

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The September meeting of Beetham Parish Council was preceded by a presentation on major development plans for dwellings on brownfield land formally identified for this purpose at Sandside and previously occupied by Travis Perkins and currently by Willacy builders, together with two smaller adjacent plots - all designated within the AONB Development Plan for housing and light industry. The presentation was given by Harry Tonge on behalf of local town planners Steven Abbott Associates and Ian Lipscomb representing the architects, in advance of formal submission of the plans to SLDC.

The development was for some 126 dwellings, consisting of apartments and individual housing, together with carparking, units for light industry plus a café/restaurant. Some traffic issues remained to be addressed. No local occupancy restrictions currently applied. AONB policy was for 35/50% affordable housing.

The presentation, lasting approximately thirty minutes, included slides of ground plans for the three sites and drawings of their intended final appearance. It was followed by some ten minutes of questions and answers. All BPC members attended plus some twenty members of the public.

The September Parish Council meeting followed at approximately 7.40pm.

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 5 September 2022 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Meakin(Chair), Clark, Crayston, Dewar, Greifenberg, Harnett, Knowles and Yates. Also D Cllr H Chaffey and Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill. Five members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - had been received in writing from C Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Steward Bill Haddow. All apologies accepted by the meeting.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4 August 2022, 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 - none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4 July & 15 August 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) - Chris Evans identified as BPC's Environment Agency contact Elsewhere no further progress.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) - no further progress.

5.3 Mobile SID on loan (5.3) - no progress with finding a suitable location for this. Also indications that it may be required for use by another parish in the near future.

5.4 BPC-owned SIDs (5.4). Despite a number of emailed requests, Zurich Insurance had failed to provide details of the third party responsible for damaging the original SID at Sandside or those of his insurer. D Cllr Chaffey to try to obtain this information from the police.

5.5 Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5) -Dallam Estate, as owners of the site, were unwilling to allow new tree planting on the Playing Field, but any surplus trees from those currently on order would be accommodated elsewhere.

- 5.6 **Wild flower planting (5.6)** – grass on the site needed to be cut by the Parish Steward before the planned plug planting by the AONB and school representatives on 20 September.
- 5.7 **Beetham war memorial maintenance (5.7)** – professional cleaning deferred.
- 5.8 **BPC Whassett notice board (5.8)** – now received and installed.
- 5.9 **Slackhead street lamp 248 (5.9)** – agreed – a lamp replacement progress report from CCC awaited.
- 5.10 **Brian Dean memorial bench (5.11)** – now complete. Donation received to cover cost.
- 5.11 **Queen’s jubilee bench and Storth Playing Field benches (5.11)** – donation from Playing Field Committee received. Three replacement benches now to be ordered.
- 5.12 **Beetham Village Planters (7.2)** - Beetham Nurseries (BN) were keen to take over maintenance of the planters. BPC to request that BN source the plaques and suggest suitable wording, but remind BN again that BPC held £300 of its monies.
- 5.13 **BPC vacancy (7.3)** - Mark Phillips from Beetham had expressed interest in joining BPC following a pre-arranged meeting with the Clerk. **Agreed** – that Mark Phillips be invited to join BPC as a co-opted member as from its October 2022 meeting.

6.0 Public Participation.

- 6.1 **Police matters** – police reports dated 13 July & 11 August 2022 received and circulated. No Beetham parish incidents.
- 6.2/3 **County & District (D Cllr Chaffey)** – progress towards a start date of April 2023 for the new Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority was on track. Education and housing currently being discussed.
- 6.4 **Matters raised by members of the public** –
 - i. growing accumulation of rubble outside The Ship Inn at Sandside remained an eyesore. D Cllr Chaffey would see what could be done to deal with this. Jane Fox to be sent a copy of Mrs Houghton’s last letter to BPC re The Ship.
 - ii. Questions remained about current ownership of the foreshore at Sandside – BPC to check with Land Registry.
 - iii. In response to a request from a resident, BPC to decline to take over responsibility and cost for repairing/painting railings along promenade at Sandside, which was Highways matter.
 - iv. in response from a query from a local resident, D Cllr Chaffey would provide BPC (Cllr Harnett) with details of the process for CCC’s adoption of a private road.
 - v. in response to an email from Hannah Gardner re unacceptable amounts of litter along the verge of the A6 at Beetham/Hale and asking for more litter bins, BPC to pass this email to CCC.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

- 7.1 **The Ship Inn – registration as a Community Asset** – now confirmed by SLDC.
- 7.2 **Leighton Beck Road traffic concerns** – an email from Julie Gannicliffe had been circulated. This was a long-standing problem relating essentially to the original layout/structure of this road and for which no easy solution could be found. This email to be forwarded to CCC.
- 7.3 **Parish Council Elections 2023** – BPC had been advised that it may have to self-fund (and, therefore, budget for) any Beetham Parish Council election that may be needed in 2023.
- 7.4 **Storth Community Transport annual report June 2022** – had been received – details read out at meeting.

