

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 2nd December 2013 at Storth Village Church at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Pru Jupe (chair), Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk). One member of the public for agenda item 6.4.

1.0 To appoint a Chair for the meeting - in the absence of Cllrs Blenkham and Harvey it was agreed that Cllr Jupe would chair the meeting.

2.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Ken Blenkham, (hospitalised), David Clark, Jessica Harvey (work) and Brian Meakin (holiday).

3.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th November 2013, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Jupe.

4.0 Declarations of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes: 4th November 2013 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Unauthorised usage of Plot 4 (5.1) - this item was combined with item 6.4 as the owner of the caravan was present at the meeting. After full discussion between the caravan owner and members of the parish council, **it was agreed that:**

- on the understanding that it was the owner's intention to sell the caravan as soon as possible, it should be allowed to remain where it was now sited on the car parking space rented by the owner until the end of the current financial year, for which ground rent had been paid.
- before the end of the current financial year, and bearing in mind the general shortage of car parking space in the immediate area, the parish council would review the whole situation of renting out car parking spaces on Plot 4, and include precise terms of occupancy in formal ground-rent agreements/car parking licences to run from 1 April 2014.

5.2 Bus-stop signs on A6 (5.2) - it was understood that the new bus signs were now on order.

5.3 Hale Interpretation Panel (5.4) - no developments. Cllr Yates to try to make contact with nearby resident of proposed site, whose approval was sought for precise location of panel.

5.4 Beetham Annual Assembly 2014 (5.6) - not all invitees had yet responded. Cllr Yates to try to make informal contact with Beetham Sports representative. Cllr Jupe to explore whether the new vicar of Beetham Church might be interested in being invited.

5.5 Land beside the B5282 at Sandside (5.7) - the Clerk had consulted the parish council's solicitors who had suggested doing a Land Registry search to try to establish ownership, although this might prove inconclusive - **agreed.**

5.6 Alternative dates for future BPC meetings (5.8) - from responses received to the Clerk's enquiry amongst members, it was clear that a change to Thursdays would not be practicable.

Agreed - with great reluctance, that BPC meetings should remain fixed for Monday evenings despite Cllr Harvey's inability to attend.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – emailed report received **after the meeting**, then circulated. Crime rates remain low in the area, but four males arrested on suspicion of scrap metal theft.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – preparation the 2014/15 budget continued to be the main activity, with important implications for Council Tax. Everyone urged to take part in current public consultation. Local bus services under threat. 40% fire service call-outs proved to be ‘false-alarms’ (ie unjustified). Negotiations ongoing with Electricity NW re the costs of replacing street lamps located on ENW poles they deemed to be unsafe. In response to a question about the hazard of traffic speeds along the A6, particularly on the section between the two entrances to Beetham village - **agreed** - Clerk to email a request to Cllr Stewart for CCC to review the present 50mph speed limit, from the northern boundary of the parish as far as Beetham Hall to the south, in the hope of having it reduced to 40mph. CCC to be asked to commit to a firm date for this review.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Jupe) – Cllr Jupe had attended various local events as Vice-Chair of SLDC. The land allocations element of the Local Development Framework had now been approved by the inspector and plans for the self-contained total AONB area were progressing well, with good involvement by local AONB staff. There was to be no Council Tax increase for 2014/15 by SLDC. 1,000 new jobs and 1,000 new affordable homes were in prospect.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – see 5.1 above.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Dec. 2013 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

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

SL/2013/1042	3 Chapel Close, Storth	Manville	Dwelling	12/12/13	No objections
SL/2013/1055	Hall More Caravan Park, Hale	Morphet	Use of field for siting up to 40 permanent caravans	12/12/13	No objections
SL/2013/1066	The Cottage, Breeze Hill, Carr Bk	Evans	Change of use – ‘granny annex’ to S/C holiday flat	08/12/13	No objections

7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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(More planning information available non SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above

7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none

8.0 Financial Matters

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – NOVEMBER 2013		MEETING – 2 nd Dec 2013	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/11/13	Opening balances			61.34	22,409.81
30/11/13	Receipts			-	-
30/11/13	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA			1,000.00	-1,000.00
30/11/13	Payments:				
“	269 914 A2A		Website design etc	405.00	
			VAT	81.00	
				-486.00	
“	270 915 J Scargill		Clerk’s sal Oct. (net)	350.35	
			Postage & Stat’y	50.72	
			VAT	10.03	
				- 411.10	
“	Total payments in month				-897.10
30/11/13	Closing balances			164.24	21,409.81
30/11/13	Total funds all accounts				£21,574.05

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

8.2 Other financial matters: - bank mandate amendment procedure (Cllr Jupe for Cllr Harvey) almost completed.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS update on current events - PS confirms able to undertake gritting work 2013/14.

9.2 PS additions to work programme - see item 11 below.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- Cllr Yates had attended a Burton-in-Kendal Educational Foundation meeting.
- Cllr Yates and the Clerk had attended a meeting at Heron Corn Mill on 21 Nov re issues with Mill Lane, Beetham. After lengthy discussion without agreement, the meeting had been adjourned in order to verify the facts of ownership and responsibility, to be reconvened as appropriate.

11.0 Local highways amenity work - The list of work for which BPC agreed to accept responsibility had now been completed, incorporating both previous and new areas. These areas had been numbered and cross-referenced to highlighted areas on a parish map. Clerk to see if it might be possible to obtain enlarged copies of relevant sections of the map.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Noble - signs had appeared indicating that Carr Bank Road was to be closed for repairs.

Cllr Pickup - reference in the November meeting minutes to the ‘Sandside’ road sign on the B5282 should have read ‘Elderly Persons’ sign. A grit bin was needed somewhere near the Carr Bank Road parish notice board and there were indications of the road surface breaking up along the same stretch due to rain water flowing from higher ground to the east.

Cllr Stewart - there was now a grit bin in Green Lane, by the bridge.

Cllr Jupe - a pothole by the Wheatsheaf in Beetham had been reported.

13.0 Street lamp audit for SLDC – the survey work had now been completed by BPC members and the Clerk would proceed to summarise the results in the format requested by SLDC. The first three lamp-bearing poles to be removed by Electricity NW under their new policy (sometime after February 2014) were in Hale. BPC would be sending an explanatory letter to local residents as soon as the affected residents could be identified. However, this whole issue remains unresolved and Cllr Jupe is continuing to work with MP Tim Farron to find an acceptable solution.

14.0 Beetham Parish Council website. The new site was now ‘live’ and satisfactory.

15.0 Burntbarrow Woods (public Right of Way issue) – at Dallam’s request, a statement of the facts of the case had been prepared for inclusion in BPC’s December Newsletter and would be submitted to Dallam in advance.

16.0 General Correspondence:

a) Received and circulated by email:

16.1 – 30 Nov 2013 – CCC Better Highways – notification of a ‘Meet and Greet’ event 13 Dec.

b) Received in hard-copy form (not circulated):

16.2 – 6 Nov ’13 – Peter Fielden – issues regarding Mill Lane, Beetham (see item 10 above).

17.0 Reading Matter - none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (January 2014).

- Ownership of land opposite former Flippin’ Fluke restaurant
- Issues regarding Mill Lane, Beetham
- Issues regarding car-parking on Plot 4
- Tree management in Sandside Cutting (to consider options and costs).

19.0 Date of next meeting – Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.00pm at Beetham School, to be preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend throughout any meeting of the Parish Council but may speak only during the Public Participation item on the agenda to raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish, District or County Councils or Cumbria Police.