

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a remote (Zoom) meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 1 June 2020.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin, David Crayston, Brian Dean, Becky Dewar, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney, D Cllr Helen Chaffey and Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - none.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meetings, held on 4 May and 25 May 2020, had been circulated by email and were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - Cllr Meakin asked for agreement on replacement of a badly-damaged BPC-owned outdoor seat on Sandside promenade, as discussed at an earlier meeting. Members voted for this to be replaced by BPC with a new recycled plastic equivalent (Glasdon - Phoenix, as last purchased in January 2018 at a cost of approx. £500 inc VAT) of proven durability and requiring minimum maintenance. Cllr Pickup was the only dissenter, preferring a wood/metal equivalent.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4 May 2020 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) - no further progress with Environmental Agency work delayed due to the current pandemic.

5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.2) - traffic speeds in the area continued to be excessive.

5.3 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.3) - no further developments due to pandemic.

5.4 Beetham ghost footpath (5.5) - CCC legal advice is for a site meeting between their officers and the householder's legal team, delayed due to coronavirus restrictions.

5.5 Carr Bank Road phone box (5.8) - most BT equipment now removed. **Agreed** - for BPC to proceed with removing coin box and BT logo stickers, plus attachment of defib stickers and further vegetation clearance (add to Parish Steward's work list).

5.6 Hale Marble Quarry leachate (7.4) - this matter had now been passed to the appropriate department at CCC for attention.

5.7 Coronavirus Miscellaneous (7.1) - remote Zoom BPC meetings working satisfactorily.

6. Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - no report.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters:

i. C Cllr McSweeney's daily coronavirus updates continued to be received and duly circulated to members. BPC were urged to respond to SLDC's local plan feedback request (deadline 17 July 2020) - agenda item for BPC meeting 6 July.

ii. A temporary 30mph speed limit on the A6 at Beetham, due to bridge repair work, was now in place and likely to last for up to 12 months. A multi-agency group (including the police and Highways) is to carry out a speed limit review to include this section of the A6. A public petition (especially by or including a local school) would be a useful way to increase this group's awareness of public concerns about local traffic speeds. The use of a volunteer-manned handheld speed gun suggested as an additional way of tackling this problem. BPC to contact Milnthorpe PC for advice and the possible loan of such a gun.

- iii. Road work at Milnthorpe traffic lights was due to begin on 15 June for some 5 weeks. Suggestion that cyclists be allowed to use alternative routes for accessing the A6 from Park Road eg via Booths car park when turning north & the SLDC car park when turning south.
- iv. More complaints received about altercations between unhelpful recreational fishermen at Sandside and pedestrian members of the public needing to use to footway. BPC needed to decide what action to take. Cllr Meakin to contact local police as first step.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 Fairy Steps signage – a. Cllr Meakin had made a site visit to High Cote Lane and spoken with AONB’s Lucy Barron. Supplementary signage (specifically to Fairy Steps) would be helpful. Cllr Meakin would contact Lucy Barron again re the feasibility of a ‘claim’ to the Fairy Steps ‘pin’, to permit changes to Google Maps text. **b.** Cllr Yates reported that, after three years of lobbying for a replacement Fairy Steps finger post at Slackhead, there was some local dismay that a new sign had been erected merely indicating a Public Footpath. It was Cllr Pickup’s understanding that CCC’s Guy Timperley had agreed to add Fairy Steps wording to both the Slackhead and Cockshot Lane finger posts.

Also noted that, elsewhere in the parish, three further locations (Jonny’s Steps, Teddy Heights and the permissive access track from Carr Bank/B5282 to the embankment) would also benefit from additional signage and should be included in the request to CCC.

7.2 Sandside Cutting/Lees property – Mr & Mrs Lees had asked permission to maintain and protect a small stretch of banking directly behind their property, in Sandside Cutting. This was **agreed** by members subject to various provisos, most importantly that the area must remain the property of BPC (see Clerk’s email to Mrs Lees of 15 May 2020).

7.3 Land at Beetham stocks – BPC sought permission to trim ivy on a tree in this area, but ownership uncertain. After investigation, it seemed likely that the owner was either Angela King or Ashton House. Clerk to investigate further.

7.4 Path beside the River Bela at Beetham Paper Works – a written complaint had been received about the poor state of this path. Clerk to check the situation and discuss with the paper works management; possibly a job for BPC’s Parish Steward.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

June 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/2020/0279	Yew Tree House, Hale		Replacement of porch & utility room.	26/05/20	No objection

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

SL/2015/0009 SL/2015/0989 SL/2018/1006	Barns at Cautley Fm, Whassett	Dallam Estate	Conversion of 2 barns into 3 residential units	12/01/19	No objection
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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(More planning information available on SLDC website – 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 – MAY 2020	MEETING – 1 June, 2020	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
				£	£
01/05/20	Opening balances				20,072.23
31/05/20	Receipts:	Ground rents May	B-Jones	8.34	
			Ryan	20.00	
					28.34
30/04/20	Payments:				
	598	1240	Thwaites – tree work	4,364.00	
	599	1253	GHS – grass-cutting etc	447.00	
	600	1254	Thwaites – emergency tree work	400.00	
	601	1255	Harvey – payroll admin 9mths	37.50	
	602	1256	Scargill – salary May (net)	539.25	
			expense allowances 6mths	412.00	
				951.25	
	603	1252	HMRC – PAYE Apl 2020	134.80	
					-6,334.55
31/05/20	Closing balances				13,766.02
31/05/20	Total funds all accounts				£33,095.01
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/05/20					
			Street lamp reserve		9,600.00
			Sports Field path project reserve		950.00
			General Reserve		8,778.99
			Working funds		13,766.02

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

9.2 Other financial matters – BPC Annual Return (AGAR) forms submitted to external auditors 22/05/20.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – no report.

10.2 Further additions to work programme: possible vegetation clearance work beside the paper works at Beetham (see 7.4 above) and the bridleway connecting the Corn Mill with Church St. Also work in and around the Carr Bank (see 5.5 above) & Stanley St phone boxes.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Pickup – had encountered walking route problems near Pye’s Bridge Lane, Beetham and would provide map references for further action. Also thanked Landscape Trust re Sandside Cutting work.

Cllr Knowles – commented on SLDC bin collection disruption due to pandemic lockdown.

Cllr Meakin – reported a complaint from a resident re quarry vehicles driving in convoy and scattering stones on a cyclist. Convoys were strictly against quarry regulations. Such events should be recorded (date, time, location, lorry number); all quarry vehicles were equipped with multi-angle cameras which were in use perpetually during journeys.

D Cllr Chaffey – reported an excellent response to the appeal for volunteers.

13.0 Parish Land – no further tree-work likely to be needed in Sandside Cutting over the next twelve months. Some work possibly needed at Plot 4, per recent tree survey.

14.0 General Correspondence - the Clerk had confirmed BPC’s acceptance of Athena Accounting’s terms of business for acting as BPC payroll administrator as from 01/04/20.

15.0 Reading Matter – none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (July 2020) and additional to items referred to above.

17.0 Date of next meeting – BPC monthly remote (Zoom) meeting, 7.00pm Monday 6 July 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.