

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Beetham PC held on Monday 13th May 2024, followed by the normal monthly meeting, at Storth Village Church at 7pm.

Present were Cllrs Peter Greifenberg (Chair), Margaret Knowles, Alan Marsden and Steve Yates. WFC Cllr Rupert Audland for item 6 only. Two members of the public.

1.0 Election of Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2024/25.

Resolved (in his absence) - that Cllr Brian Meakin be elected as Chair of Beetham PC for 2024/25.

2.0 Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office - to be signed by Cllr Meakin on his return from holiday.

3.0 Apologies for absence received - Cllrs Meakin (holiday), Phelan (holiday) & Phillips (holiday)

4.0 Appointment of Vice-Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2024/25.

Resolved - that Cllr Greifenberg be elected Vice-Chair of Beetham PC for 2024/25.

5.0 Appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies.

Resolved - that councillors be appointed to represent the council on outside bodies for 2024/25 as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| - Beetham Exhibition Trust | Peter Greifenberg |
| - ASNL Executive | Brian Meakin (subject to confirmation) |
| - CALC South Lakeland Com. | Peter Greifenberg |
| - Quarry Liaison Committee | Now defunct. |
| - Burton-in-Kendal Educ. Fdn. | Mark Phillips (subject to confirmation) |
| - Local Area Partnership | Margaret Knowles |
| - Arnside & DCW Steering Grp | Margaret Knowles |

6.0 Appointment of committees, sub-committees etc.

Resolved - that councillors be appointed to serve for 2024/25 as follows:

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

7.0 Annual Subscriptions.

Resolved - that the subscription to CALC for 2024/25 of £388.54 **be approved.**

8.0 Inspection of Deeds.

Milne Moser had confirmed in writing that they were holding title deeds to the following BPC properties:

- Land at Slackhead, Beetham to the rear of Rock Cottage (title number CU261484)
- Land at Sandside, known as Sandside Cutting (title number CU107948)
- Land at WWPS Sandside (sub-station) - counterpart lease.

9.0 Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting 8 April, 2024 – had been circulated in advance and were signed by Cllr Greifenberg as a correct record.

10.0 Declarations of interest – none.

11.0 Announcements by the Chair – that agenda item 12.5 (BPC Code of Conduct) would not be discussed as WFC had now referred this matter to the police.

12.0 Matters arising from the minutes of BPC's 08/04/24 meeting and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

12.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further progress.

12.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – no further progress.

12.3 BPC member vacancy (5.3) – no further progress.

12.4 Beetham village traffic speeds (5.6) – ongoing.

12.5 BPC Code of Conduct (5.7) – see item 11 above.

12.6 Beetham stocks (5.8) – the opinions of village residents to be sought before any further action is taken.

12.7 Beetham Playing Field access gate (5.11) – ongoing.

12.8 BPC data storage (7.1) – BPC storage cabinets at both Storth Village Hall and Heron Hall had now been inspected and cleared of obsolete (mostly old planning applications). The remaining documents would now be sorted, catalogued and re-stored to facilitate easier future access.

12.9 Green Lane bridge deterioration (7.4) – had now been inspected by a National Highways engineer who was satisfied that no emergency closure of Sandside Cutting was required, with any necessary repairs scheduled for summer 2024.

12.10 BPC Carr Bank notice board (7.3) – a suitable handrail was now in place.

13.0 Public Participation:

13.1 Police matters – the May police report (for April) had been received and circulated. No reported incident specific to Beetham parish.

13.2 Westmorland & Furness Council (WFC) – WFC Cllr Audland had nothing to report.

13.3 Matters raised by electors – As an independent onlooker Mrs Helen Burrow had prepared a detailed document putting on record her unsatisfactory dealings with Westmorland & Furness Council (WFC), in particular over Code of Conduct issues. WFC's failure to answer specific questions and to respond to repeated requests for help for BPC, together with unacceptable delays in dealing with matters generally, were foremost among her complaints.

