

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council on Monday 2 December 2024 at Storth Church.

**Present were** – Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Knowles, Marsden & Phillips. Also WFC Cllr Audland for item 6. Parish Clerk John Scargill throughout. Two members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Clark (work), Meakin (holiday), Phelan (holiday) and Yates (work).

**2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting** – the minutes of the meeting 4 Nov 2024, 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** – Cllr Knowles declared an interest in agenda item 5.7 and took no part in discussion of this item.

**4.0 Announcements by the Chair** – none.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 4 Nov 2024 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 BPC member vacancies (5.3)** – currently one West Ward vacancy remained.

**5.2 Beetham village traffic speeds (5.4)** – a meeting being arranged with WF Highways & WFC Cllr Audland re options for slowing traffic speeds through Beetham.

**5.3 BPC Code of Conduct (5.5)** – WFC Cllr Audland to meet relevant officials at WFC in near future and would advise BPC of the result. Accepted that BPC may need to tighten its Code of Conduct for the future.

**5.4 Beetham stocks (5.6)** – project satisfactorily completed (remove from future agendas).

**5.5 Beetham Playing Field gate replacement on Beetham/Slackhead permissive path (5.7)** – Dougie Watson (Natural England) awaiting Dallam Tower Estate's permission to proceed.

**5.6 BPC data storage (5.8)** – planned conclusion in Jan-March 2025.

**5.7 BPC boundary walls & fences (5.10)** – Cllr Phillips to inspect 3 Rosehill Grove property re BPC options and report back with advice.

**5.8 Storth water pump restoration (5.11)** – new location remained to be agreed.

**5.9 Sandside information panel (5.13)** – WFC Cllr Audland to progress with WFC and actively seeking sponsorship funding.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police matters** – no police report for November received by date of meeting – to be circulated on receipt.

**6.2 Higher authority report** – both Arnside and Milnthorpe PCs had expressed concern over local river pollution and invited BPC to join them in this matter - **agreed**. Cllr Greifenberg had specialist experience in this area of expertise and asked to be involved personally.

**6.3 Matters raised by electors** – none.

**6.4 Other matters** – Cllr Audland to check if bus shelters (particularly on principal highways) were something WFC had, or would accept, any responsibility for.

**7.0 New Matters for consideration** – none.

**8. BPC Land issues** – currently none.

**9. Beetham Flooding** – nothing to report.

**10.00 Planning.**

**10.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:**

**November 2024 – 2 Dec 2024 meeting.**

**Type A applications – WFC response deadline precedes next PC meeting – Clerk to respond. (Members on relevant ward committee to email comments to Clerk ASAP & before deadline)**

WFC ref	Address	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
Nothing to report				

**10.2 Decisions received from WFC**

**WFC decisions**

Nothing to report			
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(More planning information available on WFC website – westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

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

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

**11.0 Financial Matters.**

**11.1 BPC FINANCIAL REPORT**

**MONTH – NOVEMBER 2024**

**MEETING – 2 DEC 2024**

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/11/24	Opening balances			22,530.40	19,762.29
30//11/24	Receipts	Ground rents Oct -	B-Jones Harper	8.34 150.00	158.34
	Payments:				
901	1561	Underwood – notice board repair		462.93	
902	1562	Lanc City Cncl - (NL volunteers)	130.00	26.00	
				156.00	
903	1563	Tom Hurst – notice board repair		81.00	
904	1564	A2A – domain reg annual fee	30.00		
		VAT	6.00		
				36.00	
905	1565	Scargill – expense allce Nov		136.00	
906	1566	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Nov (net)		813.59	
907	1567	HMRC – PAYE Nov		239.14	
				-1,924.66	
30/11/24	Closing balances			20,764.08	19,762.29
30/11/24	Total funds all accounts			£ 40,526.37	
<b>Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/11/24</b>					
		SID2 (SLDC/PMS)		1,000.00	
		Storth Hub (£1,000 - £453.91)		546.09	
		Total reserves/allocated funds		1,546.09	
		Working funds		38,980.28	
		<b>Total funds</b>		<b>40,526.37</b>	

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

**11.2 Other Financial Matters:**

- **BPC Budget 2025/26** – the recommendation of the BPC Finance Group, as circulated to all members, and requiring a precept of £25,723, was **agreed unanimously**.

- **Beetham Church Christmas Tree 2024** – a BPC donation of £60, as previously, was **agreed unanimously**.

**12.0 Parish Steward:**

11.1 Update on current events – No report.

11.2 Additions to work programme – none.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

**13.0 Parish Matters (for information only): - raised by or with BPC members:**

- Cllr Greifenberg reported that there were problems with the operation of the kissing gate at the Friar Cote Bridge end of Sandside Cutting - so in need of further inspection and attention, possibly by Natural Landscapes. Also the display content of the BPC information board on Storth Green was in a very poor state and needed replacing; as a possible alternative content, Clerk to bring an existing graphic of Storth village layout to BPC's January 2025 meeting.

15.0 Reading Matter received – none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Nov 2024) and additional to items referred to above: none.

17.0 Date of next meeting - BPC monthly meeting – Mon 6 Jan 2025 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.