

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 7 June 2021 at Storth VH.

**Present were** – Cllrs Margaret Knowles (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Brian Meakin, & Peter Greifenberg. Also one member of the public throughout and Mrs Pam Houghton for item 5.8 only.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Dean, Dewar and Yates. Also C Cllr McSweeney & PS Haddow.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 17 May 2021, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed 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** – on behalf of all members, Cllr Knowles thanked Cllr Meakin for his six years of dedicated service as BPC Chair and congratulated C Cllr McSweeney on his appointment as SLDC Chair for the coming two-year period.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 17 May 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – the next public meeting, to be arranged when restrictions allow, was awaited with interest. Ongoing.

**5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – as with 5.1 above, to be discussed at the next public meeting. Ongoing.

**5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3)** – C Cllr McSweeney had escalated the problem for attention by the relevant personnel at CCC.

**5.4 Mobile SIDs on loan (5.4)** – following enquiries by Cllr Crayston, proposed sitings at Slackhead, Whasset, Carr Bank and Beetham A6 northbound had been ruled out by Cumbria Police – leaving the A6 southbound and two sites near the school in Storth Road as the only currently remaining possibilities. Cllrs Crayston & Dean had offered to operate a hand-held speed gun to be borrowed from Milnthorpe PC. **Agreed** – that the PTAs of Beetham and Storth Schools be approached for additional volunteers.

**5.5 Electricity North West funding for street lamps conversion to LED (5.5)** – the Clerk had made one further unsuccessful attempt to extract a response from Electricity NW. He would now make a formal complaint to ENW CEO, as earlier agreed.

**5.6 A second SID for BPC (5.6)** – Clerk to write to Billerud and Beetham Nurseries to explain the restrictions on siting a new SID on the A6 at Beetham and requesting their continued financial support for it to be used at alternative worthwhile sites in the parish.

**5.7 Slackhead Refuse Tip leachate (5.7)** – a formal and definitive response awaited from CCC following their analysis of leachate samples.

**5.8 Ship Inn developments** – Mrs Pam Houghton, representing owners Houghton Parkhouse, outlined plans for significant long-term investment to upgrade and expand facilities at The Ship. The aim was to create a viable business that would attract high quality tenants and an increased range of repeat business. Mrs Houghton was thanked for her report, which she promised to update as the scheme progressed.

**5.9 BPC admin contingency planning (7.2)** – as agreed earlier, a meeting with the Clerk to be arranged at an early date

**5.10 BPC member vacancy (7.1)** – no response as yet to the published invitation to apply.

**6. Public Participation.**

**6.1 – Police Report** – received and circulated to all members. No references to Beetham parish.

**6.1/2 County and District Council matters** – C Cllr McSweeney had submitted a written report in his absence on holiday – covering Box Tree Cottage (see 5.3 above), Carr Bank bus stop expansion (slow progress) and with a unitary authority for Cumbria (a decision expected late July 2021). It also referred to the recent change of Chief Executive at CCC.

6.3 **Matters raised by electors** – the current unreliability of blue bag refuse collections in Storth – to be followed up by Cllr Knowles with SLDC.

7.0 **New Matters for consideration:**

7.1 **The Queen’s Green Canopy Scheme for 2022 – agreed** – Clerk to contact Milnthorpe PC to discuss.

8. **BPC Land issues:**

- i. **Wall at 14 Rose Hill Grove** – following two site meetings with the owners, attended by Cllrs Yates and Meakin and the Clerk, a general basis for making progress had been worked out and BPC’s solicitors informed. **Agreed** – that ownership of a strip of land on which the boundary wall was erected be transferred to the owners of the property, covenant-protected but free of charge, with the owners to take full responsibility for rebuilding and future maintenance of the wall and covering all BPC’s related legal etc costs. Clerk now to seek the owners’ agreement with this proposal.
- ii. **Trees at Sandend, Green Lane, Storth** – following a site meeting between the owner, Cllr Meakin and the Clerk (and subsequently with Scott Thwaites) a quote had been received for the work requested by the owner. **Agreed** – Clerk to ask Jennie Keighley to advise on what work was actually necessary before any work was commissioned.
- iii. **Tree near Crow’s Nest, Green Lane, Storth (Dale)** - Jennie Keighley to be asked to advise.
- iv. **Oak tree near Dallam Drive, Storth (Francis)** – Jennie Keighley to be asked to advise.
- v. **Overhanging trees B5282 (west of disabled car park)** – Clerk to inform Dallam.

