

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

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

**Present were** - Cllrs Steve Yates (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble and Bob Pickup. Also County & District Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Clerk John Scargill. One member of the public - Peter Greifenberg (see 5.4 & 5.5 below).

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Blenkharn (unwell), Meakin (holiday).

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 4 February 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** - Peter Greifenberg was introduced to members as applicant for the current vacancy of Beetham parish councillor.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4 February 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Speed indicator (5.1)** - still awaiting Peter Capasso (Milnthorpe PC), who had agreed to download the SID data.

**5.2 Beetham defibrillator (5.2)** - confirmation received from BT for BPC's adoption of the Stanley Street phone box. **Agreed** - the Clerk to proceed with ordering the equipment recommended by Sue Cox (First Responders) - a fully automatic IPAD SP1 for £895 + VAT and a lockable cabinet for £439 + VAT, with installation by the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHBT) electrician for an estimated cost of £200. This expense to be funded from the Community Infrastructure grant of £2,155 (as previously recorded).

**5.3 Beetham flooding (5.3)** - no further developments.

**5.4 Carr Bank Road issues (5.4)** - usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282 and Carr Bank Road. Work by local residents to tackle the flooding at Jonny's Steps was proving effective in the weather conditions experienced since and modest funding was needed to restore the well at this location. Highway restrictions relative to the collapsed wall along the B5282, between Sandside and New Bridge, were causing traffic disruption and repair was now understood to be delayed (see 6.2 below). Hardcore was needed at points along Sandside Cutting. The sandbags at Storth Village Hall were breaking up.

**5.5 BPC member vacancy (5.5)** - Peter Greifenberg was introduced to members as the applicant for this vacancy and gave a verbal summary of his background and work experience. **Agreed** - that Peter Greifenberg be invited to become a co-opted member of Beetham PC. Peter accepted this invitation, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat with the other members for the remainder of the meeting.

**5.6 Beetham Crematorium traffic problem (7.1)** - a meeting with Mr John Fishwick had been arranged for 11.00am on Thursday 28 March 2019 at his offices, with Cllrs Meakin and Yates, plus C Cllr McSweeney and the Clerk representing BPC.

**5.7 BPC Annual Assembly (7.2)** - Susannah Bleakley (Chief Exec. of Morecambe Bay Partnership Trust) had agreed to give the presentation on Thursday 14 March 2019 at the Heron Theatre, Beetham. Clerk to organise refreshments and publicity.

**5.8 Fairy Steps access (7.3)** - Clerk to instruct BPC Parish Steward to replace the previous direction sign in hardwood, subject to clearance from Guy Timperley (CCC). Ongoing.

**5.9 Leighton Beck Road surface water (6.4)** - attention to this problem understood to be high on CCC Highways' list. They have been in contact with local landowners and will continue their investigative work. Ongoing.

5.10 **Leighton Beck Road signage** – clarified as a requirement for new street nameplates (not direction signs). Clerk to notify SLDC.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 **Police Report** – report for February received and circulated to all members. One crime related to Beetham parish – damage to a dry stone wall on Dallam Estate..

6.2/3 **County and District Council matters** – the damaged bridge at Crooklands had now been repaired and the road was back in normal use. The ‘ghost’ footpath at Beetham had now been assessed by Highways and costings prepared. Traffic controls at the damaged wall on the B5282 at Sandside were to be improved until such time as the repair work was completed. Extensive highway resurfacing at Hale had been satisfactorily completed. New road markings at Beetham were now on the Highways new work list. SLDC Planning had approved the application by Beetham Holiday Homes for 20 static caravans on their site. Dallam Estate currently in process of claiming manorial rights over numerous tracts of land in the parishes of Beetham and Arnside.

6.4 **Matters raised by members of the public** – none.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 **Handrail between Burntbarrow and Shaw Green** – an additional rail in the ginnel had been requested by a local resident who was prepared to fund it but wished to remain anonymous. This rail was to be of the same type/style as existing rails and fabricated by the same workshop. Cllr Meakin to liaise with the parties on his return. **Agreed** – that this project proceed.

## 8.0 Planning Matters.

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Mar 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

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

SL/2019/0070	5 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead		Two-storey side extension	11/03/19	No objection
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### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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(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 – FEBRUARY 2019	MEETING – 4 March, 2019	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/02/19	Opening balances			11,522.32	19,283.71
28/02/19	Receipts:				
			Ground rents - B-Jones	8.34	
			Elec. NW – Slackhead tree compensation	50.00	
28/02/19	Payments:				
	530 1183	Scargill – Clerk’s sal (net) Feb.		435.84	
	Total payments in month			<hr/>	<hr/>
				-435.84	
28/02/19	Closing balances			<hr/>	<hr/>
				11,144.82	19,283.71
28/02/19	Total funds all accounts				<hr/>
				£30,428.53	
<b>Reserve Funds at 28/02/19</b>					
			Street lamp reserve	9,600.00	
			General Reserve	9,683.71	
			Total reserves	19,283.71	

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

**9.2 Other financial matters** – BPC grants award for 2018/19 – as no grant requests had been received - **agreed** that the annual grant to of £700 to AONB be continued in 2018/19 and remaining grant funds conserved for future needs.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

**10.1 Update on current events** - none.

**10.2 Further additions to work programme** - direction sign to Fairy Steps (see 5.8 above).

### 11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

### 12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

**Cllr Clark** - usual potholes - A6 and B5282. A6 traffic problem during busy periods at the crematorium - see items 6 and 7.1 above.

### 13.0 Parish Land.

**13.1 - approval** - of quotes totalling £2,916 from Thwaites Tree Care for further tree work in Sandside Cutting up to 31/03/20.

### 14.0 General Correspondence:

\* 06/02/19 - Arnside & Beetham First Responders - requesting a letter of appreciation from BPC to a retiring First Responder agreed (already implemented).

\* 15/02/19 - Kent Estuary Mission Community Development Group - invitation to members meeting lunch meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March at Heron Barn, Beetham. Cllr Meakin had agreed to represent BPC.

### 15.0 Reading Matter - Clerks & Councils Direct - Jan 2019, issue 122.

### 16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Mar 2019) and additional to items referred to above - none.

### 17.0 Date of next meetings - Beetham Annual Assembly - 14 March at Heron Theatre, Beetham. - PC meeting on 1 April at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.