

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 4 December 2023 at Beetham School.

Present were – Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Clark, Phillips and Yates. Also WFC Cllr R Audland, Parish Clerk John Scargill and two members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – had been received from Cllrs Meakin (holiday), Knowles (holiday) and Phelan (unwell).

2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the meeting 6 November 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 6 November 2023 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further progress.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – as 5.1 above.

5.3 BPC member vacancies (5.3) – Alan Marsden from Beetham attended the meeting and expressed interest in joining the parish council – to be formally inducted at the next (Jan 2024) meeting.

5.4 Four Lane Ends verge (5.4) – repair of the damaged grass by AONB volunteers is anticipated in the near future.

5.5 Sandside Cutting wall at properties 3 & 12 Rose Hill Grove (5.5) – a walling quote of £650 had now been received and was accepted, with the request that the work be undertaken as soon as possible. Clerk to inform waller.

5.6 Beetham village traffic speeds (5.6) – the village tests would begin as soon as the equipment could be delivered. Clerk to arrange rental payment to supplier.

5.7 BPC Code of Conduct (5.7) – a letter supplementing the earlier requisite official form had been sent by BPC Chair to the WFC Monitoring Officer, as yet without response.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – No Police Reports since October.

6.2 Higher authority report – (WFC Councillor Audland) – Repairs on the A6 bridge and traffic speed checks were underway but the eventual level of speed restriction remained uncertain.

6.3 Matters raised by electors – Alan Marsden outlined his main concerns on village issues and looked forward to being able to contribute to parish council discussions. He noted that earlier ground work and recent weather conditions may have contributed to an easing of the long-standing problem of flooding in the field behind Stanley Street.

7.0 New Matters for consideration –

7.1 Beetham ivy problem – professional advice was that, subject to risk assessment, the mass of ivy on the sycamore at the bottom end of Beetham playing field should be removed. Tree surgeon Scott Thwaites had been instructed accordingly.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Unauthorised car parking at Plot 4, Slackhead – no response had, as yet, been received following BPC solicitor's letter to the offender. Clerk to progress.

ii. Tree management etc – see item 7.1 above.

9.00 Planning.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

October 2023 – Nov 2023 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/2023/0796	The Duke, Farleton	First-floor glazed balcony, garage extension	05/12/23	No objection

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2022/0457	Beetham Nurseries	Car park design improvements.	Grant 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.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

10. Financial matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – NOVEMBER 2023

MEETING – 4 DECEMBER 2023

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/11/23	Opening balance				13,162.24
30/11/23	Receipts	Ground rents May - B-Jones		8.34	
		Adjustments – cancelled (lost/invalid) cheques:			
Ref 789	1505	Lanc.City Cncl (AONB) – Mar '23	700.00		
827	1543	GHS – grass-cutting	1,365.00		
				2,065.00	
831	1548	Haddow (GHS replacement chq)	760.00		
	1549	Haddow (GHS) “ “ “	605.00		
			1,365.00		
832	1550	Lanc. City Cncl replacement chq	700.00		
				-2,065.00	
		Payments			
830A	1547	R British Legion – wreaths (donation)	60.00		
833	1551	AS2A – website mtce	75.00		
		VAT	15.00		
			90.00		
834	1552	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Aug (net) and inc back pay from Apl '23	851.63		
835	1553	Scargill – half-yr allces	413.00		
836	1554	HMRC – PAYE Nov	255.31		
				-1,669.94	
30/11/23	Closing balances			11,500.64	19,474.42
30/11/23	Total funds all accounts			£ 30,975.06	

Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/11/23

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	11,050.00
Working funds	19,925.06
Total funds	30,975.06

Resolved - that the above payments be APPROVED.

Other finance matters:

- BPC had been asked for their usual financial support to provide a 2023 Christmas tree in Beetham village. Cllr Phillips recommended – **agreed**. Clerk to implement.
- the external auditor’s advice to reconcile BPC’s Assets Register total value with figures shown on the Annual Return (AGAR) for 2022/23 would be implemented for 2023/24 (Clerk).

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events – the Clerk had made contact with the individual suggested by Bill Haddow as his possible successor as BPC Parish Steward. This would be followed up by a joint inspection of all BPC grass-cutting sites and agreement on an appropriate fee.

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 – none.

15.0 Reading Matter received – none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (January 2024) and additional to items referred to above – arrangements for BPC Finance Com. Meeting (re budget 2024/25).

17.0 Date of next meeting - monthly BPC meeting, 7pm Mon 8 January 2024 at Storth Church.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.