

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th January 2015 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Pru Jupe (Chair), David Jupe, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Steve Yates. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Ken Blenkharn (holiday), David Clark (ill), Ian Stewart, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3rd December 2014, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Jupe.

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

4.0 Announcements by the Chair - the Chair wished all members a very happy New Year.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 3rd December 2014 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whassett (5.1)) - these problems had again been evident as a result of recent heavy rains. Flooding at Whassett had drained away fairly quickly but the subsequent hard frost had made Leighton Beck Road extremely dangerous. Cllr Yates to email Cllr Stewart about this with a view to action by CCC.

5.2 Beetham village traffic, inc Mill Lane (5.2) - the meeting between two local residents and Wit Lazurek (Billerud) had reached agreement on modifications to the Corn Mill sign at the approach to the mill. Also that further development on or near the Corn Mill site would be notified to local residents in advance and their views taken into account as far as possible.

5.3 Burntbarrow Woods public inquiry (14) - John Townend had agreed to represent the local group supporting ROW status for the paths and his formal statement of their case had been published. Clerk to circulate copies to all members. It was understood that additional evidence in support of this case had also now emerged. **Agreed** - for Beetham PC to make known its support for the ROW application.

5.4 Highways gritting arrangements 2014/15 (9) - the Clerk had received no response from Nick Raymond to his enquiry about these arrangements. Clerk to repeat the request and obtain receipt confirmation.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - received on the day of the meeting and circulated. Improved presence on streets and at PC meetings seemed unlikely in view of budget constraints. Some statistics of recent activity also provided. No major problems reported. Suggested by members that any previous reports of damage to Dallam warning signs (re Burntbarrow Woods paths) be made available for inspection.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) - nothing to report in the absence of Cllr Stewart.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr P Jupe) - nothing to report.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public;

- the handrail beside steps along the short footpath between Burntbarrow and Shaw Lane was missing and needed to be replaced. Cllr Pickup to photograph for Clerk to send to CCC, whose responsibility it was.
- dissatisfaction with the lack of progress on dealing with the Mill Lane issue. This left Parsonage Fold residents responsible for repairs to that part of the road opposite their properties, despite increased traffic (and yet more in prospect) arising from development of the Corn Mill. Clerk to write to Wit Lazurek again to request a summary of exactly where we are with resolving this issue.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 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/2014/1098	Ellers Meadow, Beetham	Gardner	Erection of agricultural storage building & pond	24/12/14	No objections

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

SL/2014/1192	Garden at Kern Knotts, Keasdale Rd	Robinson	Erection of dwelling (revised scheme)	20/01/15	No objections
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2014/0843	Land at Harbourwain Keasdale Rd, Carr Bk	Weldon	Erection of bungalow	Approved with conditions
SL/2014/0916	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	Marsden	Erection of aviary	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on 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 – DEC 2014	MEETING – 5 th January 2015	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA
					£	£
01/12/14	Opening balances					19,220.33
31/12/14	Receipts:	HSBC	Bank interest to 7 December			2.40
		ElecNW	Wayleaves		79.50	
31/12/14	Payments:					
“	319 965	Scargill	Clerk’s sal. Dec (net)	372.33		
			Postage & Stat’y	4.46		
			VAT	.43		
				377.22		
“	320 966	HMRC	PAYE Dec qutr	273.00		
“	Total payments in month				-650.22	
31/12/14	Closing balances				6,584.35	19,222.73
31/12/14	Total funds all accounts				£25,807.08	
Reserve Funds at 31/12/14		Street lamp reserve		2,400.00		
		General Reserve		16,822.73		
		Total reserves		19,222.73		

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

8.2 Other financial matters:

- BPC accounts for 9mths to 31/12/14 - APPROVED

- **Budget and Precept for 2015/16** – recommendations by BPC Finance Working Group, for a break-even budget and a precept of £17,327 (= 0.64% increase on 2014/15) - **APPROVED**.
- **Clerk's annual review** – to be conducted by Cllr P Jupe as soon as can be arranged.
- **New transparency legislation** – provisions of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 meant that, as from 06/04/15, requirements for the publication of information, that are currently only 'recommended practice' for smaller councils such as Beetham, **may** become mandatory. Cllr Meakin and the Clerk to ensure that these requirements are fully implemented by whatever deadline may eventually be decreed.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS's update on current events (reported prior to meeting) – commercial vehicle EX13XRP had damaged a grass verge in Beetham and driver admitted responsibility. Local members to take photograph of damage and Clerk to present a compensation claim to vehicle owners. PS to be asked to quote for this work.

9.2 Additions to PS's work programme – none.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Pickup** – requested an additional grit bin for siting at the end of Carr Bank Road. Clerk to request from Highways, via Cllr Stewart.
- **No other reports.**

12.0 Parish Land:

12.1- Land at Dixies - Clerk to follow up earlier attempts to ascertain procedure for obtaining more stones FOC from Sandside Quarry. Clerk also to obtain a quotation from David Brailsford for both the supply and laying of appropriate turf for the site.

12.2 - Plot 4 - Wright & Lord had promised to have the draft rental agreements ready by 31/01/15, after amending first draft as suggested by Cllr Yates's comments (re annual review).

12.4- Sandside Cutting – tree felling/trimming ongoing by Cameron Durie and Bill Haddow.

13.0 Development sites within AONB – the Planning Authority had called for site suggestions.

Agreed – that BPC propose favourable consideration be given to land at Sandside, between the Ship Inn and the Kingfisher restaurant, to include both sides of Quarry Lane, conditional upon building a new access road through the existing Travis Perkins site, between the B5282 and Quarry Lane. Draft wording for this recommendation to be prepared by Cllrs Meakin and Yates.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 05/01/15 – Forestry Commission – providing a Woodland Management Plan for Dallam Estate. (Clerk had already forwarded the email and attached plan to Cllr Pickup).

15.0 Reading Matter – none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (Dec 2014) – nothing additional to those items mentioned above.

17.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 2nd February 2015 – 7.00pm at Beetham

The meeting closed at 8.13pm.