

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 4 April 2022 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Knowles (Chair), Clark, Crayston, Dewar (up to & including item 11), Harnett and Greifenberg. C Cllr P McSweeney, D Cllrs Audland and Chaffey, all for item 6 only. Also Beetham 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 Cllr Meakin (holiday) and Yates (holiday). All apologies were accepted by the meeting.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7 March 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 - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 7 March 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 Mobile SID on loan (5.3) - currently out of action (battery).

5.4 BPC-owned SIDs (5.4). the installation of a new support pole by Highways had now been completed. Clerk now to order replacement SID from Pandora.

5.5 Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5) - Clerk to establish precise location references from Storth School and Storth Playing Field Assn, then proceed to order 105 saplings from Woodland Trust for delivery in November 2022.

5.6 Wild flower planting (5.6) - the test area at Storth had been prepared and seeded and was now to be extended with the help of AONB volunteers under the direction of Dougie Watson. Any similar scheme for Beetham to be deferred for the time being.

5.7 Beetham war memorial maintenance (5.7) - agreed - cleaning of Beetham memorial to be raised again at the BPC May meeting with a view to completing later in the year. Priority to be given to necessary repairs to a small area of the surrounding highway; C Cllr McSweeney to raise with Highways and report back.

5.8 BPC's Storth notice board (5.8) - the quote for making and installing the new stand for the refurbished board was expected imminently.

5.9 Parish Annual Assembly 17/03/22 (5.9) - had been attended by four BPC members, plus D Cllr Rupert Audland and eight members of the public. The presentation by Peter Hosking (Cumbria Highways) had been well received.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters - a report for Kendal Rural re February 2022 had been received & circulated.

Little to report for Beetham parish but Cllr Crayston reported a later burglary in Whassett.

6.2/3 County & District (C Cllr McSweeney & D Cllrs Audland and Chaffey):

i. Beetham flooding - see agenda items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.7 above.

ii. Major disruption over many months was expected on the B5282 at Milnthorpe with traffic flow restrictions whilst the structural safety of the Bela bridge was assessed and dealt with.

iii. D Cllr Audland reminded members about the forthcoming local elections.

6.4 Matters raise by members of the public - (by email) parking spaces along Fell End Road at Slackhead had been blocked off with boulders by persons unknown, resulting in

indiscriminate parking by visitors to the inconvenience of residents.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Slackhead streetlamp – the ElecNW pole, on which BPC-owned lamp 241 had been mounted, had been damaged in an accident and subsequently replaced by ElecNW – but without the lamp. Clerk to check if lamp 241 remained useable; if so, to ask ElecNW to reinstate or permit reinstatement by BPC. Otherwise to replace lamp on a new BPC self-standing pole if necessary and seek reparation from the party responsible for the accident as it has long been BPC policy not to insure its streetlamps.

7.2 Brian Dean memorial seat – agreed – that BPC should purchase and install an outdoor seat in return for a donation by Mrs Dean, with BPC advice on a suitable location. BPC’s preferred choice of location was the general area to the right on entering Leighton Beck Road from the A6. Clerk to discuss with Mrs Dean.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth. This matter was now in the hands of solicitors acting for both parties and awaiting BPC’s agreement of their terms of business. Clerk to expedite.

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

iii. Plot 4 – track surface – Clerk to ensure that BPC tenants advised of its decision not to repair or upgrade track surface (see minute 8iii of BPC meeting 7 March 2022).

9. Carr Bank B5282 bus stop – CCC Highways permissions had now been received, with work to commence 11 April 2022 and last two days.

10. Parish Footpath issues – none.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

March 2022 – April 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/2022/0187	Applemarden, Storth Rd		Single-storey front kitchen and porch extension	29/03/22	No objection
SL/2022/0193	Ashton House, Beetham		Extensive refurbishment of windows, doors etc	30/03/22	No objection
SL/2022/0206	Temple Bank, Stanley St, Beetham		For discharge of cond 6 re Re SL/2021/1058		No objection
SL/2022/0216	Beetham Caravan Park, Hale		For lawfulness certificate re SL/2018/0253		No objection
SL/2022/0283	Townend Farm, Farleton		Repointing rear wall	19/04/22	No objection

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

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11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2021/1039	Rising Way, Heathwaite Close, Storth		Re-roof and chimneys refurbishment.	Approved with conditions
SL/2022/0005	Knott View Barn, Farleton		Internal reconfiguration + additional window etc	Approved with conditions
SL/2022/0206	Temple Bank, Beetham		Discharge of cond 6 re SL/2022/1058	Partial approval with cond’s

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

11.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

11.4 Related matters & correspondence:

a. **The Ship at Sandside** – members expressed concerns about the slow progress of the refurbishment and the inn's continued closure. Mrs Houghton had been unable to offer a firm re-opening prediction. **Agreed** – that BPC continue to monitor but keep all options open regarding the future of this important community asset.

b. **Major housing development (SL/2022/0305) at Milnthorpe** and bordering Beetham parish – no objection in principle but a need for reassurance that the obvious necessary increase in all related support services is provided for.

12. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – MARCH 2022		MEETING – 4 April 2022	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/03/22	Opening balance			6,172.36	19,339.25
31/03/22	Receipts	Ground rents March - B-Jones		8.34	
		Bank interest to March			.48
	Payments				
	717 1372	Storth Play Fld Com (Heron Hall rent AA)		37.50	
	718 1373	B.C.Meakin – Chair's Honorarium 2021/22		120.00	
	719 1374	Lanc City Cncl (AONB) – grant 2021/22		700.00	
	720 1375	Scargill – AA 2022 expenses	52.00		
		Post/Stat'y Jan-Mar	9.80		
		VAT	.30		
				62.10	
	721 1376	Storth VC – meeting room rent 2021/22		140.00	
	722 1377	Scargill – Clerk's sal Mar (net)		574.28	
	723 1378	HMRC – PAYE Mar		137.60	
	724 1379	Guide Dogs donation (Dean)		50.00	
				-1,821.48	
31/03/22	Closing balances			4,359.22	19,339.73
31/03/22	Total funds all accounts			£23,698.95	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/03/22		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		12,648.95	
		Total funds		23,698.95	

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

12.2 Other financial matters - BPC annual accounts 2021/22, previously circulated, **APPROVED**.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events - 2022 grass-cutting to begin soon.

13.2 Additions to work programme - provide storage facilities for SID equipment on loan.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - Cllr Greifenberg had attended a CALC meeting on 24 March. He also offered to replace Cllr Dean as BPC rep. on Beetham Exhib. Trust.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only) - none.

16.0 General Correspondence received - none.

17.0 Reading Matter - none.

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

19.0 Date of next meetings - 7.00pm Mon 9 May 2022 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.