

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 1 Nov. 2021 at Storth Village Church.

Present were – Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Clark, Crayston, Greifenberg, Harnett and Knowles. Also C Cllr McSweeney (item 6 only) and Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence –received and accepted from Cllrs Dean (traffic hold-up), Dewar (work), and Yates (family commitment). Also from PS Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4 October 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 – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4 October 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

- 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – Cllr Dean had written to Colin Parkes (CCC) re Leighton Beck Rd flood mitigation work that CCC had undertaken to do – response awaited. A report from Chris Evans (Environment Agency) was also awaited.
- 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)** – No further action planned at this time. Continue monitoring.
- 5.4 Mobile SID on loan (5.4)** – currently in action in Beetham.
- 5.5 BPC-owned SIDs (5.6)**. BPC’s insurers had accepted as valid BPC’s claim for replacement of the Sandside-located SID destroyed in the 23 August traffic incident. Clerk to verify precise amount of financial compensation and proceed to order an identical (solar powered) replacement unit from Pandora. Also, and as a priority, to ask CCC to replace the support pole for this unit, also damaged in the incident. Cllr Crayston to provide details of the mobile SID on loan from SLDC with a view to BPC purchasing its own similar unit.
- 5.6 BPC admin contingency planning (5.8)** – Cllr Knowles had met with the Clerk to see his filing system and add further detail to his summary of duties. Emergency assistance from the Clerk of a neighbouring parish council had been requested for whenever needed – to be confirmed.
- 5.7 Queen’s platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.10)** – a further meeting between representatives of BPC and Milnthorpe PC, together with Dallam Estate representatives, had been useful in identifying a number of potential sites for local tree planting. Arboriculturist Dr Jennie Keighley had agreed to join the group as advisor on tree selection.
- 5.8 Wild flower planting (5.11)** – Cllr Meakin had met with Dougie Watson (AONB) to discuss and had produced a summary report (circulated to BPC members). The use of plugs, in place of seeds, would provide more rapid flower cover but was considered too expensive unless external funding was forthcoming – Cllr Meakin to explore. Local residents to be kept aware of developments.
- 5.9 Beetham war memorial maintenance (7.1)** – **agreed** – that BPC take over responsibility for regular cleaning and general maintenance of the Beetham memorial and offer to do the same for the Storth memorial, presently undertaken by villagers. Two local specialist cleaning companies had been identified.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 **Police matters** – no police report. Apologies received for non-attendance.

6.2 **County & District** – new signage to discourage heavy traffic use of Leighton Beck Road was probably possible, but policing/enforcement likely to be a problem. A ‘pub-watch’ scheme, covering 14 pubs in Silverdale, Arnside, Beetham, Sandside and Milnthorpe, had been launched by an Arnside publican to counter anti-social behaviour. The local government reorganisation process was continuing. CCC’s new CEO, appointed to steer through this reorganisation, had resigned in protest at the lack of co-operation within the county council.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 **Remembrance Day 2021** – wreaths to be laid by Cllr Clark (Storth) and Cllr Crayston (Beetham). Wreaths delivered at the meeting.

7.2 **Traffic in Beetham** – see item 6.2 above.

7.3 **Hale Marble Quarry leachate** – BPC had sent a letter to Environment Agency drawing their attention to this matter and enclosing the EnviroSolution report commissioned by CCC

8. BPC Land issues:

i. **Potential land transfers – agreed** – that the show of interest by two more local residents with properties adjacent to Sandside Cutting be followed up by site meetings with BPC to discuss detail. Clerk to check that the transfer at 14 Rose Hill Grove had been recorded at Land Registry.

ii. **Other land matters** – Arboriculturist Dr Jennie Keighley had agreed to provide continuing advice on further improvement of the Plot 4 site and meet with Thwaites to mark trees identified for attention. **Agreed** – that Dr Keighley also be asked to provide continuing advice and liaison with Thwaites re ongoing routine tree management at the Sandside Cutting site.

iii. **Trees adjacent to Crow’s Nest, Green Lane, Storth (Dale)** – a £400 quote from Thwaites to deal with this matter was **agreed**.

9. **Carr Bank B5282 bus stop** – the letter to CCC Highways (see BPC Oct meeting minutes) had produced a result and contact with CCC’s Streetworks team now established. A local contractor had quoted for the work – to be **accepted**. This meant that the requisite CCC permission request forms could now be submitted. Completion of the project now dependent on CCC’s speed in processing the permission forms and the contractor’s availability to undertake the work.

10. **Parish Footpath issues** – nothing to report.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Nov 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/2021/1023	Temple Bank, Stanley St, Beetham	Phillips	Change of use – former barn to office facility		No objection

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

SL/2020/0839	Elmsfield Business Park, Holme		Erection of 2 buildings with associated service and car parking spaces.	Accepted
SL/2021/0190	Ship Inn, Sandside		Cellar & cold store ext'n	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0405	The Duke, Farleton		4 glamping pods for dog day-care.	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0796	Barcaldine, Leighton Dr, Slackhead		New first floor extension + terrace & loft conversion	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0799	Beetham Caravan Park, Hale.		Discharge of conditions re drainage etc.	Approved
SL/2021/0847	Ashton House, Beetham		Temporary removal of wall	Granted

(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.

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12. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – OCTOBER 2021

MEETING – 1 Nov 2021

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/10/21	Opening balance				16,339.71
31/10/21	Receipts	Ground rents September	B-Jones Ryan	8.34 40.00	
					48.34
	Payments				
	684	1339	Lakeland Tree Consultancy – re Plot 4	60.00	
	685	1340	AONB – Clearance work S.Cutting etc VAT	130.00 26.00	
					156.00
	686	1341	Lakeland Tree Con – re Plot 4 (residents grp)	50.00	
	687	1342	Info Commissioner (data protection annual fee)	40.00	
	688	1343	CALC – course fees part 1 (Cllr Harnett)	20.00	
	689	1344	GHS – 3 months grasscutting etc	605.00	
	690	1345	Br Legion – wreaths for Remembrance Day	60.00	
	691	1346	Scargill – Clerk's sal Oct (net)	574.28	
	692	1347	HMRC – PAYE Oct	137.60	
					-1,702.88
31/10/21	Closing balances				14,685.17
31/10/21	Total funds all accounts				£34,023.94
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/10/21					
			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		22,713.94
			Total funds		34,023.94

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

12.2 Other financial matters – BPC budget 2022/23 – first batch of documents received from SLDC. Usual timetable for budget/precept submission – deadline 31/01/22. Parish Lighting charge for inclusion now £4,128.88.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – none.

13.2 Further additions to work programme – Silent Soldier silhouettes to be put on duty now, for Remembrance Day 7 November.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Crayston – usual blocked drain on B6384 at Whasset, again causing road flooding - now cleared, but hazard of, and lack of courtesy by, passing motorists made future clearance unsafe/unacceptable.

Clerk – restoration work on BPC's Storth notice board was now complete. The owner of the wall of the property to which it had previously been attached had requested that the board now be made self-standing – **agreed**, but awaiting wall rebuild before installation. Also noted that the new track in the Beetham School sports field may possibly double as part of any future pedestrian way through the field, alongside Leighton Beck Road. Clerk to contact Chris Christou to progress, now that Covid social distancing rules relaxed.

16.0 General Correspondence received – none.

17.0 Reading Matter – Keer to Kent, autumn/winter 2021/22.

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

19.0 Date of next meeting - PC meeting 7.00pm Mon 6 Dec at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.