Another attendee commented on the current untidy appearance of the 'natural' grass verge in Storth Road at Four Lane Ends, and the blight of unwanted dandelion seeds blowing into neighbouring gardens. In response, it was pointed out that such 'natural' features take time to become established. It was hoped the dandelion problem would reduce and the 'natural' features would become appreciated in due course.

14.0 New matters for consideration.

14.1 Beetham village war memorial – was in an advanced state of disrepair and was scheduled for early attention. War Memorials Trust had become aware of this and were keen to support remedial measures with both advice and grants. **Agreed** – that BPC proceed with this project as a matter of some urgency. Clerk to check on likely costs involved and grant details.

15.0 BPC land and tree issues.

15.1 Land transfers (The Pasture) – no further progress with Land Registry.

15.2 Tree work programme 2024/25 – the annual survey had been done by Jennie Keighley, accompanied by tree surgeon Scott Thwaites and BPC representatives. Jennie would now mark

individual trees that needed attention, with work to commence following the nesting season.

15.3 Plot 4 – reseeded of the damaged area to proceed ASAP.

16.0 Planning Matters.

16.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

April 2024 – May 2024 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)

WFC ref	Address	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
2024/0757/FPA	8 Keasdale Ave., Carr Bank	Detached single garage	31/05/24	No objection
2024/0574/FPA	Low Wood Edge Farm, Haverbrack	Proposed lodge-style residential cabin		Pending

9.2 Decisions received from WFC

WFC decisions

SI/2023/0796	The Duke, Farleton	First floor glazed balcony and garage extension.	Approved with conditions
2024/0009/FPA	Knott View Barn, Farleton	Detached timber carport	Approved with conditions
2024/0114/FPA	Kilnsey, 6 Keasdale Av, C Bk	Reconstruction of car port roof.	Approved with conditions
2024/0457/FPA	29 Paddock Way, Storth	Construction of lean-to verandah	Approved with conditions
2024/497/PAPP	Overthwaite Farm, Farleton	Erection of general purpose agricultural building.	Prior approval not required

(More planning information available on WFC website – westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

16.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

16.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

17. Financial matters:

17.1 BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – APRIL 2024

MEETING – 13 MAY 2024

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
				£	£
01/04/24	Opening balance			5,968.62	19,615.31
30/04/24	Receipts	Ground rents Feb - B-Jones		8.34	
		- Ryan		180.00	
		WFC – CIL 2024		1,847.11	
	Payments:				
	862	1460	CALC – annual sub 2024/25	388.54	
	863	1461	Hurst – hand rail for Carr Bank NB	95.00	
	864	1462	Harvey – internal audit fee 2023/24	50.00	
	865	1463	Scargill – mthly expense allce	136.00	
	866	1464	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Apl (net)	647.83	
	867	1465	HMRC – PAYE Apl	168.92	
				-1,486.29	
30/04/24	Closing balances			6,517.78	19,615.31
30/04/24	Total funds all accounts			£ 26,133.09	

Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/04/24		
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		15,083.09

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED.

17.2 - BPC Annual Return (AGAR) 2023/24 forms - Approved and Signed – Clerk to send to external auditors.

- **BPC Risk Assessment 2024** – relevant walls & fences to be assessed professionally at an early date.

- **Storth Community Hub** – the first ‘withdrawal’ for use of £453.91 **was approved.**

18.0 Parish Steward.

18.1 Update on current events – Rob Wilson had now taken over from Bill Haddow. First grass-cut due.

18.2 Additions to work programme – none.

19.0 Reports from BPC representatives on outside bodies – none.

20.0 To consider matters from around the parish – none.

21.0 General Correspondence – none.

22.0 Reading Matter received – Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2024.

23.0 Notice of items to be included on agenda of next meeting – none.

24.0 Date of next meeting – 7pm on Mon 3 June 2024 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.