

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 4 Oct 2021 at Storth Village Church.

Present were – Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Clark, Crayston, Dean, Dewar, Greifenberg, Harnett, Knowles and Yates. Also Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence –received and accepted C Cllr McSweeney who had suddenly been taken seriously ill.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6 September 2021, 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 – On behalf of all BPC members, Cllr Meakin extended very best wishes to C Cllr McSweeney for a speedy recovery.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 6 September 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – Cllrs Dean and Greifenberg had recently had a productive meeting with Chris Evans (Environment Agency). Special attention had been paid to the weir as a feature of the river in Beetham that seemed to offer the prospect of a relatively cost effective solution to the village flooding problem. Surface water on Leighton Beck Road (item 5.2 below) was also covered as one contributory factor.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – as with 5.1 above. Funding known to be available. Ongoing.

5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3) – some minor trimming had recently taken place. No further action planned at this time. Continued monitoring.

5.4 Mobile SID on loan (5.4) – SID back in action on A6. Insurance cover situation to be checked. Ongoing.

5.5 BPC-owned SIDs (5.6). BPC's insurers had confirmed valid cover for the recently destroyed Sandside SID (to be requested in writing before replacement ordered). Noted that a new support pole would also be needed. Billerud to be asked to confirm its continued financial support for a second SID, despite the A6 having been officially ruled out (by Highways) as a location. Clerk to action.

5.6 BPC admin contingency planning (5.8) – the Clerk had summarised his duties in writing – to be circulated to all members. Cllrs Crayston and Knowles to meet in Clerk's office to consider what additional information might need to be recorded to help cover the situation of his sudden, unexpected absence.

5.7 Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.10) – a meeting between representatives of BPC and Milnthorpe PC (no Arnside PC representation) had confirmed that tree planting was the favoured way of celebrating this important event. Dallam Tower Estate to be invited to be involved.

5.8 Wild flower planting (5.11) – Highways had been asked for approval of the selected Storth Road site. Response awaited.

5.9 Slackhead Refuse Tip (Hale Marble Quarry) leachate (5.7) – a local resident with the appropriate expertise had asked to see CCC's detailed findings. Cllr Greifenberg had similar expertise and would meet him, with Cllr Meakin, to discuss.

5.10 W heatsheaf A6 signage (6.3) – Highways had notified BPC that no action was to be taken with this issue.

6.0 Public Participation – no discussion of this agenda item in the absence of C Cllr McSweeney.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

- 7.1 **Beetham war memorial maintenance** - agreed that action by BPC needed to deal with this situation, with early cleaning a priority. Clerk to check for suitable cleaning companies. All parish war memorials will be provided for in terms of cleaning and general maintenance.
- 7.2 **New Code of Conduct** - a new Code of Conduct that SLDC requested be adopted by all parish councils had been circulated to all BPC members. **Agreed** - that this be adopted.

8. BPC Land issues:

- i. Land/boundary wall 14 Rose Hill Grove** – legal formalities for the transfer now completed. Clerk to advise other nearby residents who has expressed interest in a similar arrangement.
- ii. Other land matters** – none.
- iii. Plot 4** – a site meeting with nearby residents had proved useful and a further site meeting had been arranged with BPC’s professional arboriculturist in attendance.
- iv. Trees adjacent to Crow’s Nest, Green Lane, Storth (Dale)** – Cllrs Meakin and Yates, together with the Clerk, had attended a site meeting with the owner to inspect a further problem that had arisen. **Agreed** – that Thwaites be asked to quote for dealing with this problem.

9. Carr Bank B5282 bus stop – one full year had now passed since this problem had first arisen and all permission formalities required before work could start had yet to be completed. The Clerk had prepared a diary of events to date which was read out to the meeting and highlighted the unacceptable delays experienced with the approval system. **Agreed** – that this diary of events be sent to the CCC Highways Manager, with copy to CCC CEO.

10. Parish Footpath issues – nothing to report.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Oct 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/2021/0854	Strathairlie, Carr Bank Rd		Timber frame for garden shed	21/10/21	No objection
SL:/2021/0917	Unnamed field near Holme		Discharge of conditions 7/8 attaching to permission for SL/2021/0226		Restate BPC objections

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

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11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2021/0230	Treetops, 4 Keasdale Ave, Carr Bank		Detached garage	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0640	The Buck House, Dallam Estate		Extensive repairs following serious fire	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0713	Ashton House, Beetham		Roof repairs etc	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0777	Land east of Leighton Beck Rd		One dwelling	Refused

(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

11.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

11.4 Related matters & correspondence:

- no further progress/information re planning enforcement at 3 Rose Hill Grove, Storth.
- notification of deadline extension for SLDC's local planning review.

12. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2021		MEETING – 4 Oct 2021	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c		
				£	£	£	£
01/09/21	Opening balance				6,192.26	19,338.29	
30/09/21	Receipts	Ground rents September	B-Jones (re April)	8.34			
			B-Jones (re Sept)	8.34			
					16.68		
			SLDC – precept 2021/22 (second 50%)		10,953.42		
			Barclays – bank interest to 5 Sept				.48
	Payments						
	681	1336	Scargill – postage & stat'y July-Sept	93.80			
			VAT	16.97			
					110.77		
	682	1337	Scargill – Clerk's sal Sept (net)	598.48			
	683	1334	HMRC – PAYE Sept	113.40			
					-822.65		
30/09/21	Closing balances				16,339.71	19,338.77	
30/09/21	Total funds all accounts				£35,678.48		
Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/09/21							
			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		24,368.48		
			Total funds		35,678.48		

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

12.2 Other financial matters – none.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – none.

13.2 Further additions to work programme – remove for safe-keeping BPC notice board from collapsing wall in Storth Square. (Notice board itself later reported in need of attention/replacement).

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Crayston – usual blocked drain on B6384 at Whassett, causing road flooding - now cleared.

16.0 General Correspondence received:

Confirmation from BT of completion of transfer of ownership of Carr Bank Road defunct telephone kiosk to BPC as from 21 March 2020.

17.0 Reading Matter – none.

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

19.0 Date of next meeting - PC meeting 7.00pm Mon 1 Nov at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.