9. **Carr Bank B5282 bus stop** – see item 6 above.

10. **Parish Footpath issues** – Storth Road and Carr Bank Road sign issues reported to CCC (Guy Timperley) in April. Clerk to inform CCC (Timperley) re broken bridge at Hale Moss.

11. **Planning Matters:**

11.1 **Applications under consideration by BPC:**

June 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 |
|--------------|--|-----------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| SL/2021/0537 | Swallowdale,<br>15 Woodlands Cl,<br>Storth |           | Replacement of single-storey extension                         | 15/06/21          | No objection |
| SL/2021/0560 | Pye’s Bridge Farm,<br>Hale                 |           | Variation of conditions attaching to Approval for SL/2018/0681 | 21/06/21          | No objection |

11.2 **Decisions received from SLDC**

SLDC decision

| SLDC ref     | Address                                      | Applicant | Development                                      | SLDC decision            |
|--------------|--|-----------|--|--------------------------|
| SL/2020/0778 | Beetham School                               |           | All-weather track and facilities on sports field | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2021/0043 | Unit 4, Shoreline Business Park,<br>Sandside |           | Pitched roof dormer ext’n to northern elevation  | 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** – from SLDC 18/05/21 – confirming tree preservation order for trees at Hazelslack Caravan Site, Carr Bank.

## 12. Financial Matters:

### BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – MAY 2021

MEETING – 7 June 2021

| Date  | Transaction              | Payee/er         | Detail                                       | Current a/c   |                  | Premium a/c |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--|---------------|------------------|-------------|
|   |                          |                  |  | £             | £                | £           |
| 01/05/21                                    | Opening balance          |                  |  |               | 14,254.41        | 19,337.81   |
| 31/05/21                                    | Receipts                 | Ground rents Mar | B-Jones<br>Ryan                              | 8.34<br>20.00 |                  |             |
|   |                          |                  |  |               | 28.34            |             |
| 31/05/21                                    | Payments:                |                  |  |               |                  |             |
|   | 659                      | 1314             | GHS – grass cutting etc                      | 690.00        |                  |             |
|   | 660                      | 1315             | Storth VH – room hire                        | 17.00         |                  |             |
|   | 661                      | 1316             | Scargill – half-year exp. all'ces            | 412.00        |                  |             |
|   | 662                      | 1317             | Scargill – Clerk's sal May (net)             | 569.48        |                  |             |
|   | 663                      | 1318             | HMRC – PAYE May                              | 142.40        |                  |             |
|   |                          |                  |  |               | -1,830.88        |             |
| 31/05/21                                    | Closing balances         |                  |  |               | 12,451.87        | 19,337.81   |
| 31/05/21                                    | Total funds all accounts |                  |  |               | £31,789.68       |             |
| <b>Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/05/21</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                                |               | 20,479.68        |             |
|   |                          |                  | <b>Total funds</b>                           |               | <b>31,789.68</b> |             |

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

#### 12.2 Other financial matters:

**BPC Annual Return 2020/21** – AGAR forms 1, 2 and 3 confirmed as submitted to auditors.

**New seat for Four Lane Ends** - now ordered from Glasdon (5 week delivery). The financial contribution of £500 from Storth Community Shop was gratefully acknowledged.

#### 13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events - no update

13.2 Further additions to work programme - none.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only) - none.

#### 16.0 General Correspondence received:

20/05/21 - Lake District National Park Partnership - consultation 25 May - 23 June 2021.

02/06/21 - CALC - notification of launch of new Highways Communication System (HIAMS).

17.0 Reading Matter - none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (July 2021) and additional to items referred to above - none.

19.0 Date of next meetings - PC meeting 7.00pm Mon 5 July at Storth Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.