

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 7 March 2022 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** – Cllrs Knowles (Chair), Clark, Crayston, Dewar, Greifenberg and Harnett. C Cllr McSweeney, D Cllrs Audland and Chaffey up to and including item 6. Also Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** – had been received in writing from Cllr Meakin (Covid isolation) and Yates (unwell). Cllr Dean had died on 3 March 2022. Apologies also from Parish Steward Bill Haddow. All apologies were accepted by the meeting.
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 7 February 2022, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record for signature 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** – Cllr Knowles paid tribute to Cllr Brian Dean, a hard-working, popular and much respected BPC member since 2019. **Agreed** – that all members present sign a sympathy card to be sent to Mrs Linda Dean and that a donation be made by BPC to a charity of her choice.
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes 7 February 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
  - 5.1 **Beetham flooding (5.1)** – CCC reluctant to take any immediate action with as yet no positive outcome from ongoing investigations. See also item 6.2 below.
  - 5.2 **Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – already identified as one original source of the Beetham flooding problem and no further progress here, with any action likely to involve significant cost. Ongoing. See item 6.2.
  - 5.3 **Mobile SID on loan (5.3)** – this equipment remained in action on the A6.
  - 5.4 **BPC-owned SIDs (5.4)**. the installation of a new support pole by Highways was awaited before a new SID was ordered. **Agreed** - as an appropriate question for Peter Hosking at the forthcoming Annual Parish Assembly.
  - 5.5 **Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5)** – saplings available from Woodland Trust found to be only in generally large quantities and predetermined species mix. **Agreed** – to accept Cllr Meakin's suggestion that BPC order one pack of 105 saplings when the ordering process resumes on 4 April 2022 (for November 2022 delivery). Any surplus saplings could be offered to parish residents for their own use. Clerk to contact Storth School and Storth Playing Field to ascertain precise location details for the application.
  - 5.6 **Wild flower planting (5.6)** – good progress had been made. Generally favourable reaction from residents. **Agreed** - that a cultivator be hired at a cost of £39 per day, with AONB to arrange collection at no cost to BPC and to provide volunteers for the work.
  - 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 be undertaken later in spring 2022.
  - 5.8 **BPC's Storth notice board (5.8)** – a quote for making and installing the new stand for the notice board was awaited. The board itself had been extensively refurbished and was ready for installation.
  - 5.9 **Parish Annual Assembly 17/03/22 (7.1)** - arrangements had been completed and a speaker arranged. Cllr Dewar was thanked for producing laminated copies of the advance notice for display around the parish. Notice also in Westmorland Gazette.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

**6.1 Police matters** – a report had been received covering Kendal and Kendal Rural for the month to 8 Feb 2022. Storth had been targeted in a telephone scam, otherwise no parish incidents.

**6.2 County & District** (C Cllr McSweeney & D Cllrs Audland and Chaffey):

- i. Beetham flooding – see agenda items 5.1 & 5.2 above.
- ii. Local Government Reorganisation – CCC’s appeal against the rejection of its request for a Judicial Review had itself now been rejected. CCC have now decided to end the JR process.
- iii. Beetham ‘ghost’ footpath – clearance work had been done to the satisfaction of Highways engineers. Cllr Audland to discuss continued trimming of vegetation with the family of the householder.
- iv. Reports that Milnthorpe PC had succeeded in obtaining the agreement of Electricity North West to replace their sodium street lamps with an LED alternative had proved ill-founded.
- v. CCC Highways to ask Cumbria Police to monitor traffic through Beetham village to ensure that vehicles comply with speed limits and width restrictions.
- vi. Concern had been raised again about the condition of the footway on Burntbarrow. Ongoing work by B4RN contractors has highlighted the need for resurfacing. CCC Highways have confirmed this work is no longer be on their priority list.
- vii Difficulties experienced in reporting/monitoring road problems via the Highways website to be investigated - another subject for raising with Peter Hosking at BPC’s Annual Assembly.

