

# BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council on Monday 4th November 2024 at Beetham School

**Present were** - Councillors Meakin (Chair), Knowles (Minutes), Clark, Marsden, Phelan, Phillips. Also WFC Cllr Audland for item 6. One visitor

- 1.0 Apologies for absence:** - John Scargill (Clerk) - indisposed, Cllr Greifenberg
- 2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting on 7th October, previously circulated, were **approved** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Meakin 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 7th Oct 2024 and not included elsewhere in the agenda:**
  - 5.1 Beetham Flooding (5.1)** Cllr. Audland will progress with a view to keeping this in the W&FC's mind.
  - 5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** Cllr. Audland will progress with a view to keeping this in the W&FC's mind.
  - 5.3 BPC member vacancies (5.3)** The vacancy is still outstanding for the West Ward.
  - 5.4 Beetham Village traffic speeds (5.4)** A meeting with Highways to be advised by Cllr. Audland.
  - 5.5 BPC Code of Conduct. (5.5)** Awaiting Police response.
  - 5.6 Beetham Stocks Repair. (5.6)** Stocks now made and installation to be carried out by Cllrs Marsden, Phelan and Phillips.
  - 5.7 Beetham Playing Field gate replacement on Beetham/Slackhead permitted path. (5.7)** Council investigating other options involving a rerouting of the public right of way.
  - 5.8 BPC data storage (5.8)** Files in Clerk's office now being reviewed by Clerk and future Clerk to minimize the inclusion of redundant documentation.
  - 5.9 Beetham War Memorial (5.9)** Following acceptance of the quote from Parkin and Jackson, cleaning work is to commence in the Spring.
  - 5.10 BPC boundary walls and fences (5.10)** It has not proved possible to identify a contractor willing to carry out a risk assessment on the parish council's walls & boundary fences. No further action - Item to be removed from the agenda.  
The solicitor's response regarding intrusion of gorse beyond the Sandside Cutting stone wall into the garden of 3 Rose Hill Grove, Storth to be considered and discussed at the December parish council meeting..
  - 5.11 Storth Water pump restoration (5.11)** The Arnside & Silverdale Landscape Trust are managing this project, with support from Beetham Parish Council.
  - 5.12 B5282 New traffic mirror at Carr Bank estuary car park (5.12).** No further action. (Item to be removed from the agenda).
  - 5.13 Sandside information panel (5.13)** - W&F Cllr Audland and Parish Cllr Phelan to come back with a proposal to the Council.
  - 5.14 BPC Assets inspection (7.1) - (Dave Phelan)** With the exception of visits to Farleton and Whasset, all the assets have been located and photographed.
- 6.0 Public Participation:**
  - 6.1 Police matters** - for October 2024 had been circulated. No urgent matters relating to Beetham Parish.
  - 6.2 Higher authority report** - WFC Cllr Audland explained the Boundary Commission proposal and the resultant geographical split of responsibilities of the relevant W&F councillors.

**6.3 Matters raised by electors** - Mrs Helen Burrow referred to the Code of Conduct compliance problems experienced 21 months ago and the assistance requested from the W&F Council Legal Department at that time. This will remain ongoing until we receive a response to the request by BPC for help to address issues.

**6.4 Other matters** - none

**7.0 New Matters for consideration:**

**7.1 Remembrance Sunday** - BPC Representation at the village Remembrance services will be  
 Storth - Peter Greifenberg,  
 Beetham - Mark Phillips.

**8.0 BPC Land Issues:**

- i Unauthorised use of Plot 4, Slackhead** - to be removed from the Agenda.
- ii Sandside tree management** - this has been delayed by the wet weather and should now be resumed this month.

**9.0 Planning:**

**9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC: Oct 2024 - Nov 4 2024 Mtg**

**Type A applications - WFC response deadline precedes next PC meeting - Clear to respond. (Members relevant ward committee to email comments to Clerk ASAP & before deadline).**

WFC ref	Address	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
2024/1862/FPA	Lakeland Oasis W	Variation of Cond 2 re application 2024/1328/FPA	28 Oct '24	No objection
2024/1883/LBC	Heron Theatre, Beetham	Listed building consent for non-illuminated sign	5 Nov '24	No objection
2024/1895/LDPR	Storth School	Lawful Development Certificate for proposed temporary nursery classroom.	18 Nov '24	No objection

**9.2 Decisions received from WFC**

**WFC decisions**

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(More planning information available on WFC website – [westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](http://westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk))

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

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

**10.0 Financial Matters:**

**10.1 BPC FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING – 7 OCT 2024**

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	£	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/10/24	Opening balances				24,741.48	19,762.29
31//10/24	Receipts	Ground rents Sep	- B-Jones		8.34	
	Payments:					
	894 1493	Wilson – grass-cutting		480.00		
	895 1494	Pier 1 Metal – Beetham stocks repair		223.29		
		VAT		44.66		
				267.95		

896	1495	Royal Br Legion, Rem Day wreaths	60.00	
897	1496	Zurich – insurance prem 2024/25	458.72	
898	1497	Scargill – expense allce Oct	136.00	
899	1499	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Oct (net)	647.63	
900	1500	HMRC – PAYE Oct	169.12	
				-2,219.42
31/10/24		Closing balances	22,530.40	19,762.29
31/10/24		Total funds all accounts	£ 42,292.69	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/10/24		SID2 (SLDC/PMS)	1,000.00	
		Storth Hub (£1,000 - £453.91)	546.09	
		Total reserves/allocated funds	1,546.09	
		Working funds	40,746.60	
		<b>Total funds</b>	<b>42,292.69</b>	

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**Resolved - that the above payments for October 2024 be APPROVED**

- 10.2 Other Financial Matters:** It has been agreed that Jessica Harvey will shadow John Scargill from April 2025 for 6 months. The handover of Clerk responsibilities will occur at end of August 2025. To permit storage of all BPC financial information on the Cloud, it was agreed that the commercial Scribe system will be used from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to store all information on the Cloud.
- 11.0 Parish Steward:** Unwell at the present time. However, the last grass cutting of the year has been completed and the erection of Silent Soldiers has been organised by the Parish Clerk.
- 12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** None
- 13.0 Parish Matters (for information only) - raised by or with BPC members.**
- 13.1** Clerk received a letter re reinstatement of the unofficial gap in the railings near The Ship. This is not within the Council’s remit. Furthermore, the foreshore is a National Landscapes Site of Special Scientific Interest with limited public access. Clerk to respond.
- 13.2** Following a request to stabilise the convex mirror at the bottom of Storth Road, Cllr Whelan offered to investigate this further.
- 14.0 General Correspondence:** None
- 15.0 Reading Matter Received:** ‘Clerks & Councils Direct’ magazine and the publication ‘Keer to Kent’ (Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape).
- 16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Dec 2024) and additional to items referred to above:** none
- 17.0 Date of next meeting** - BPC monthly meeting - Monday, **2nd December 2024** at Storth Church.

**The meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

