

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 5 July 2021 at Storth VH.

Present were – Cllrs Knowles (Chair), Crayston, Dean, Dewar, Meakin, & Greifenberg. Also C Cllr McSweeney and four members of the public for items 1-4, 6 and 8 only.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Yates (holiday) and Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7 June 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 – Cllr Knowles welcomed the four members of the public and explained the protocol for them to speak at a parish council meeting.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 7 June 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further progress at this time - awaiting the next public meeting, to be arranged when Covid restrictions allow. Cllr Dean reported renewed flooding by the Beetham cenotaph. Ongoing.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – as with 5.1 above. Ongoing.

5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3) – some developments - see item 6 below.

5.4 Mobile SIDs on loan (5.4) – no further developments. Ongoing.

5.5 Electricity North West funding for street lamps conversion to LED (5.5) – the Clerk had made one final unsuccessful attempt to extract a response from Electricity NW and on 16 June had lodged a formal complaint with ENW's CEO – again no response.

5.6 A second SID for BPC (5.6) – Clerk still to contact 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) – further samples had been taken by CCC and the results of their analysis were now awaited.

5.8 BPC admin contingency planning (5.9) – members accepted the Clerk's suggestion to defer further discussion until the September meeting, to allow time for him to revise the BPC filing system and prepare relevant procedure notes.

5.9 BPC member vacancy (7.1) – no response as yet to the published invitation to apply. Application deadline extended. Specific residents to be approached personally.

5.10 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2/6/22 – Clerk to check for possible joint projects with neighbouring PCs re tree planting, celebration beacons/bonfires etc.

6. Public Participation.

6.1/2 County and District Council matters (C Cllr McSweeney):

i. Beetham Ghost footpath - C Cllr McSweeney reported some progress, with compromise discussions between the parties now taking place. An acceptable outcome was hoped for.

ii. Carr Bank bus stop plinth – Clerk to complete a formal agreement document with CCC for the necessary work then proceed to find a contractor. Traffic controls would be needed while the work was in progress. C Cllr McSweeney to arrange all necessary funding.

iii. Unitary authority – the Secretary of State's final decision was expected w/c 19 July 2021.

iv. Constituency boundary changes 2023 – review process to be online - deadline 2 August 2021.

v. South Lakeland Local Plan 2040 – the public's view sought.

6.3 Matters raised by electors – concern about the future of The Ship Inn, at Sandside and the apparent lack of progress with repair/development work. Also its suggested registration as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Knowles and fellow BPC members had received credible assurances from the owners and the promise of regular progress reports. *For concerns about trees see item 8.*

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Wild flower planting – ideas briefly discussed. Cllr Dean to put together a proposal.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Wall at 14 Rose Hill Grove – the property owners had agreed BPC’s proposals for transferring the land in question. Clerk now to pass the matter over to BPC’s solicitors for the legal formalities.

ii. Trees at Sandend, Green Lane, Storth (Stringer) – Jennie Keighley had attended a further site meeting and declared the sycamore trees in question to be healthy and posing no health & safety problems. It had been established that these trees were not covered by a TPO. After private discussion, BPC members present voted by a majority against having the trees felled, but agreed to permit overhang pruning by the owner and at his expense. However, it was accepted that the trees were regarded by the Sandend property owner and his next-door neighbour as a nuisance and possible danger in certain weather conditions. Clerk to ask SLDC Tree Manager (Graham Nicholson) for his opinion and advise Mr Stringer of the time and date of his inspection. Moreover, that there were wider, long-term issues here which BPC needed to address. **Agreed** – that an extraordinary BPC meeting be held as soon as practicable and before the next scheduled PC meeting in September, with the sole purpose of considering these issues before a final decision on the Sandend trees. Clerk to arrange.

iii. Tree near Crow’s Nest, Green Lane, Storth (Dale) – had been established to be rooted on the public highway, not BPC land. Property owner to approach CCC for action.

iv. Oak tree near 5 Dallam Drive, Storth (Francis) – Jennie Keighley had inspected and advised this tree to be healthy, structurally sound and of no present danger to the public or this property. BPC members present voted against having this tree felled or trimmed in any way, but agreed that the Clerk ask the SLDC Tree Manager for his opinion before advising the property owner.

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

10. Parish Footpath issues – nothing to report.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

July 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/2021/0405	The Duke, Farleton		Canine glamping pods	02/07/21	Some concerns
SL/2021/0595	Rose Lea, Keasdale Av, C Bk		Detached double garage	05/07/21	No objection
SL/2021/0606	Farleton View, 3 L B Rd, Slack’hd		Replacement windows + roof lights added		No objection
SL/2021/0632	Pyes Bridge Farm, Hale		Demolition of redundant farm bldgs. & construction of 3 double garages		No objection
SL/2021/0647	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale		New reception area + car parkig + nature reserve extention	21/07/21	No objection
PN/2021/0047	Low Wood Edge Farm, Haverbrack		Replacement of yard surface & midden roof		No objection

(More planning information available on SLDC website – 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 – JUNE 2021		MEETING – 5 July 2021	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/06/21	Opening balance			12,403.53	19,337.81
30/06/21	Receipts	Ground rents June	B-Jones 8.34 Cooper 100.00	108.34	
		Bank interest 3mths to 6 June			.48
		VAT refund for 2020/21		526.11	
30/06/21	Payments:				
	664	1319	Lakeland Tree Con - advice	110.00	
	665	1320	Storth VH – room hire	17.00	
	666	1321	SLDC – street lighting 2019/20	4,350.69	
	667	1322	Scargill – Clerk’s sal June (net)	569.48	
	668	1323	HMRC – PAYE June	142.40	
	669	1324	Scargill – Postage/staty Apl-June	90.00	
			- VAT	14.84	
				104.84	
	670	1325	GHS – grass cutting June	380.00	
				-5,674.41	
30/06/21	Closing balances			7,363.57	19,338.29
30/06/21	Total funds all accounts			£26,701.86	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/06/21					
			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	15,391.86	
			Total funds	26,701.86	

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

12.2 Other financial matters – none.

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 – Beetham Exhibition Trust – meeting 8/7/21.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Knowles – had received a request that the ‘traffic slow’ sign made by Beetham School children be supplemented by a proper, official sign.

16.0 General Correspondence received:

30/06/21 – CCC – details of new Highways road fault reporting/monitoring system.

17.0 Reading Matter – none.

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

19.0 Date of next meetings - PC meeting 7.00pm Mon 6 Sept (venue to be confirmed).

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.