

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** - Cllrs Steve Yates (Chair), David Clark, David Crayston, Margaret Knowles, Chris Noble and Bob Pickup. Also D Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Blenkarn (unwell) and Meakin (routine hospital appointment). Also from Parish Steward Bill Haddow.

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 3 December 2018, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** and signed by Cllr Yates.

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

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

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 3 December 2018 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Speed indicator (5.1)** – awaiting Peter Capasso (Milnthorpe PC), who had agreed to commence downloading the SID data at an early date.

**5.2 Beetham defibrillator (5.2)** – awaiting confirmation of phone box adoption from BT.

**5.3 Beetham flooding (5.4)** – BPC had been contacted by Fran Richardson, Development Officer for Action with Communities in Cumbria, who offered support and resources for the proposed Beetham Flood Resilience Forum. **Agreed** – that Ms Richardson be invited to the next BPC meeting (4 Feb 2019 at Beetham) to talk about this. Clerk to confirm with Ms Richardson and to progress BPC's earlier decision to invite a speaker on the subject of flooding to BPC's 2019 Annual Assembly (14 March 2019 at the Heron Theatre).

**5.4 Carr Bank Road issues (5.5)** – usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282 and Carr Bank Road plus flooding at Jonny's Steps. Also a problem with the sewerage disposal pipeline at Carr Bank. Repair of the collapsed wall along the B5282, between Sandside and New Bridge (part of Dallam Estate) to be undertaken by Cumbria Highways and expected to be completed before the end of January. This would delay the felling of overgrown trees along this same stretch of the highway. The Ramblers Association was understood to be in process of serving an order on Dallam Estate re access restrictions.

**5.5 BPC member vacancy (7.1)** – the deadline given on the notice in parish notice boards had passed without any expressions of interest being received. A similar notice was to be placed in the Westmorland Gazette at an early date.

**5.6 BPC Standing Orders (7.3)** – Cllr Meakin had examined NALC's Model Standing Orders in detail and issued proposals for amending the BPC Standing Orders and other model draft policy documents. All these documents had now been circulated to members – amendments to be confirmed at the next BPC meeting.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

**6.1 Police Report** – report for December received and circulated to all members. No crimes related to Beetham parish.

**6.2 County Council matters** – no report as such. As a District Councillor, Cllr McSweeney was able to inform members that the highway flooding at the triangle at the bottom end of Storth Road was probably due to a blocked gully elsewhere in the system and would be further investigated by Highways. Also that the police precept for 2019/20 was to increase (by £24pa for Band D properties) in order to fund national pay increases for existing personnel and additional recruits.

**6.3 District Council matters** – nothing additional to 6.2 above.

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – none.

## 7.0 New matters for consideration.

**7.1 Remembrance tree** – a request from the Cowperthwaite family for a tree to be planted at Four Lane Ends was **agreed** by members.

**7.2 Review of National Parks and AONBs** – **agreed** that BPC would follow developments with interest.

**7.3 Whassett Common resurfacing** – Cllr Blenkarn had been favourably impressed with the work recently done by Highways and had asked that this be recorded.

**7.4 Parish Council elections 2019** – to be held on 2 May and councillors would take office on 7 May. Publicity material to be issued.

**7.5 – Lakeland Wildlife Oasis (Hale)** – BPC had been notified by Lakeland Trust for Natural Sciences (LTNS) of plans to significantly upgrade this attraction which it was being asked to support. **Agreed** – that BPC supported the project and would welcome further information about the upgrade and its progress as this became available. Clerk to convey this to LTNS.

## 8.0 Planning Matters.

### 8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

**Jan 2019 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/2018/0996	Greenhead Farm, Storth Rd, Storth		Single dwelling (retrospective).	07/01/19	No objection

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

SL/2018/1006	Barns adjacent to Cautley Farm, Whassett		Conversion of barns into 3 dwellings.	12/01/19	No objection
SL/2018/1008	Roundthwaite, The Pasture, Storth		Roof-lights + garage replacement.	14/01/19	No objection
SL/2018/1043	Helm Dene, Carr Bank Rd		Chimney removal and flue installation.	23/01/19	No objection
SL/2019/0002	5 The Mains, Stanley St, Beetham		Rear conservatory	25/01/19	No objection

### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

**SLDC decision**

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(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

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

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

## 9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – DECEMBER 2018	MEETING – 7 January, 2019	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/12/18	Opening balances				19,274.10
31/12/18	Receipts:				
		Ground rents - B-Jones		8.34	
		- Ryan		20.00	
					28.34
		Elec NW – wayleaves			81.89
		Barclays bank int to 2 Dec			9.61
31/12/18	Payments:				
	524	1176	Jacobs – access rental	31.14	
	525	1177	Scargill - Clerk's sal Dec (net)	435.84	
	526	1178	HMRC – PAYE Dec quarter	326.40	
	Total payments in month				-793.38
31/12/18	Closing balances			15,679.82	19,283.71
31/12/18	Total funds all accounts				£34,963.53
<b>Reserve Funds at 31/12/18</b>		Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
		General Reserve		9,683.71	
		Total reserves		19,283.71	

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

**9.2 Other financial matters** - BPC 8mths accounts to 30/11/18 (**approved**) & BPC precept 2019/20 of £17,069 **approved**, with some budget detail to be vetted by BPC Finance Working Group before finalisation (time and place to be arranged). Clerk to submit precept to SLDC before 25 January deadline..

- Clerk's annual review 2018 – satisfactorily conducted by Cllr Meakin on 20/12/18.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events -nothing to report.

10.2 Further additions to work programme - none.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

### 12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

**Cllr Clark** - potholes appearing in the southbound carriageway of the A6 near Beetham House. Also on the B5282 near New Bridge. Cllr Clerk to send photos to D Cllr McSweeney. A recent big funeral at Beetham Crematorium had resulted in many related vehicles temporarily parked along the A6, some on the walkway. Members asked to be vigilant for any recurrence and ensure that date noted and photos taken where possible. Traffic cones near New Bridge (from earlier work there) still on site.

**Cllr Crayston** - highway flooding at Whasset Common seemed to have improved following recent Highways work at this location (see 7.3 above).

**Cllr Yates** - Meadowcroft, Beetham, sign removed some time ago (stolen) and never replaced - D Cllr McSweeney to contact SLDC. Poor signage for Leighton Beck Road generally causing confusion for delivery drivers - Clerk to write to CCC. Leighton Beck Road at Box Tree Cottage - no further developments - D Cllr McSweeney to ensure Highways advised of BPC proposals for improved footway.

**13.0 Parish Land:**

**13.1 - Sandside Cutting** - Thwaites Treecare advised that they had been awarded the felling contract for urgent work in Sandside Cutting and a copy of the felling licence had been provided. Work due to start mid-January. Cllr Pickup to determine work priorities.

**14.0 General Correspondence** - none.

**15.0 Reading Matter** - Clerks & Councils Direct - Jan 2019, issue 121.

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Feb 2019) and additional to items referred to above** - none.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - 7.00pm on 4 February 2019 at Beetham School.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm.**