

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 2 October 2023 at Beetham School.

**Present were** - Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Knowles, Phelan and Phillips. Also WFC Cllr R Audland, Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

Cllr Phelan signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a BPC member.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - had been received from Cllrs Meakin and Yates (holidays) and Cllr Clark (work).

**2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting** - the minutes of the meeting of 21 August 2023, previously circulated, were **approved** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Greifenberg 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 21 August 2023 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** - no further progress. Clerk to provide Cllr Greifenberg with Environment Agency contact details.

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

**5.3 BPC member vacancies (5.5)** - Following the appointment of Cllr Phelan, renewed efforts to be made to fill the remaining two vacancies.

**5.4 Four Lane Ends verge (5.8)** - work continuing to complete this project in the near future, using turf donated by a Storth resident.

**5.5 Sandside Cutting wall at properties 3 & 12 Rose Hill Grove (7.1)** - had been inspected by Cllr Meakin and an approved walling contractor - quote awaited.

**5.6 Beetham village traffic speeds (7.5)** - a survey among village residents organised by Cllr Phillips had produced a good response and a number of new ideas. Cllr Phillips proposed hiring a speed monitoring device for a limited period to record traffic speeds at several village locations as a means of assessing the long-term need for better control and how this might be achieved; Cllr Phillips to follow up. Where the A6 passes through the village traffic speeds continue to be an issue, although there had been a noticeable improvement since structural concerns about the bridge had led to the installation of 30mph limit signs. It was noted that this temporary restriction had been extended for a further eighteen months subject to work on the bridge being completed.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police matters** - Police Reports dated 5 July and 1 Sept. had been circulated to members.

**6.2 Higher authority report** - WFC Councillor Audland reported good progress on most Issues by the new council.

**6.3 Matters raised by electors** - none.

**7.0 New Matters for consideration -**

**7.1 BPC Code of Conduct issue.** BPC had now sent a letter to the WFC Monitoring Officer setting out details of the alleged Code of Conduct breach by one of its members at a meeting on 6 February 2023 and the outcome was awaited.

**7.2 Beetham village dog fouling** – what was now considered to be an isolated incident of dog fouling in an area near the stocks had produced a welcome and helpful response from The Wheatsheaf, which made disposal bags available free of charge to its customers.

**7.3 Storth Community Transport annual report 2022/23** – received and circulated.

**7.4 Storth wild-flower verge** – BPC Parish Steward will cut the grass and AONB volunteers remove the resultant brash in the near future.

**7.5 Replacement of streetlamp 270 (Keasdale Road)** – following notification by BT that its pole at this location was to be replaced, BPC’s lamp 270 would need to be removed. A lamp here was considered essential by local residents. A quotation for a freestanding equivalent was awaited. Clerk to provide WFC Cllr Audland with an existing parish streetlamp list (cc Cllr Phelan).

**8. BPC Land issues:**

**i. Unauthorised car parking at Plot 4, Slackhead** – an issue had arisen with one of the nearby residents, for which an amicable solution was being sought.

**ii. Tree management etc** – all tree-work for 2023/24 had now been completed and to budget. The condition of ash trees throughout the parish needed to be considered – next meeting agenda.

**9.00 Planning.**

**9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:**

**Aug/Sept 2023 – Oct 2023 meeting.**

**0Type 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
PN/2023/0101	Land at Beetham	Request for prior approval of proposed agricultural cow track		No objection

**9.2 Decisions received from SLDC**

**SLDC decisions**

SL/2023/0446	12 Langdale Crest Storth	First floor extension etc	Grant with conditions
SL/2023/0463	Lakeland Wildlife, Oasis, Hale	Discharge of condition 8 re SL/2022/1044	Accepted

**9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings** – as above.

**9.4 Related matters & correspondence** – none.

**10. Financial matters:**

**BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT**

**MONTH – AUG/SEPT 2023**

**MEETING – 2 OCTOBER 2023**

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
				£	£
01/08/23	Opening balance			7,574.52	19,422.38
30/09/23	Receipts	Ground rents May - B-Jones		8.34	
		Barclays – bank interest to 3 Sept			52.04
	Payments				
	816	1532	Thwaites – tree work	2,000.00	
			VAT	400.00	
				2,400.00	
	817	1533	Dallam – Bus shelter annual ground rent	50.00	
	818	1534	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Aug (net)	613.73	
	819	1535	HMRC – PAYE Aug	154.66	
	820	1536	Moore – external audit 2022/23	210.00	
			VAT	42.00	
				252.00	
	821	1537	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Sept (net)	613.73	
	822	1538	HMRC – PAYE Sept	154.66	
				-4,238.78	
30/09/23	Closing balances			3,344.08	19,474.42
30/09/23	Total funds all accounts			£ 22,818.50	

**Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/09/23**

Street lamp reserve	9,600.00
Sports Field path project reserve (SLDC/PMS)	450.00
<b>SID2 (SLDC/PMS)</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

Total reserves/allocated funds	11,050.00
Working funds	11,768.50
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>22,818.50</b>

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

**Other finance matters** - points raised by external audit 2022/23 to be addressed – Clerk.  
 - BPC Finance Group vacancy needs to be filled – next meeting agenda.

**11.0 Parish Steward:**

**11.1 Update on current events** - supporting structure for Beetham stocks need attention - next meeting agenda.

**11.2 Additions to work programme** - none.

**12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** - none.

**13.0 Parish Matters (for information only)** - none.

**14.0 General correspondence:**

- 7/9/23 from CALC - Shaping & Service Delivery Survey - consider.

- 11/9/23 from Beetham School re Stanley Street overhanging trees - dealt with.

**15.0 Reading Matter received** - Keer to Kent, Sept 2023 issue.

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (November 2023) and additional to items referred to above** - none.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - monthly BPC meeting, 7pm Mon 6 November 2023 at Storth Village Church.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm.**