

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

MINUTES of a remote (Zoom) meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 9 Nov. 2020.

**Present were** – Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Crayston, Becky Dewar, Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles and Steve Yates. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney (as from and including agenda item 6.2/3) and Parish Clerk John Scargill.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Clark and Pickup.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meetings**, held on 5 Oct 2020, had been circulated by email. These were approved by members present and authorised for signature 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 5 Oct 2020 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

- 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – recent heavy rains and flooding. No known further response or remedial action by the Environment Agency. Clerk to write reminder to and request a meeting (probably Zoom) with Environment Agency via C Cllr McSweeney. Ongoing.
- 5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – water continues to run down the hill despite ground works by a local resident, maybe partly due to recent very heavy rains. C Cllr McSweeney to alert Highways Authority. Continue monitoring. Ongoing.
- 5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3)** – no further progress – legal discussions ongoing.
- 5.4 Beetham A6 speed limit revision (5.4)** – the missing 30mph speed limit signs had now been replaced although Cllr Crayston had received no verbal response from CCC.
- 5.5 BPC notice boards refurbishment (5.5)** – now completed and within budget.
- 5.6 Mobile SID on loan (5.6)** – to be re-sited on the A6 once batteries recharged, with the B5282 at Carr Bank suggested as a future possible location.
- 5.7 Christmas in Beetham project 2020 (7.1)** – Clerk to inform Friends of Beetham Church that BPC's financial contribution would be limited to the existing allocation of £60 towards a Christmas tree.
- 5.8 Electricity North West funding for street lamps conversion to LED (7.3)** – confirmed as available (although proportion as yet unspecified) on submission of an inventory of existing lamps. Clerk to organise update of previous BPC inventory.
- 5.9 Carr Bank Road bus shelter/bus stop safety issues (15)** – this matter had now been passed by CCC to the School Transport team. No response to BPC's earlier letter to Dallam School dated 13 October 2020 - Clerk to follow up. Overgrown vegetation adversely affecting sight-lines had now been cut back.

**6. Public Participation.**

**6.1/6.2 County and District Council matters (C Cllr McSweeney):**

- i.** A6 Beetham - 30mph speed limit signs on the A6 at Beetham, although now back in position, were still only a temporary measure until repairs to the bridge had been carried out
- ii.** An additional BPC-owned SID - BPC could expect a financial contribution from C Cllr McSweeney's 2021-22 discretionary allowance.
- iii.** Overnight parking of campervans - planning regulations did allow for limited parking and were generally interpreted with some flexibility by local authorities (see also 7.2 below).
- iv.** Cumbria Local government re-organisation - two different bids that affect South Lakeland had now been submitted to the Secretary of State, namely one unitary authority for the whole of Cumbria and an alternative scheme for the Morecambe Bay area would involve merging SLDC, Barrow Borough Council and Lancaster City Council into a new authority.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration:

**7.1 Consideration of BPC purchase of a second ‘smiley’ SID.** Agreed in principle for possible siting at the north end of Storth Road to slow down traffic approaching Storth School from the south. Estimated cost of +/-£3K to be funded mainly from grants/donations as and when to hand.

**7.2 Overnight campervans at The Ship Inn, Sandside** – not yet a major problem and probably mainly a summertime issue. The Ship currently closed for business pending new tenancy, as well as having to deal with Covid-related restrictions.

**7.3 Remembrance Sunday 2020** – well-attended and disciplined services had been held at both parish cenotaphs, with BPC wreaths laid by Cllrs Crayston (Beetham) and Clark (Storth).

**8. BPC Land issues** – the collapsing BPC-owned wall adjacent to Sandend had now been repaired to the satisfaction of both BPC and the Sandend resident.

**9. Carr Bank issues** – usual excessive traffic speeds remained a problem on the B5282.

## 10. Parish Footpath issues:

i. Possible stile issues remaining on Public Footpath 504013 (Pye/Hang Bridge Lane).

ii. The idea of a ‘ghost’ footpath along the B5282, between Green Lane and Guard Hill Lane had been raised, but was considered impractical due to the narrowness of that road.

