

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd September 2019 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Peter Greifenberg, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also District Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill and Parish Steward Bill Haddow. One member of the public (Brian Dean).

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Knowles (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1 July 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting 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 1 July 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

- 5.1 Beetham defibrillator (5.2)** - the defibrillator was now installed in the Stanley Street phone box and understood to be 'live'. Sue Cox has been asked to inspect & confirm.
- 5.2 Beetham flooding (5.3)** - Brian Dean summarised progress to date by the Beetham Flood Resilience Group - some meetings with the Environment Agency but no chance of their early practical assistance. Other useful contacts made with similar neighbouring groups, including Kendal. Some funding available, including from BPC. Residents generally needed to be made aware of advance self-help measures that could be taken.
- 5.3 Carr Bank Road issues (5.4)** - usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282, Carr Bank Road and Guard Hill Lane. Premature (pre-seeding) cut of some verges by CCC operatives. The wall around the well at Jonny's Steps was breaking down and could be a danger to the public - **agreed** - BPC to organise & fund the necessary repairs (Clerk). The loaned SID, recently in Whassett, to be re-sited on the B5282 at Carr Bank (Cllr Crayston).
- 5.4 Beetham Crematorium traffic problem (5.6)** - no real progress. BPC to seek another meeting with Fishwicks to discuss (Clerk). The police 101 call line to be used to report further related traffic problems on the A6.
- 5.5 Fairy Steps access signage (5.7)** - C Cllr McSweeney to follow up with CCC.
- 5.6a Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.8)** - now identified as most likely emanating from Fairy Steps Cottage; dialogue with householder underway.
- 5.6b Leighton Beck Road signage** - no road signs for this road - D Cllr McSweeney to raise with SLDC.
- 5.7 Co-option of BPC members (5.9)** - Brian Dean had indicated his interest in the Beetham East Ward position and was welcomed to the meeting by members with formal recruitment procedures to follow (Clerk). Cllr Greifenberg to follow up a lead for the Beetham West Ward vacancy.
- 5.8 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.10)** - a wide range of size, type and cost options were available - **agreed** a circular mirror of at least 600m diameter would be best for the location - Cllr Meakin and Clerk to select and order for +/- £300.
- 5.9 Cars parked near 40 Leighton Beck Road (5.11)** - Cllr Yates, as the nearest householder, did not find this a significant problem. Remove from future agendas.
- 5.10 Beetham ghost footpath (5.12)** - C Cllr McSweeney had established that a raised footway was not an option for CCC. **Agreed** (with Cllr Pickup the only dissenter) - that BPC (via C Cllr McSweeney) now reluctantly request CCC enforcement of the removal of vegetation, planters etc from the existing ghost footpath at Box Tree Cottage.
- 5.11 Stanley Street, Beetham car parking problem (5.11)** - no further progress.

5.12 **CALC courses for BPC members (7)** – details of available courses circulated at the meeting. Interested members to contact the Clerk who would book places as needed.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – report for August received and circulated before the BPC meeting. Clerk to enquire why the Whasset break-in in March 2019 had not appeared on any police report.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters – the ‘unsuitable for caravans’ sign in Leighton Beck Road to be replaced/repositioned by Highways. Other missing signs in Beetham village could be replaced subject to BPC/C Cllr McSweeney agreeing to bear the cost of the signs, with Highways providing and funding suitable poles. The missing bus-stop sign outside The Ship, on the B5282, was unlikely to be replaced. Gully/drain clearing was proceeding currently and any recurring problems were to be reported via the Highways website. The resurfacing of Guard Hill Lane had now been put back to 2020/21 due to other Highways priorities. Members reminded that hedge cutting was normally the landowner’s responsibility.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 Clerk’s contract of employment – agreed - to be revised in view of changes to the original terms. Cllr Meakin to prepare an updated Job Description.

