

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 8th January 2018 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), Ken Blenkharn, David Clark, Margaret Knowles, Bob Pickup, Chris Noble, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Steward Bill Haddow and one member of the public (up to and including item 6.4).

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Jupe (work) and D Cllr McSweeney (attending Arnside PC meeting)

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th December 2017, had been circulated by email, were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed 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 - none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 8th December 2017 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

5.1 Village map boards (5.1) - Cllr Knowles reported that initial proofs from the printers should be with Barbara Henneberry (AONB) by 12 January.

5.2 A6 signage for paper mill and corn mill (5.3) - no further progress - ongoing.

5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.4) - no further progress - ongoing.

5.4 Donation for replacement seat (5.5) - Clerk to order from Glasdon, with delivery to Parish Steward's home address.

5.5 'Smiley'-type speed indicator sign (5.6) - agreed - that BPC purchase one unit, including supporting statistical software, from Pandora. Clerk to order and follow up possibilities for grants towards cost. Initial siting to be on Sandside Promenade where an existing pole could be used.

5.6 Replacement of Carr Bank bus shelter (5.7) - BPC's insurers had agreed to pay the insured value immediately (cheque to hand), which fell short of the current replacement cost, and to seek the balance from the third party's insurers.

5.7 Four Lane Ends, Storth signpost (5.9) - already agreed - that BPC proceed to carry out the necessary improvements to the signpost (Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward).

5.8 Beetham defibrillator (5.10) - a wall in Church Street, next to the shop but part of the Wheatsheaf property, seemed to offer a good potential site. Cllr Yates to speak to the new owners of the Wheatsheaf about this as soon as possible. Source for required power supply still to be resolved.

5.9 WW1 end commemoration (7.3) - Responses still awaited from Storth & Wings schools.

5.10 Leighton Beck Road, Beetham, surface water (6.4) - agreed that the protruding stones at the base of the wall be painted white by the Parish Steward.

5.11 Damaged wall at Rose Hill Grove, Storth (7.1) - repaired quickly and to a good standard by Jack Ellerby, paid for by vehicle owners Staywarm.

5.12 Issues raised by Cllr Pickup (12) - concerns about traffic speed, pedestrian safety and safety generally on the B5282 and Carr Bank Road - CCC Crash Team to examine in 2018. Additional (recent) damage by a car to railings on B5282. Continued flooding at the rear of Nuns Avenue and Carr Bank Road, related to a blocked/collapsed culvert. A tree impeding passage on Jonny's Steps needed urgent (probably professional) attention - Cllr Pickup and Parish Steward to inspect and arrange. The ground surface by the gate on the public ROW from Beetham Corn Mill to Dallam Tower was being churned up by sheep using the feeder sited there - Clerk to write to Dallam.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – report from Cumbria Police received and circulated.

6.2 County Council matters – the Ship Inn had flooded again in a recent high tide, with mud and sand entering the cellars. Also persistent flooding on the highway between the old and new bridges on the B5282 (Park Road) – Highways attention already requested. Warning of severe traffic disruption in February, when extensive road resurfacing scheduled for Milnthorpe traffic lights. CCC intending to honour its earlier commitment to limit its Council Tax precept increase to 1.99%, but Police service likely to accept central government’s recent relaxation of increase limits to request more funding for a heightened police presence - BPC support this and Cllr Meakin to complete online survey to Cumbria PCC expressing support.

6.3 District Council matters – limited funding available, but not for parish councils – any ideas for use to Cllr Stewart.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – Janice Dyson, representing Sandside residents, expressed concerns about Sandside Quarry’s plans to extend their period of use of the quarry to 2029 and, therefore, delay in returning the site to nature. In the meantime there were questions about possible pollution from gas/smoke emissions from the quarry as a result of its recycling activities and the adverse effect of this on nearby structures and personal health.