## 11. Planning Matters:

### 11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Nov 2020 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/2020/0725 | Shaw House Farm, Shaw Lane, Storth   |           | Application for lawful development certificate.       |                   | No objection               |
| SL/2020/0743 | Newlands, Leighton Drive, Slackhead. |           | Multiple alterations.                                 | 16/11/20          | No objection               |
| SL/2020/0778 | Beetham School                       |           | All weather track and new facilities on playing field |                   | More information required. |

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

| SLDC ref | Address | Applicant | Development | Response deadline | BPC response |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
|          |         |           |             |                   |              |

### 11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

| SLDC ref     | Address                       | Applicant | Development            | SLDC decision             |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| SL/2020/0516 | 2 Tarn Close, Storth          |           | New porch.             | Approved with conditions. |
| SL/2020/0607 | Long Ridge, Storth Rd, Storth |           | Replacement of dormer. | Approved with conditions  |

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

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

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

## 12. Financial Matters.

| BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT                      |                          | MONTH – OCTOBER 2020                    |                                   | MEETING – 9 Nov 2020    |                  |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Date  | Transaction              | Payee/er                                | Detail                            | Current a/c<br>£        | Premium a/c<br>£ |
| 01/10/20                                    | Opening balance          |   |                                   | 11,901.18               | 19,336.85        |
| 31/10/20                                    | Receipts                 | Ground rents Aug                        | B-Jones<br>Ryan<br>Harper         | 8.34<br>20.00<br>150.00 |                  |
|   |                          |   |                                   | 178.34                  |                  |
| 31/10/20                                    | Payments:                |   |                                   |                         |                  |
|   | 623 1277                 | Zurich – annual insurance premium       |                                   | 472.56                  |                  |
|   | 624 1278                 | Lees – elec work re Carr Bank defib     |                                   | 180.00                  |                  |
|   | 625 1279                 | Hurst – BPC notice board repairs etc    |                                   | 680.00                  |                  |
|   | 626 1280                 | Morphet – Sandend wall rebuild          |                                   | 1255.00                 |                  |
|   |                          | VAT                                     |                                   | 251.00                  |                  |
|   |                          |   |                                   | 1,506.00                |                  |
|   | 627 1281                 | Br Legion – donation re Rem Day wreaths |                                   | 60.00                   |                  |
|   | 628 1282                 | Scargill – post & stationery 5mths      |                                   | 91.39                   |                  |
|   |                          | VAT                                     |                                   | 15.01                   |                  |
|   |                          |   |                                   | 106.40                  |                  |
|   | 629 1283                 | Scargill – Clerk’s sal Oct (net)        |                                   | 569.48                  |                  |
|   | 630 1284                 | HMRC – PAYE October                     |                                   | 142.40                  |                  |
|   |                          |   |                                   | -3,716.84               |                  |
| 31/10/20                                    | Closing balances         |   |                                   | 8,362.68                | 19,336.85        |
| 31/10/20                                    | Total funds all accounts |   |                                   | £27,699.53              |                  |
| <b>Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/10/20</b> |                          |   | Street lamp reserve               | 9,600.00                |                  |
|   |                          |   | Sports Field path project reserve | 950.00                  |                  |
|   |                          |   | General Reserve                   | 8,786.85                |                  |
|   |                          |   | Working funds                     | 8,362.68                |                  |
|   |                          |   | <b>Total funds</b>                | <b>27,699.53</b>        |                  |

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

**12.2 Other financial matters** – none.

### 13.0 Parish Steward:

**13.1 Update on current events** – New seat at Sandside now installed. Soldier silhouettes placed at the two cenotaphs for Remembrance Sunday, as requested.

**13.2 Further additions to work programme:** to remove (unauthorised) tree cuttings from the verge near Four Lane Ends, and clear the verge at Sandside of similar cuttings and the remnants of the replaced seat.

**14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Meakin to attend a Zoom meeting ?

### 15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

**Cllr Knowles** – had been asked when the promised BPC grant to Storth Village Hall could be expected - answer ‘March/April 2021 latest, or earlier if needed’.

**Cllr Greifenberg** – asked if the faded sign at the end of Yans Lane (warning of narrow road) could be renewed/replaced; advised to report via the Highways website.

**Cllr Pickup (by email)** – asked for signage asking recreational fishermen at Sandside to respect the need to keep public footways clear for all pedestrians. **Agreed** – Cllr Knowles to provide suggested wording. Also potentially dangerous ash trees (affected by die-back) along the B5282 near Guard Hill Lane – Cllr Pickup asked to email photo to C Cllr McSweeney.

**16.0 General Correspondence:**

22/10/20 - from visitor impeded by fishermen & tackle at Sandside.

01/11/20 - Better Future for Cumbria - advising of consultation document on local government reform in Cumbria.

**17.0 Reading Matter** - accumulated for distribution after pandemic restriction lifted.

**18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (December 2020) and additional to items referred to above** - none.

**19.0 Date of next meeting** - 7.00pm Monday 7 December 2020 - at Beetham School if lockdown restrictions permit. Otherwise and more likely, remotely via Zoom.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm.**