

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

The meeting of Beetham Parish Council scheduled for 6 April 2020 was unable to be held because of the coronavirus lockdown, although the agenda had been sent out in the usual way. In place of a face-to-face meeting, members were asked to email the Clerk with their comments on all agenda items. These minutes are a record of those comments, together with the noting of matters that would otherwise have been raised by the Clerk had a meeting been held.

Email responses were received from - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Brian Dean, Becky Dewar, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also from C Cllr Pete McSweeney.

**1.0 Apologies for absence - none.**

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 2 March 2020, had been circulated by email and were **APPROVED**.

**3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda - none.**

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair -** It had been agreed that each month the parish council would discuss an agenda via email. Based on these comments, the Clerk would issue draft minutes as before, followed by final minutes after any further comments/suggestions by members. The feasibility of Zoom videoconference software to be assessed for use when a specific issue required further discussion whilst current restrictions on normal meetings were in place.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 2 Mar 2020 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) -** nothing to report.

**5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.2) -** reduction in health and safety problems due to lower traffic volumes. Complaints by parishioners re erection by Dallam of fencing between the marsh and the permissive path along the embankment. Cllr Meakin had written to Dallam on this issue and received what he considered to be a satisfactory explanation. Alleged toxic leachate onto a PRow footpath also needed to be discussed.

**5.3 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.4) -** no further developments.

**5.4 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.5) -** the delayed installation was commented on but both the weather and, latterly, the coronavirus outbreak were cited as contributory factors. The PS had been instructed that this matter was now urgent.

**5.5 Beetham ghost footpath (5.6) -** no further developments.

**5.6 New Arnside/Kendal bus service (5.7) -** some recent curtailment as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, but delete from future agendas.

**5.7 Beetham Sports Field path (5.8) -** the proposed site meeting had been postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

**5.8 Carr Bank Road phone box (5.9) -** ownership of the kiosk had now been transferred to BPC from BT. The decision had been made for BPC to purchase the spare SP1 defib. currently in the possession of Sue Cox. BT needed to remove their equipment before installation of the new equipment could begin. Clerk to chase BT as necessary.

**5.9 Cumbria in Bloom 2020 (5.10) -** the 2020 competition has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak but BPC would support a 2021 project.

**5.10 NW Coastal Path proposals (5.11) -** no further developments.

**5.11 S Cutting wall at 14 Rosehill Grove (7.1) -** no work imminent. Delete from agenda.

## 6. Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - no report.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters - no report, but members' thanks to C Cllr McSweeney for his regular and comprehensive coronavirus updates. However, both members and parishioners would welcome an indication of exactly where in Cumbria the cases were occurring, if this information were available.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public - none.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 Future BPC meetings – see item 4 above.

7.2 Annual Assembly 2020 – cancelled as a result of the coronavirus restrictions. Great pity in view of extra efforts by members to improve publicity etc – thanks to them for this. The Annual Review for 2019/20 has been placed on the BPC website.

## 8. Planning Matters:

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

April 2020 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/2020/0115               | Curraghgorm,<br>High Cote Lane,<br>Slackhead |           | Demolition of existing Dwelling & erection of new detached dwelling etc                         | 30/03/20          | No objection    |
| SL/2020/0225               | Brocco Bank,<br>Beetham                      |           | Replacement of rear conservatory  | 24/04/20          | No objection    |
| CC5/20/9002<br>CC5/20/9003 | Sandside Quarry                              |           | Arrange for temporary storage & crushing of road planings & extension of operations to 30/06/29 | 29/04/20          | Some objections |

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

| SLDC ref | Address | Applicant | Development | Response deadline | BPC response |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
|          |         |           |             |                   |              |

### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

| SLDC ref     | Address                              | Applicant | Development  | Response deadline | BPC response             |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| SL/2019/0961 | Stoney Ridge,<br>Keasdale Rd, Storth |           | Re-roof garage & erect wooden BBQ hut              |                   | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2020/0009 | 3 Rose Hill Gr, Storth               |           | Replacement porch & single -storey front extension |                   | Refused                  |

