

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 6 Dec. 2021 at Storth Village Church.

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

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Dewar (work), Meakin (holiday) and Yates (holiday).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1 November 2021, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Knowles.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda – none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – the Clerk was thanked for being able to keep BPC business up to date despite his recent mishap. Members wished him a speedy and complete recovery.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 1 November 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

- 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – the report from Chris Evans (Environment Agency) had been received and recommended a more intensive survey to include historic issues re power generation from the Bela and a long-term plan. Cllrs Dean and Greifenberg to respond, welcoming the report's conclusions.
- 5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – no further progress. Funding known to be available. See also 6.2 below. Ongoing.
- 5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3)** – the owner of this property had now died and her executors had agreed to take the required action to clear encroaching vegetation.
- 5.4 Mobile SID on loan (5.4)** – the equipment was once more out of action with the battery in need of a re-charge. Cllr Crayston to provide equipment details to enable BPC's purchase of a similar unit.
- 5.5 BPC-owned SIDs (5.6)**. CCC had been asked to replace the support pole for this unit; no point in ordering replacement equipment until this pole in place.
- 5.6 BPC admin contingency planning (5.8)** – the Clerk to Milnthorpe PC had agreed to help in the case of an emergency and Jessica Harvey, ex BPC member and current BPC internal auditor, had agreed to join the team. With this satisfactory plan in place, **agreed** that the subject could be removed from future agendas.
- 5.7 Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.10)** – suggestions for suitable tree species had been received from all parties. Clerk to check with Woodland Trust on what species they are currently able to supply free-of-charge, so a BPC order could be placed when its tree planting proposals are completed.
- 5.8 Wild flower planting (5.11)** – the draft of an information letter to affected Storth residents had been prepared. Flower plugs are the preferred option, however flower seeds are inexpensive to supplement plugs in the event sufficient fund4s not procured. No known plans for a similar wild flower patch in Beetham.
- 5.9 Beetham war memorial maintenance (7.1)** – **agreed** – that BPC arrange for cleaning the two war memorials at some time in spring 2022. Noted – that no SLDC representative had attended the 2021 Storth remembrance service.
- 5.10 Traffic in Beetham (7.1)** – **agreed** – that there was no action available to BPC that offered any significant measure of success.

6.0 Public Participation.

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

6.2 **County & District** – a new central government minister (Michael Gove) was now in charge of the reorganisation process, which had a deadline of March 2023. Issues within CCC continued. To be noted – that CCC’s responsibility for (maintaining) public rights of way was limited to the road/path surface, although it may contribute to the cost of work on related gates, stiles etc. C Cllr McSweeney would look into the continued closure of the road running in front of Dallam Tower following tree damage by recent gales. As regards Leighton Beck Road flooding, it was apparent that a solution was made more difficult by the fact that the actual source of the surface water varied from time to time.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 **BPC notice board on Storth Square** – this board now completely refurbished and awaiting installation, but original wall no longer available. Independent supporting frame may be needed but nearby sites may be technically on the highway, so CCC permission awaited.

Underlying rock layer an additional difficulty. Alternative sites may need to be considered.

7.2 **Sandside anglers** – this problem had re-emerged with continuing complaints of anglers ignoring the recently installed signage. More signage possible but enforcement would be an ongoing problem. **Agreed** – no further BPC action at this time.

7.3 **Christmas trees - agreed** – that BPC make a donation of £60 towards trees organised by Beetham Church group (as previously) – and that a similar offer be made to the Storth equivalent. Clerk to enquire re precise recipients.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers – confirmed – that notification to the Land Registry of the recent land transfer at 14 Rosehill Grove was the responsibility of the purchaser and would be done in due course. Site meetings with other parties interested in similar land transfers would be held in the new year.

ii. Tree management – site meetings had been held at Sandside Cutting and at Plot 4 with Jennie Keighley and Scott Thwaites to agree tree work for 2021/22 and 2022/23 within budget constraints.

iii. Biodiversity – in response to an email from ex-BPC Cllr Bob Pickup, members wished to confirm their commitment to sustain and promote biodiversity in the context of professionally advised and affordable tree management.

9. **Carr Bank B5282 bus stop** – CCC permission request forms awaiting input from the appointed contractor.

10. **Parish Footpath issues** – some storm damage with fallen trees blocking some paths. Clerk to email Dallam Estate on the subject.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Dec 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/2021/1039	Rising Way, Heathwaite Close, Storth		Re-roof + chimney refurb.	09/12/21	Some concerns
SL/2021/1045	28 Dallam Drive,		Single-storey extensions	30/11/21	No objection

	Sandside				
SL/2021/1058	Temple Bank, Beetham		Detached double garage	30/11/21	
SL/2021/1062	5 Keasdale Ave, Carr Bank		Single-storey rear ext'n & partial garage conversion	01/12/21	No objection
SL/2021/1063	Land off Dallam Dr Sandside		Detached 2-storey dwel'g and granny flat		No objection
SL/2021/1075	18 Hillcrest Dr, Slackhead		Single-storey rear, plus front porch extension		No objection
SL/2021/1098	Land adjacent to The Hollies, Keasdale Rd, Carr Bank		Two single garages		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/2021/0580	The Homestead, Carr Bank Rd		Extensive developments	Approved with conditions
SL/2021/0854	Strathairlie, Carr Bank Road		Timber frame for existing garden shed.	Approved with conditions

(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.

12. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING – 6 Dec 2021

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		Premium a/c
				£	£	£
01/11/21	Opening balance				14,645.17	19,338.77
30/11/21	Receipts	Ground rents November	B-Jones	8.34		
					8.34	
	Payments					
	693	1348	CALC – course fees (PH)	20.00		
	694	1349	Zurich – insce prem 2021/2022	435.76		
	695	1350	Hurst – Storth notice board repair	300.00		
	696	1351	Scargill – Clerk's half-year exp. allces	413.00		
	697	1352	Scargill – Clerk's sal Nov (net)	574.28		
	698	1353	HMRC – PAYE Nov	137.60		
	699	1354	Haddow – Beetham Xmas tree '21 (PMS don)	260.00		
					-2,140.64	
30/11/21	Closing balances				12,512.87	19,338.77
30/11/21	Total funds all accounts				£31,851.64	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/11/21						
			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			20,541.64
			Total funds			31,851.64

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

12.2 Other financial matters – BPC budget 2022/23 – SLDC Parish Lighting costs of £4,128.88 (referred to earlier) since amended by SLDC to £2,902.91. Draft BPC budget prepared and circulated to members. Needs scrutiny by BPC Finance Group (now unlikely before January 2022) then approval of BPC members at meeting 10 January 2022 – SLDC submission deadline 31 Jan 2022.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – none. A dangerously sited artificial Christmas tree was noted (and subsequently rectified by the church group responsible).

13.2 Further additions to work programme – Silent Soldier silhouettes now to be removed back into storage.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Harnett – had received an enquiry about provision of a community allotment for Storth. No suitable land known to be available in Storth. Suggested that the enquirer be referred to Milnthorpe where vacant allotments are understood to exist.

Cllr Knowles – car parking in Storth Road, beside Storth School, continues to be an issue Clerk to contact C Cllr McSweeney re remedial progress.

16.0 General Correspondence received – response from Environment Agency (EA) to BPC's request for consideration of Slackhead Quarry leachate issue. Clerk to forward the EA letter to SLDC (Environmental Health) for information and the consideration of any need for further inspection.

17.0 Reading Matter – none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Jan 2022) and additional to items referred to above – none.

19.0 Date of next meeting - PC meeting 7.00pm Mon 10 Jan 2022 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.