

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Annual Meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 13th May 2019 at Storth Village Church at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Brian Meakin, David Clark, David Crayston, Peter Greifenberg & Margaret Knowles. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney (as from item 6.2) & Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.2 Election of Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2019/20.

Resolved - that Cllr Brian Meakin be elected Chair of Beetham PC for the year 2019/20.

2.0 Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office - signed by Cllr Meakin.

3.0 Apologies for absence received - from Cllrs Pickup (work) and Yates (holiday). Also from Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

4.0 Announcement by the Chair - tribute paid to Cllr Ken Blenkarn as a retiring member and, for many years, Chair of BPC, endorsed by all members present. Cllr Meakin to write a letter of appreciation.

5.0 Appointment of Vice-Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2019/20.

Having agree to serve and in his absence - **Resolved** - that Cllr Steve Yates be elected Vice-Chair of Beetham PC for the year 2019/20.

6.0 Appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies.

Resolved - that councillors be appointed to represent the council on outside bodies for the year 2019/20 as follows, subject to the agreement of absent appointees:

- Beetham Exhibition Trust	David Crayston
- AONB Executive	Brian Meakin
- CALC South Lakeland Com.	Margaret Knowles
- Storth School Governors	Jessica Harvey (although not a BPC member)
- Quarry Liaison Committee	David Clark
- Burton-in-Kendal Educ. Fdn.	No appointment
- Local Area Partnership	Margaret Knowles
- Arnside & DCW Steering Grp	Margaret Knowles

7.0 Appointment of committees, sub-committees etc.

Resolved - that councillors be re-appointed to serve as follows:

- East Ward Planning	Cllrs Clark, Crayston & Yates
- West Ward Planning	Cllrs Knowles, Meakin, Pickup & Greifenberg
- Parish Newsletter	Cllr Meakin (editor), the Clerk (correspondent)
- Parish Council website	Cllr Meakin
- Parish Land Wkg. Grp.	Cllrs Clark, Meakin, Pickup & Yates
- Finance Working Group	Cllrs Crayston, Knowles, Meakin & Yates

8.0 Annual Subscriptions.

Resolved - that the following subscriptions be approved:

- CALC for 2019/20 (£294.14).

9.0 Inspection of Deeds.

Written confirmation from Milne Moser that they were holding title deeds to the following BPC properties:

- Land at Slackhead, Beetham to the rear of Rock Cottage (title number CU261848).
- Land at Sandside, known as Sandside Cutting (title number CU107948)
- Land at WWPS Sandside (sub-station) - counterpart lease.

No other property and no investments.

This concluded the business of the annual meeting and was followed by a normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council at approximately 07.30pm, as follows:

10.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1st April 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin..

11.0 Declaration of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda - none.

12.0 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 1st April 2019:

12.1 Speed Indicator Device at Sandside (5.1) - statistical data from the SID had been passed to Jessica Harvey for assessment of its suitability as a study project by the pupils of Storth School.

12.2 Beetham defibrillator (5.2) - the equipment had now been delivered and was in store with the Parish Steward. Certain modifications at a small extra cost were needed for compliance with Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) standards, whereupon CHT were willing to take over responsibility and management of the kiosk and the equipment for an extended initial period, thought to be a minimum of four years. Ongoing.

12.3 Beetham flooding (5.3) - Linda Dean of Beetham had offered to form a Community Resilience Group and had accepted an invitation to attend the BPC June 2019 meeting (3rd June at Beetham School). C Cllr McSweeney had provided her with contact details of relevant CCC and EA personnel.

12.4 Carr Bank Road issues (5.4) - the usual issues of traffic speeds on the B5282 and Carr Bank Road.

12.5 Burntbarrow/Shaw Green handrail (5.5) - the order for supplying the rail had been placed, est. delivery 10 weeks. Problems with the path surface in places - ownership (and responsibility) uncertain.

12.6 Beetham Crematorium traffic (5.6) - no further developments.

12.7 Fairy Steps access (5.8) - Agreed - that CCC be asked to undertake replacement of the sign as part of their imminent sign survey (as suggested by Guy Timperley, CCC).

12.8 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.9) - representatives of CCC and Highways had inspected the site and spoken to local land-owners/residents. An action plan was expected to follow.

12.9 Damaged wall on B5282 near Heron Brack (6.3) - the repair work had been completed. Although now structurally sound, the wall's appearance (due to cost constraints) had been widely criticised. It was hoped the appearance would mellow and become more acceptable with time.

12.10 Beetham Parish elections 2019 (7.1) - following the elections, one seat in each of the two wards remained vacant and would need to be filled by co-option as soon as possible.