7.2 Highcote Back Lane, Slackhead – agreed – BPC would support in principle (but not financially) a DPRW application by residents provided it was made in a proper, fully-researched manner.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

September 2019 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/2019/0520 | Lark Rise, Carr Bk | | Single-storey front ext’n to balcony | 26/07/19 | No objection |
| SL/2029/0543 | Moss Lea, Carr Bk | | Two-storey side ext’n | 31/07/19 | No objection |
| SL/2029/0592 | Dungarth, Carr Bk | | Extension & alterations | 12/08/19 | No objection |
| SL/2029/0633 | 6 Fellfoot Cottages, Farleton | | Single-storey extensions to front, side & rear. | 03/09/19 | No objection |

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

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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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| SL/2019/0070 | 5 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead | | Two-storey side extension | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2029/0429 | Four Lane Ends, Storth Rd | | Replacement roof and garage ext’n/store/workshop | Approved with conditions |
| SL/2019/0498 | Ballandra, 24 Hillcrest Dr, Slackhead | | Single-storey rear ext’n | Approved with conditions |

(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 – JULY/AUG 2019 | | MEETING – 2 Sept, 2019 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| Date | Transaction | Payee/er | Detail | Current a/c | | HIBA | |
| | | | | £ | £ | £ | |
| 01/07/19 | Opening balances | | | | 16,136.01 | 19,293.33 | |
| 31/08/19 | Receipts: | | Ground rents July - B-Jones | 8.34 | | | |
| | | | - Ryan | 20.00 | | | |
| | | | Aug - B-Jones | 8.34 | | | |
| | | | - Ryan | 20.00 | | | |
| | | | | | 56.68 | | |
| 31/08/19 | Payments: | | | | | | |
| | 553 | 1207 | Scargill – Clerk’s sal July (net) | 447.28 | | | |
| | 554 | 1208 | Littlejohn – exr. Audit 2018/19 | 200.00 | | | |
| | | | VAT | 40.00 | | | |
| | | | | | 240.00 | | |
| | 555 | 1209 | GHS – grass-cutting etc | 925.00 | | | |
| | 556 | 1210 | Harvey – internal audit 2018/19 | 50.00 | | | |
| | 557 | 1211 | Scargill – Clerk’s sal Aug (net) | 447.28 | | | |
| | Total payments in month | | | | -2,109.56 | | |
| 31/08/19 | Closing balances | | | | 14,083.13 | 19,293.33 | |
| 31/08/19 | Total funds all accounts | | | | | £33,376.46 | |
| Reserve Funds at 31/08/19 | | | Street lamp reserve | 9,600.00 | | | |
| | | | General Reserve | 9,693.33 | | | |
| | | | Total reserves | 19,293.33 | | | |

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

9.2 Other financial matters – BPC annual accounts 2018/19 cleared with no adverse comment by external auditor.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – Memorial willow tree at Four Lane Ends in need of attention.
 - Copper beech at nearby location – felled (maybe unlawfully).
 - Storth BPC notice board needs repair (Cllr Meakin to inspect).
 - Ash die-back in Stanley Street, Beetham (keep observed).

10.2 Further additions to work programme – Four Lane Ends willow tree (see above).

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – Cllrs Crayston had attended a meeting of Burton Exhibition Trust and noted that significant funds in bank earning little interest and no BET member ‘trustee-trained’. Suggestions made for alternative investments to increase income.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Crayston – noted that A6 bridge at Beetham still had warning barriers pending repair. C Cllr McSweeney assured members that major remedial work due to commence soon.

Cllr Clark – some reported potholes had been repaired with all work apparently on schedule.

Cllr Meakin – reported a site meeting with Dougie Watson of AONB, mainly re imminent ‘sweeping’ of Sandside Cutting. Also orchid verge soon to be cut and an A6 litter-pick organised.

13.0 Parish Land.

13.1 – Sandside Cutting – Cllr Pickup to complete the process renewal of the felling licence – urgent now as current licence expiry deadline in September.

14.0 General Correspondence received:

30/07/19 - Beetham Band application for BPC grant in 2019/20 - Clerk to request costings.

05/08/19 - Beetham WI - notice of replacement of WI notice board in Church Street.

15.0 Reading Matter - none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (October 2019) and additional to items referred to above - possible participation of BPC in Cumbria in Bloom 2020.

17.0 Date of next meeting - monthly meeting 7 October 2019 at Storth Village Church

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.