 Further additions to work programme - none.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only) – none.

16.0 General Correspondence received:

- Beetham Church – thankyou letter for BPC’s £60 donation for Christmas trees 2021.
- Jacobs – passing responsibility for collecting Friar Cote Bridge access rental to the Historical Railways Estate.
- CCC – new Highways reporting process Feb 2022 – details.

17.0 Reading Matter – Keer to Kent – autumn/winter 2021/22.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Feb 2022) and additional to items referred to above – none.

- 19.0 Date of next meetings** - 7.00pm Mon 7 March 2022, BPC meeting at Storth Village Church.
- 8.00pm Thurs 17 March 2022 – Annual Parish Assembly – Heron Hall, Storth.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.