## 7.0 New Matters for consideration:

**7.1 Hallmore Caravan site expansion** – gradual site expansion noted. BPC to check with SLDC as to whether all appropriate planning permissions had been obtained.

## 8. BPC Land issues:

**i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth.** Site meetings had been held and new boundaries agreed with two residents. Important that the revised boundary be marked with effective fencing as a minimum and at the new owners’ expense, with them accepting full responsibility for its future maintenance and absolving BPC from liability for any related personal accidents. Clerk to ensure these provisions included in final legal documentation.

**ii. Tree management** – Sandside Cutting and Plot 4 – proceeding as agreed.

**iii. Plot 4 – track surface** – complaint from one tenant that this was deteriorating, not least as a result of access use by Dallam shooting parties. **Agreed** – Cllr Yates to be asked to examine site and report back. Otherwise no BPC action, on the grounds that the rental agreements included no BPC obligation for maintenance and that the lower-than-commercial rent reflected this.

**9. Carr Bank B5282 bus stop** – the appointed contractor had agreed to a meeting with BPC to discuss but, as yet, had been unable to confirm a meeting date. BPC to press for progress. Urgent!

**10. Parish Footpath issues** – none.

## 11. Planning Matters:

**11.1 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/2022/0094	Little Shaw, Shaw Lane, Storth		Erection of first-floor glazed balcony + car port	02/03/22	No objection
SL/2022/0101	1 Watersedge, Sandside		Ground floor glazed balcony etc	01/03/22	No objection
SL/2022/0135	Newlands, Leighton Dr, S’side		Conservatory	15/03/22	No objection

## 11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

## SLDC decision

SL/2021/0040	5 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead		Single-storey + rear ext'n + raising roof	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/1023	Temple Bank, Beetham		Change of use – former barn into office facility	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/1058	Temple Bank, Beetham		Detached double garage	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/1062	5 Keasdale Ave, CarrBank		Single-storey rear ext'n and partial garage conversion	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 – Clerk to contact Mrs P Houghton to request an update on progress with re-opening The Ship.

## 12. Financial Matters:

### BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – FEBRUARY 2022

MEETING – 7 Mar 2022

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
				£	£
01/02/22	Opening balance				
28/02/22	Receipts	Ground rents February - B-Jones		7,200.90	19,339.25
	Payments			8.34	
	710	1365	Athena Accounting – payroll admin 12 mths	200.00	
	711	1366	A2A – website domain reg.	25.00	
			VAT	5.00	
				30.00	
	712	1367	Storth VH – storage charge 12mths	25.00	
	713	1368	Beetham School – mtg room rent 12mths	20.00	
	714	1369	Scargill – Clerk's sal Jan (net)	574.28	
	715	1370	HMRC – PAYE Feb	137.60	
	716	1371	Lakeland Tree – Plot 4 site visit fee	50.00	
				-1,036.88	
28/02/22	Closing balances			6,172.36	19,339.25
28/02/22	Total funds all accounts			£25,511.61	

Breakdown of Total Funds at 28/02/22			
	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		14,201.61
	<b>Total funds</b>		<b>25,511.61</b>

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

12.2 Other financial matters - BPC grants/donations for the year 2021/22 - £60 each to British Legion (Remembrance Sunday wreaths) and Beetham Church (Christmas trees 2021) – already made, plus **agreed** £50 to a charity to be named by Mrs L Dean in memory of BPC Cllr Brian Dean).

### 13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – Parish Steward currently out of action as the result of a fall.

13.2 Additions to work programme – repositioning of B5282 mirror instructed and completed.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only) – none.

16.0 General Correspondence received – none.

17.0 Reading Matter – Keer to Kent – autumn/winter 2021/22, Clerks & Councils Direct - issue 140.

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 - 8.00pm Thurs 17 March 2022 – Annual Assembly – Heron Hall, Storth.  
7.00pm Mon 4 April 2022 – monthly BPC meeting – Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.