

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 17 May 2021 at Storth VH.

**Present were** – Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles (acting as Clerk in John Scargill's absence) and Steve Yates. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney (for agenda items 5 and 6)) and one member of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Clark, Crayston and Dewar. Also from Clerk John Scargill.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 12 April 2021, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Meakin.

**3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllr Yates in respect of Planning Matters application SL/2021/0462 and who took no part in discussion of this.

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** – none.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 12 April 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – date of next public meeting would be in approx. three months time, which Beetham residents were encouraged to attend. Ongoing.

**5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – to be discussed at the next public meeting in three months time. Ongoing.

**5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3)** – no further progress in what was a long legal process.

**5.4 Mobile SID on loan (5.5)** – Cllr Crayston to update at next BPC meeting.

**5.5 Electricity North West funding for street lamps conversion to LED (5.6)** – following a lack of response from ENW to repeated attempts by BPC to obtain more information, Clerk to press for a response by writing to ENW CEO.

**5.6 A second SID for BPC (5.7)** – deferred until next meeting, when a mobile SID to be discussed.

**5.7 Slackhead Refuse Tip leachate (5.8)** – no response by CCC to its commitment to a report by end March 2021. C Cllr McSweeney to progress with Wendy Power.

**5.8 Beetham Annual Assembly 19 April 2021 (5.9)** – minutes of the Annual Assembly were presented and noted.

**6. Public Participation.**

**6.1/2 - County and District Council matters (C Cllr McSweeney)** – awaiting confirmation from CCC's legal team that extension to the concrete base of the B5282 bus stop at Carr Bank (estuary side) may proceed, with funding by CCC – C Cllr McSweeney to advise BPC by email when work completed, so that the surrounding hedge may be suitably cut back.

**6.3 Matters raised by electors** – none.

**7.0 New Matters for consideration:**

**7.1 Resignation of Bob Pickup as a BPC member** – following Cllr Pickup's resignation, SLDC had been advised and a 'vacancy' notice placed on BPC notice boards. The same notice will appear in the Westmorland Gazette as soon as possible. Cllr Pickup was thanked, in his absence, for his diligent service to BPC.

**7.2 Contingency planning (BPC admin) – agreed** – that this subject needs to be considered in the event of any sudden and unexpected indisposition of the current BPC Clerk, in particular access to relevant files and contacts. Discussion with the Clerk to be arranged.

**7.3 Future BPC meetings (Zoom versus face-to-face)** – as Zoom meetings were no longer legal, and normal venues as yet unable to safely honour existing bookings, Storth Village Hall had been booked for BPC's next two meetings (June and July 2021).

**7.4 Ship Inn developments – agreed** - to invite Mr Mike Houghton to attend the next (June) BPC meeting with a view to updating members.

## 8. BPC Land issues:

i. **Wall at 14 Rose Hill Grove** – BPC awaits detailed proposals from the owner of 14 Rose Hill Grove to purchase a parcel of adjacent BPC land and wall.

ii. **Trees near Sandend, Green Lane** – Mr Stringer, the new owner of Sandend, had written to BPC about his perceived danger of some BPC trees and was present at this meeting to provide further information. **Agreed** – Cllr Meakin to meet Mr Stringer on site to consider.

9. **Carr Bank issues** – B5282 - usual excessive traffic speeds and overhanging trees. See also item 6.1 above.

10. **Parish Footpath issues** – Storth Road and Carr Bank Road sign issues reported to CCC (Guy Timperley) in April.

## 11. Planning Matters:

### 11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

May 2021 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
TR/2021/0076	Orchard Dene, Leighton Dr, Slackhead		Sycamore (T1) – crown raise etc.		No objection
SL/2021/0408	Rivers Edge, Sandside		Single-storey front & rear extensions + dormers to provide first floor accom.	01/06/21	No objection
SL/2021/0462	Orchard Cottage, 40 Leighton Bk Rd, Slackhead		Replacement of existing conservatory with new extension to kitchen etc.		No objection

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

--	--	--	--	--	--

### 11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

TR/2021/0046	Blenkarn, Leighton Dr, Slackhead		Felling & trimming of trees	Approved
SL/2021/0126	Hazelslack Farm		Application for Lawful Development Certificate to establish continued use of land as caravan site.	Granted
SL/2021/0315	Shaw House Farm annexe		Change of use to short-stay holiday accommodation.	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

11.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

11.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

## 12. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – APRIL 2021		MEETING – 17 May 2021	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/04/21	Opening balance			3,569.25	19,337.81
30/04/21	Receipts	Ground rents Mar	B-Jones Ryan	8.34 20.00	
				28.34	
				375.00	
				11,404.58	
30/04/21	Payments:				
	654A 1308	Milnthorpe Art&Copy (posters)		16.50	
	654B 1309	“ “ “ “		30.00	
	655 1310	CALC – annual sub 2021/22		314.38	
	656 1311	Harvey – internal audit 2020/21		50.00	
	657 1312	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Apl (net)		569.68	
	658 1313	HMRC – PAYE April		142.20	
				-1,122.76	
30/04/21	Closing balances			14,254.41	19,337.81
30/04/21	Total funds all accounts			£33,592.22	
<b>Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/04/21</b>					
		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		22,282.22	
		<b>Total funds</b>		<b>33,592.22</b>	

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

### 12.2 Other financial matters:

**BPC Annual Return 2020/21 – AGAR forms 1, 2 and 3 APPROVED and signed where appropriate, for submission to external auditors.**

### 13.0 Parish Steward:

**13.1 Update on current events** – Clerk to request attendance of Parish Steward to next (June) BPC meeting at Storth Village Hall on 7 June 2021.

**13.2 Further additions to work programme** – Clerk to discuss grass cutting at Hale Green with Parish Steward.

**14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Meakin had applied to Storth Community Shop for its £500 contribution towards a new seat at Four Lane Ends, replacing the damaged wooden seat funded originally by the Cowperthwaite family. BPC to accept responsibility for maintenance of the new seat (BPC meeting 1/3/21, min 15). Clerk now to proceed to order new seat from Glasdon.

### 15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

**Cllr Dean** – ‘Beetham in Bloom’ work is progressing towards a programme for 2022.

### 16.0 General Correspondence received:

- Dallam Tower Estate – thanking community for its support re fire damage to the Buck House.
- Arnside PC - re parking issues.
- CCC Highways team – re changes to Highway Management System.
- NALC guidance on face-to-face & remote meetings (PC and Annual Assemblies).

**17.0 Reading Matter** - none.

**18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (April 2021) and additional to items referred to above** - Carr Bank bus stop plinth extension, per item 6.1 above.

**19.0 Date of next meetings** - PC meeting 7.00pm Mon 7 June at Storth Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm.**