13.0 Public participation.

13.1 Police Report - containing minimal information received and circulated before the meeting. The omission of a known crime from recent reports said by police to be due to pressure of work.

13.2 & 13/3 County & District Council Matters (C Cllr McSweeney) - the need for two new refuse bins in Beetham village (by the stocks and outside the school) had been identified, to be funded by C Cllr McSweeney from his SLDC allowance and BPC as may be agreed. The resurfacing of Guard Hill Lane would soon start (estimated completion late June/July) in co-ordination with B4RN who needed to lay cables there, but a suggestion for speed bumps did not have much support. Road markings at the Storth Road/B5282 junction to be looked at and C Cllr McSweeney would look into the permissions need for a convex mirror in this area. A garden at Shaw Green, Storth, was seriously overgrown, to be dealt with by CCC via a Section 215 order. A complaint had been received about cars parked in the road outside 40 Leighton Beck Road (to discuss with Cllr Yates on his return).

13.4 Any other matters raised by electors - none.

14.0 New matters for consideration:

14.1 **Beetham Ghost footpath** – further to earlier discussions with Highways, **agreed** – Clerk to ask CCC to implement their proposal to start enforcement proceedings against the householder concerned.

15.0 Planning Matters

15.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

May 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
SL/2019/0184	Land adjacent to 4 Shaw Green, Storth		Detached dwelling	29/04/19	Objections – over - development

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

SL/2019/0308	Heathwaite, Storth Rd		First floor extension	20/05/19	No objections
SL/2019/0186	Carr Bank Garden Centre, Car Bank		Extension to retail unit	31/05/19	No objections

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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

15.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

15.4 **Related matters & correspondence** – removal of part of property wall to permit vehicle access to/from highway at Pear Tree Cottage, Beetham – no planning permission known to have been sought. Clerk to notify Mark Balderson (SLDC).

16.0 Financial Matters.

16.1	BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – APRIL 2019	MEETING – 13 May, 2019	
	Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	HIBA
					£	£
	01/04/19	Opening balances				19,293.33
	30/04/19	Receipts:				
			Ground rents - B-Jones		8.34	
			Ryan		20.00	
						28.34
			SLDC – Community Infrastructure Levy			283.93
	31/03/19	Payments:				
		540 1194	Thwaites Tree Care – Sandside Cutting		2,916.00	
		541 1195	CALC – sub 2019/20		294.14	
		542 1196	Parrott-Edwards – Slackhead tree contrib.		50.00	
		543 1197	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Apl (net)	435.84		
			Half-yr’s exp. Allces:			
			Car	250.00		
			Computer	75.00		
			Telecoms	87.00		
			Post/stat’y 2mths	72.16		
			VAT	12.85		
					932.85	
			Total payments in month			-4,192.99
	30/04/19	Closing balances				3,385.23
	30/04/19	Total funds all accounts				£22,678.56
	Reserve Funds at 30/04/19		Street lamp reserve	9,600.00		
			General Reserve	9,693.33		
			Total reserves	19,293.33		

NOTE – precept/parish grant due from SLDC for 2019/20 of £17,574.00 - received into bank early May.

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

16.2 Any other financial matters:

- BPC 2018/19 annual accounts – previously circulated and agreed – **APPROVED BY RESOLUTION**.
- BPC 2018/19 annual return (AGAR) – presented to the meeting – **APPROVED BY RESOLUTION** and signed by Cllr Meakin (as Chair) and the Clerk on behalf of BPC.
- annual Risk Assessment by Cllr Meakin and the Clerk – to be arranged.

17.0 Parish Steward.

17.1 – report on current events – questions the type of plinth required in front of the Carr Bank notice board – **confirmed** by this meeting that the plinth should be a permanent concrete structure of approx. 1m x 0.5m

17.2 – additions to PS’s programme of work – none.

18.0 Reports from BPC representatives on outside bodies – none.

19.0 General parish matters:

Cllr Crayston – reported that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on loan from the Local Area Partnership (LAP) was now operating in Whassett, where it will be for the next two weeks. Another suitable site was being sought.

20.0 Parish Land – nothing to report.

21.0 General Correspondence:

* 14/04/19 – email from Adair re car damage by verge stones in Leighton Beck Rd. (passed to Highways for attention).

* 15/04/19 – email from Swenson requesting a BPC letter of appreciation for retiring Arnside & Storth First Responders team leader (prepared and sent by the Clerk).

22.0 Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2019 – Issue 123

23.0 Items to be included on agenda of BPC’s June meeting – nothing additional to items mentioned above.

25.0 Date of next BPC (normal monthly) meeting - confirmed as 3rd June 2019, 7.00pm at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.