

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a remote (Zoom) meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 4 Jan. 2021.

Present were – Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Crayston, Becky Dewar, Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney (up to and including agenda item 6), Parish Clerk John Scargill and two members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Clark.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meetings, held on 7 Dec 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 – Cllr Meakin welcomed to the meeting new Beetham residents Mr & Mrs Phillips and thanked them for their interest.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 7 Dec 2020 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further developments. Ongoing.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – no further developments. Ongoing.

5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3) – no further developments. C Cllr McSweeney assured members that BPC had done everything possible to deal with this problem, which was essentially a public safety issue, and progress now rested with the legal teams of CCC and the householder concerned. Ongoing.

5.4 Beetham A6 speed limit revision (5.4) – the presentation to CCC by the head teacher of Beetham School had been well received and an eventual reduction of the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph through the parish seemed a realistic possibility. The request for a privately-funded speed-warning banner on the A6 bridge had been rejected by Highways. Ongoing.

5.5 Mobile SID on loan (5.5) – this equipment had now been relocated onto the B5282 and a high proportion of excessive speeds recorded there. Only 3 speed camera vans thought to be available for the whole county, with deployment priority for A-class roads. Speed gun training not available to PC members at present due to Covid restrictions.

5.6 Electricity North West funding for street lamps conversion to LED (5.6) – BPC had been asked to obtain quotes for the conversion work needed. The Clerk had arranged to meet SLDC/CCC representatives on 18 January to discuss this and any possible alternative to current arrangements for the funding of annual running costs.

5.7 A second SID for BPC (5.8) – letters had been sent to Billerud paper works, Beetham Nurseries and Sandside Quarry, as agreed, but no responses received as yet. Members gratefully accepted an offer by C Cllr McSweeney of funds (later confirmed as £1,000) from his 2020/21 discretionary budget, to be ring-fenced for this purpose.

6. Public Participation.

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

- i. A6 speed limit - confirmation of the position as reported in 5.4 above, although there could be a funding problem for any agreed change in the status quo.
- ii. Local Government reorganisation – a response from central government to the four lodged proposals was expected by the end of February 2021.
- iii. Local elections 2021 – if the Secretary of State decided to proceed with one or more reorganisation bids, then county & district elections unlikely to go ahead in 2021.

6.3 Matters raised by electors – traffic speeds on the A6, with detail and history requested. Speed tubes known to have been deployed recently to provide more detailed information.

7.0 New matters for consideration – none.

8. BPC Land issues:

- i.** Walkway obstruction by recreational anglers on Sandside Promenade – Cllr Meakin to circulate two alternative designs/wording for comment by members. **Agreed** – that wording be kept as short as practicable with the final version sent to Dallam for information.
- ii.** Cllr Pickup to inspect the felled tree on the Storth Road verge near Four Lane Ends before further action taken.
- iii.** Trees on Plot 4 – Clerk to contact SLDC Arboricultural Officer Graham Nicholson re the recommendations made for trees G4 in the Lakeland Tree Consultancy Report of March 2020, commissioned by BPC. Meanwhile, BPC’s Land Advisory Group would inspect them.
- iv.** BPC’s Land Advisory Group would, at the same time, look at the problem of unauthorised car parking on Plot 4, which had been raised as a concern of garage/parking plot tenants.

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

10. Parish Footpath issues – no further developments.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

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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/2020/0900	Storth School		Erection of wooden structure		No objection
SL/2020/0901	5 Rose Hill Grove, Storth		Demolition of porch, house roof re-tiling and replacement of timber-framed windows		No objection

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

SL/2020/0896	Rollen Court, Carr Bank Road		Change of use – garage/garden room to dwelling	08/01/21	No objection
SL/2020/0899	Donington, Carr Bank Road		Erection of garden room	07/01/21	No objection
SL/2020/0933	Land at Fell End, Hale Moss		Formation of manege for personal use.	14/01/21	Some concerns – as per AONB comments.

8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2020/0475	9 Dallam Drive, Storth	Rooney	Single-storey extension	Approved with conditions
SL/2020/0725	Shaw House Farm, Shaw Lane, Storth		Application for lawful development certificate for annexe to be used as single dwelling.	Refused
SL/2020/0743	Newlands, Leighton Drive, Slackhead		Multiple alterations	Approved with conditions
SL/2020/0354	Stoneycroft, Leighton Drive, Slackhead		Alteration to balcony and roof pitch.	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on SLDC website – 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 – DECEMBER 2020		MEETING – 4 Jan 2021	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/12/20	Opening balance				
31/12/20	Receipts	Ground rents Aug	B-Jones	8.34	
			Ryan	20.00	
		Wayleaves	Elec. North West		28.34
31/12/20	Payments:				81.89
	637	1291	Beetham Church Heritage Trust – donation	60.00	
	638	1292	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Dec (net)	569.68	
	639	1293	HMRC – PAYE December	142.20	
					-771.88
31/12/20	Closing balances			5,812.49	19,336.85
31/12/20	Total funds all accounts			£25,149.34	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/12/20			Street lamp reserve	9,600.00	
			Sports Field path project reserve	950.00	
			General Reserve	8,786.85	
			Working funds	5,812.49	
			Total funds	25,149.34	

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

12.2 Other financial matters:

BPC budget 2021/22 – the final draft budget, indicating a precept requirement of £21,907 (net of the Special CT grant) as circulated to all members **was approved**. Clerk to formally submit to SLDC before the 25 January 2021 deadline.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – Silent Soldier silhouettes still in site at Beetham and Storth. A6 path between theatre and war memorial still uncleared. Clerk to chase Parish Steward for action.

13.2 Further additions to work programme – none. In view of the likelihood that face-to-face PC meetings would be impossible for some considerable time yet, it was suggested that the Parish Steward either sign up for Zoom meetings or, alternatively, submit a monthly emailed report to the Clerk for presentation at Zoom meetings. Clerk to deal with.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Greifenberg – some potholes in Yans Lane had been reported via the Highways website and already been filled in. A parishioner had drawn attention to litter in Quarry Lane, believed to be left by the drivers of parked vehicles. Clerk to write an appropriate letter to nearby businesses. Sightlines at the exit from Shaw Lane into Storth Road partially obstructed by overhanging bushes at a nearby property – the householder’s responsibility.

16.0 General Correspondence – none.

17.0 Reading Matter – none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (February 2021) and additional to items referred to above – none.

19.0 Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Monday 1 February 2021 – at Beetham School if lockdown restrictions permit. Otherwise and more likely, remotely via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.