7.0 New matters for consideration.

7.1 Parish walls generally (mainly at Sandside Cutting) – Cllr Pickup had undertaken a comprehensive survey of SC walls and identified priorities for attention. Cllr Meakin proposed a five-year plan by BPC to deal with this – **agreed**. A related safety issue was the state of some trees. **Agreed** – that members carry out a collective on-site inspection of the problems identified by Cllr Pickup and consider his conclusions, as a prerequisite of agreeing details for the proposed five-year action plan.

7.2 Field alongside Leighton Beck Road, Slackhead – planning application from new owner currently under consideration by SLDC Planning. Residents’ concerns about the proposed new access gate to the field from Leighton Beck Road and the effect this could have on allowing yet more of the road’s existing surface water into the field, and thence to nearby properties (see item 6.4 of 4 December minutes).

7.3 Protection of ‘orchid triangle’ near Dixies – this small but important area was under threat from pedestrians and parked vehicles. Landscape Trust and AONB aware and supportive that protection was justified. This could easily and cheaply be achieved by placing boulders along the perimeter, as had been done at the old Flippin’ Fluke car park. Cllr Meakin to write to Highways England Historic Railways Estate for requisite permission.

8.0 Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

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

SL/2017/1057	High House, Holme	Edmondson	Replacement detached garage	16/01/18	No objection
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2017/0761	1 Quarry Lane, Sandside	Willacy	Erection of new building for retail & trade sales etc	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0899	O/S field 1700, A6 Beetham east side	Bland	Roof over existing midden	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0932	Helm Dene, Carr Bank Rd	Helm	Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement	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.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – DECEMBER 2017	MEETING – 8 Jan, 2018		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA
				£	£	£
01/12/17	Opening balances				16,900.42	19,241.92
31/12/17	Receipts;					
		Barclays				3.37
		Ground rents - B-Jones		12.50		
		- Ryan		20.00		
	717	Elec NW	Wayleaves		32.50	
					81.89	
31/12/17	Payments:					
	471	1122	Jacobs S Cutting access rent	30.13		
	472	1123	Scargill Clerk's sal. Dec. (net)	427.17		
	Total payments in month				-457.30	
31/12/17	Closing balances				16,557.51	19,245.29
31/12/17	Total funds all accounts					£35,802.80
Reserve Funds at 31/12/17		Street lamp reserve		9,600.00		
		General Reserve		9,645.29		
		Total reserves		19,245.29		

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

9.2 Other financial matters:

- **Clerk's annual review for 2016/17** – conducted by Cllr Jupe on 31/12/17 – satisfactory – Clerk to progress to SCP27.
- **BPC budget/precept 2018/19** – draft budget and related precept requirement previously circulated to all members.
Agreed – that the budget be accepted and Clerk to submit the related precept request of £17,215 to SLDC by the required deadline date (26/01/18).

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – A6 bridge crash barrier at Beetham – large stones still remained in grass verge behind barrier, creating damage hazard for mowing machinery, so no grass able to be cut in this area.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – to paint stones along Leighton Beck Road (as per item 5.10 above) and Fairy Steps sign repair (as per 12.0 below).

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Clark – potholes on A6 south through parish. Also in Parkside Rd and Beetham Rd.

Cllr Pickup – see 5.12 above plus more obstructions appearing along parish footpaths.

Cllr Yates – Fairy Steps direction sign from Leighton Beck Road in very poor state – **agreed** Parish Steward to repair.

13.0 Parish Land:

13.1 - Land at Dixies – Cllr Pickup had recently tidied the area.

13.2 - Sandside Cutting – Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward working together on the seasonal felling programme. Shredder to be employed as required. Possible need for professional tree surgeon

13.3 – Plot 4 – reallocation of garage plots as agreed between tenants, **agreed** by BPC.

14.0 General Correspondence:

- 31/12/17 - Linda Dean - pictorial meadows project - Clerk to refer to Dallam as landowner.

15.0 Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct - Jan 2018 - issue 115
- SLDC - LAPS Newsletter - Dec 2017.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (February 2018) and additional to items referred to above - none.

17.0 Date of next meeting: - Monday 5 February 2018 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.