

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 7 November 2022 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Clark, Crayston, Greifenberg, Harnett, Phillips, Knowles and Yates. Also C Cllr P McSweeney & D/WFC Cllrs Audland & Chaffey (items 6 & 9-17), Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and one member of the public.

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** - had been received in writing from Cllr Dewar (holiday) - accepted by the meeting.
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 3 October 2022, had been circulated by email, were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Yates.
- 3.0 **Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** - none.
- 4.0 **Announcements by the Chair** - Cllr Meakin personally welcomed Cllr Phillips and all other BPC members present introduced themselves to him.
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes of 3 October 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
 - 5.1 **Beetham flooding (5.1)** - Cllr Greifenberg had emailed Chris Evans (Environment Agency) requesting regular updates on all developments on this issue. Otherwise no further progress.
 - 5.2 **Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** - no further progress.
 - 5.3 **Mobile SID on loan (5.3)** - this unit had now been passed on to Natland PC.
 - 5.4 **BPC-owned SID (5.4)** - awaiting further information from police via D Cllr Chaffey.
 - 5.5 **Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5)** - delivery of the Woodland Trust trees was imminent.
 - 5.6 **Wild flower planting (5.6)** -the Parish Steward expressed concern at the number of stones left on site after preparation of the verge by AONB volunteers as these stones could damage the mower during subsequent grass-cuts. The Parish Steward committed to remove the stones before grass-cutting recommenced in spring 2023. At the Parish Steward's request it was **agreed** that Cllr Meakin ask the AONB volunteers to remove all stones after future planting. The Parish Steward agreed to explore the possibility of setting up a similar wild flower site in Beetham.
 - 5.7 **Storth Playing Field benches (5.7)** - these were now on site and awaiting installation. A contractor's quote of £1045 ex VAT for installation was **accepted** by members, with a contribution of £700 to be requested from Storth Playing Field Committee.
 - 5.8 **Beetham Village Planters (5.8)** - No further progress - awaiting Beetham Nurseries' suggestion for plaque wording.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters - a Police Report dealing almost exclusively with policy matters had been received and circulated on the day of the meeting.

6.2 County (C Cllr McSweeney) - reported that banking alongside the B5282 between Friar Cote Bridge and Carr Bank Road had now been made safe. A public meeting re possible development of the Arnside viaduct to accommodate walkers and cyclists was to be held at Arnside WI Hall at 3pm on Tuesday 8 November - BPC members encouraged to attend. Repair work on Milnthorpe New Bridge was now complete. Any move by BPC to establish a Neighbourhood Watch scheme would best begin by raising the subject with PCSO Newman.

6.3 District/WFC –BPC members were encouraged to respond to the SLDC “call for sites” request for the update to the Local Plan. However this request only applies to the east ward of the Beetham parish. Members were also encouraged to respond positively to the recent questionnaire from CALC regarding the role of parish and town councils in the new unitary authorities for Cumbria.”

Arnside PC had asked if County would take over maintenance of newly-established wild flower verges, which could also apply to the new verge in Storth and possible verge in Beetham (see 5.6).

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – Mrs Burrow, joint owner with her husband of The Hayfield on Quarry Lane, Sandside, asked if their joint letter to BPC dated 3 October 2022, re multiple problems they foresaw with the proposed housing development at Sandside, be recorded as having been received and circulated to BPC members. Apologies to Mr & Mrs Burrow for the omission - now rectified.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Christmas trees for Beetham & Storth – agreed that BPC donate £60 per tree in 2022.

7.2 Sandside Cutting Tramper Path – agreed to accept an AONB proposal for it to upgrade the path through Sandside Cutting to tramper path status and at the AONB’s expense.

7.3 Lovers Lane litter problem – Dallam Tower Estate (DTE) had drawn BPC’s attention to a recent accumulation of litter around the site of the BPC bench. This problem was acknowledged and discussed. Clerk to write to DTE accordingly.

7.4 CALC/W&F Council questionnaire – at the meeting, BPC members prepared a positive response to the invitation to take part in joint dialogue around engagement, aspirations and future possibilities for the new council. Clerk to send this response to CALC.

7.5 Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2022 – Councillors Phillips and Clark would present BPC wreaths at the Beetham and Storth services respectively.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth – legal formalities slow but proceeding.

ii. Tree management etc – at a further site meeting, Cllr Meakin and the Clerk had met with Dr Jennie Keighley and Scott Thwaites to consider the problem of some Sandside Cutting ash trees posing a potential danger to nearby properties in The Pasture, Storth and a programme of work agreed at a cost of £1200. The quote of £250 per day for a further tranche of tree work in Sandside Cutting to a budgeted total limit of £4,000 under the ongoing management programme also **agreed**.

9.00 Planning.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

October 2022 – November 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	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
SL/2022/0931	Wheatsheaf Hotel, Beetham	Conversion of outbuildings to create holiday let + development of service yard to house chilling equipment.	21/11/2022	No objection
SL/2022/0933	Fell End Caravan Park, Hale	Siting of 4 X two-storey modular holiday-let lodges (retrospective).	10/11/2022	Objection – not in accord with AONB Local Plan & no established use evidence.

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2022/0708	Hazelslack Farm caravan site	Year-round use of existing caravan site.	Granted with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