8. BPC Land issues:

- i. **Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth** – legal formalities slow but proceeding.
- ii. **Tree management etc** – BPC had been advised by a resident of a potential tree problem at The Pasture, Storth. Cllr Meakin had inspected and suggested BPC’s arboriculturist Jennie Keighley be asked to assess - BPC currently awaiting her response.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

July 2022 – Aug/Sept 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/2022/0609	The Homestead, Carr Bank Rd	One additional solar roof panel.		No objection
SL/2022/0650	Three Ways, Deepdale Close, Slackhead	Erection of garden sheds & bin store	05/08/22	No objection
SL/2022/ 0666-7	B5282 Bela Br.	Localised rebuilding & repointing	24/08/22	No objection
SL/2022/0708	Hazelslack Farm	Removal of seasonal conditions re planning permission 5/78/1605		Some concerns – check with AONB
SL/2922/0691	Moss Lea, Carr Bank Rd	Replacement double garage	05/09/22	No objection
PN/2022/0092	Hazelslack Farm	Steel-frame agricultural building	22/09/2	Awaiting more information

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2021/1063	Land off Dallam Dr, Sandside	Detached 2-storey dwelling +granny flat.	Refused
PN/2022/0081	Woodlasnd Cockshot Lane/ Throughs Lane	Forestry store for Dallam Estate	No longer required
SL/2022/0193	Ashton House, Beetham	Extensive refurbishment of windows, doors & frontage + electrical etc services	Granted with conditions
SL/2022/0518	Fell End Cottage, Yans Lane, Storth	Discharge of conditions re SL/2021/1193	Approved
SL/2022/0609	The Homestead, Casrr Bank Rd	Lawful development certificate for adding more solar roof panels.	Approved

(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

MONTH – JULY 2022

MEETING – 15 August 2022

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/07/22	Opening balance			9,452.75	19,341.19
31/07/22	Receipts	Ground rents July -	B-Jones	8.34	
			- Ryan	20.00	
		Notice board repair contribution – Storth VH		136.00	
					164.34
	Payments				
	741 1396	Underwood – Storth notice boards repair		441.00	
	742 1397	CHBT – defib. annual support		135.00	
		VAT		27.00	
					162.00
	743 1398	GHS – grass-cutting		370.00	
	744 1399	Scargill – Clerk’s sal July (net)		569.48	
	745 1400	HMRC – PAYE July		142.40	
					-1,684.88

31/07/22	Closing balances			7,932.21	19,341.19

31/07/22	Total funds all accounts			£ 27,273.40	

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

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01/08/22	Opening balance				19,341.19
31/08/22	Receipts	Ground rents Aug -	B-Jones	8.34	
		-	Ryan	20.00	
					28.34
	Payments				
	746	1401	Greenbanks – notice board VAT	550.99 110.20	
					661.19
	747	1402	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Aug (net)	569.48	
	748	1403	HMRC – PAYE Aug	142.40	
	749	1404	Scargill – Postage & Stat’y 3 mths VAT	83.28 12.96	
				96.24	
					-1,469.31
				6,491.24	19,341.19
31/08/22	Total funds all accounts				£ 25,832.43
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/08/22					
			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		14,782.43
			Total funds		25,832.43

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

NOTE- donations of £624 (Dean) and £1,200 (Storth PFC) received but not yet recorded by bank.

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events – none.

11.2 Additions to work programme – see Wild Flower Planting (5.6 above).

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

Cllr Crayston - had attended a meeting of Beetham Exhibition Trust on 22 July.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only) – none.

14.0 General correspondence:

08/07/22 CCC – Homes for Ukraine update.

19/07/22 CCC – Account Functionality now live for parish councils.

25/07/22 CALC – advice re powers of parish councils (bank accounts).

04/08/22 CCC – modification order re Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

31/08/22 C Cllr P McSweeney (CCC) – clarification of Sandside foreshore access situation.+

Undated Carol Elbourne – suggestion for a Bring, Swap, Donate or Take stall on Storth Green.

15.0 Reading Matter received - Clerks & Councils Direct - issue 143 (Sept 2022).

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Oct 2022) and additional to items referred to above – suggestion for a BSTD stall on Storth Green (see item 14 above).

17.0 Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Mon 3 Oct 2022 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.