(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 – MARCH 2020                     | MEETING – 6 April, 2020 |                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Date                   | Transaction              | Payee/er | Detail                                 | Current a/c<br>£        | Premium a/c<br>£ |
| 01/03/20               | Opening balances         |          |  | 10,389.90               | 19,322.21        |
| 31/03/20               | Receipts:                |          | Ground rents July - B-Jones            | 8.34                    |                  |
|                        |                          |          | SLDC - Donation from PMS allowance     | 450.00                  |                  |
|                        |                          |          |  | 458.34                  |                  |
| 31/03/20               | Payments:                |          | Barclays Bk – interest to 1 March      |                         | 6.78             |
|                        | 581                      | 1235     | BT – Carr Bank kiosk takeover fee      | 1.00                    |                  |
|                        | 582                      | 1236     | A2A – website changes                  | 25.00                   |                  |
|                        |                          |          | VAT                                    | 5.00                    |                  |
|                        |                          |          |  | 30.00                   |                  |
|                        | 583                      | 1237     | Storth VH – storage rent               | 25.00                   |                  |
|                        | 584                      | 1238     | Storth VC – room rent                  | 100.00                  |                  |
|                        | 585                      | 1239     | Thwaites Tree Care – tree work site 1  | 1,782.00                |                  |
|                        | 586                      | 1241     | Lakeland Tree Consultancy – inspection | 585.00                  |                  |
|                        | 587                      | 1242     | CHBT – SP1 defibrillator (C Bk)        | 860.00                  |                  |
|                        |                          |          | VAT                                    | 172.00                  |                  |
|                        |                          |          |  | 1,032.00                |                  |
|                        | 588                      | 1243     | Lanc City Cncl (AONB) – grant          | 700.00                  |                  |
|                        | 589                      | 1244     | Meakin – Chair’s honorarium 2019/20    | 120.00                  |                  |
|                        | 590                      | 1245     | GHS – grasscutting etc                 | 530.00                  |                  |
|                        | 591                      | 1246     | Hurst -info board repair               | 235.00                  |                  |
|                        | 592                      | 1247     | Scargill – Clerk’s sal Mar (net)       | 539.25                  |                  |
|                        |                          |          | Post & staty                           | 69.27                   |                  |
|                        |                          |          | VAT                                    | 12.03                   |                  |
|                        |                          |          |  | 620.55                  |                  |
|                        | 593                      | 1248     | HMRC – PAYE Jan-Mar 2020               | 611.60                  |                  |
|                        |                          |          |  | -6,372.15               |                  |
| 31/03/20               | Closing balances         |          |  | 4,476.09                | 19,328.99        |
| 31/03/20               | Total funds all accounts |          |  | £23,805.08              |                  |

| Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/03/20 |                                   |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|                                      | Street lamp reserve               | 9,600.00         |
|                                      | Sports Field path project reserve | 950.00           |
|                                      | General Reserve                   | 8,778.99         |
|                                      | Working funds                     | 4,476.09         |
|                                      | <b>Total funds</b>                | <b>23,805.08</b> |

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

**9.2 Other financial matters** – BPC annual accounts 2019/20 circulated to members prior to 6 April 2020, and accepted as **APPROVED**.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

**10.1 Update on current events** – no report, but work hampered by weather and coronavirus outbreak. The BPC notice board on Storth Square had now been repaired.

**10.2 Further additions to work programme:** no further jobs but required now to install convex mirror without further delay.

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

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

**Cllr Meakin** - had raised the matter of the newly erected fencing on the embankment with Dallam (see 5.2 above) and answered a parishioner's query re BPC's increase in precept for 2020/21.

**Cllr Knowles** - requested more information, whenever possible, about the location of coronavirus outbreaks in the county (see also 6.2 above).

**Cllr Pickup** - drainage problem in Sandside Cutting affecting the path (excessive water) and a neighbour (lack of water). Foul odours from a United Utilities air admittance valve at Friar Cote Bridge.

**Cllr Dewar** - suggested that Beetham 'Christmas Tree Group' might be asked if they needed any support re the coronavirus outbreak, which might then be made available from C Cllr McSweeney's community grant.

**13.0 Parish Land** - the contract for an annual inspection of BPC trees (required for insurance purposes) had been awarded to Lakeland Tree Consultancy. The first inspection had already been carried out and a very professional report submitted. The work recommended by this report had now been done and paid for. Thwaites planned tree management work was also on schedule and had been completed to a high standard. Thanks to Cllr Pickup for his management of this important and costly project.

**14.0 General Correspondence received** - none.

**15.0 Reading Matter** - none.

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (April 2020) and additional to items referred to above:**

16.1 - coronavirus issue of particular relevance to Beetham parish.

16.2 - the possibility for warnings of anticipated/predictable flood-related road closures on the B5282 at Sandside.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - As described in Section 4, an "e-mail meeting" based on a pre-issued agenda is planned for completion on Monday 11th May 2020