

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 3 July 2023 at Beetham School.

Present were – Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Clark, Greifenberg, Knowles and Phillips. Also Cllr R Audland (for item 6 only), Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – had been received from Cllr Yates (unwell).

2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the meeting of 5 June 2023, previously circulated, were **approved** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Meakin as a correct record.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 5 June 2023 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further progress.

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

5.3 Queen’s Jubilee seat and Storth Playing Field benches (5.3) – all seats now satisfactorily installed and paid for.

5.4 Beetham Village Planters (5.4) – the sign was now awaiting collection from Aztec. Clerk to arrange installation. Questions about disappointing appearance of current planting. Clerk to discuss with Beetham Nurseries.

5.5 BPC member vacancies (5.7) – Dave Phelan had agreed to serve as a co-opted member and would attend the August meeting for formal appointment. Two vacancies remained.

5.6 BPC B5282 traffic mirror (5.8) – **agreed** to replace current damaged mirror after seeking technical advice on most suitable type. Cllr Meakin to inspect and report back. The Parish Steward would draft a suggested alternative white lining at the junction.

5.7 Hale defibrillator (5.9) – BPC’s £500 grant now paid. Remove from future agendas.

5.8 Four Lane Ends verge (5.11) – owners of parked vehicles had been contacted and vehicles now removed. Temporary access restrictions now in place. Cllr Meakin to inspect and advise. Dougie Watson (AONB) to be consulted before further work done.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – no Police Report for June 2023.

6.2 Higher authority report – WFC Councillor Audland reported on discussions re general state of highway surfaces. Parish Steward drew attention to the very poor state of Leighton Beck Road beside Beetham war memorial – linked with longstanding drainage problem. No easy solution. BPC urged to press for any agreed priorities from its newly prepared major projects list.

6.3 Matters raised by electors – Mrs Susan Fairless of Low Croft, Hale expressed disappointment with the lack of police response to a fully reported attempted burglary at her property. Mrs Fairless to email WFC Cllr Audland with details.

7.0 New Matters for consideration –

7.1 The resident of 3 Rosehill Grove, Storth had expressed concern that repairs he was proposing to his boundary wall might have a destabilising effect on BPC’s adjacent Sandside Cutting wall, which was already in poor condition. Cllr Meakin to inspect and report back.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth – legal formalities completed but update of related Land Registry amendment remained outstanding. BPC’s solicitors (Wright & Lord) to follow up.

ii. Tree management etc – tree-work for 2023/24. Jennie Keighley had inspected and earmarked trees requiring attention in the next tranche of work. Scott Thwaites to assess likely cost before work authorised, so as to keep within current year’s budget.

Encroachment on grassed area of Plot 4 by parked vehicles to be followed up by Clerk.

9.00 Planning.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC: June 2023 – July 2023 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	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
SL/2023/0446	12 Langdale Crest, Storth	First floor extension etc	28/06/2023	No objection
SL/2023/0463	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	Discharge of condition 8 re SL/2022/1044		No objection
SL/2023/0472	3 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Erection of BBQ cabin & garden store.	11/07/23.0	No objection

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2023/0382	Field of Moss Hall, Carr Bank Rd	Variation of condition 3 re SL/2010/0562	Granted with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

10. Financial matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	MONTH – JUNE 2023 Detail	MEETING – 3 JULY 2023	
				Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/06/23	Opening balance			13,898.43	19,381.97
30/06/23	Receipts	Ground rents May - B-Jones Barclays - bank interest to 4 June		8.34	40.01
	Payments				
	804	1520 Thwaites – tree work VAT	2,000.00 400.00		
			2,400.00		
	805	1521 Envirotech – Defib grant	500.00		
	806	1522 Johnston – P F seats installation VAT	1,045.00 209.00		
			1,254.00		
	807	1523 Scargill – Clerk’s sal June (net)	613.73		
	808	1524 HMRC – PAYE June	154.66		
				-4,922.39	
30/06/23	Closing balances			8,984.38	19,422.38
30/06/23	Total funds all accounts			£ 28,406.76	

Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/06/23

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	17,356.76
Total funds	28,406.76

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED.

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events – Bill Haddow reported:

- i. Poor road condition beside Beetham war memorial (see also 6.2 above).
- ii. Excessive traffic speeds on the A6 through Beetham. Inconsistent 30mph restriction signs.
- iii. Illegal car parking in A6 bus stop layby by Heron theatre patrons. Clerk to address.
- iv. Poor state of the three planters on verge opposite Beetham war memorial and now maintained by Beetham Nurseries (Clerk to address) and the two other A6 planters located further south (Parish Steward and volunteers to undertake future maintenance).
- v. Wheatsheaf advertising sign at A6/Leighton Beck Road junction – no planning permission and blocking traffic sight lines (WFC Cllr Audland to speak to Wheatsheaf management).
- vi. A6 path (school to war memorial) – poor surface and overhang of hedges of adjacent Stanley Street properties (Cllr Phillips to speak to relevant property owners).

11.2 Additions to work programme – possibly dealing with work needed at the Four Lane Ends site re verge reinstatement/protection (see item 5.8).

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – meetings by Beetham Exhibition Trust (BPC rep. Cllr Greifenberg) and Burton Educational Foundation (BPC rep. Cllr Phillips) – imminent.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Phillips – reported highly excessive speeding by A6 traffic (with potential danger to Beetham school pupils), disappointing absence of any B4RN presence/activity in Beetham Village and the state of the A6 path between the school and the war memorial (see also 11.1vi above).

14.0 General correspondence –none.

15.0 Reading Matter received – Keer to Kent, current issue.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (August 2023) and additional to items referred to above – Street lamp 247, Stanley Street, Beetham – remove or replace?

17.0 Date of next meeting – monthly BPC meeting, 7pm Mon 21 August 2023 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.