

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a remote (Zoom) meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 1 Feb. 2021.

Present were – Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Crayston, Becky Dewar, Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles and Steve Yates. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney (for agenda items 5.1 to 5.4, and items 6 to 19), Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllr Pickup (other engagement) and Cllr Clark.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meetings, held on 4 Jan. 2021, 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 – Beetham resident Alan Marsden was welcomed to the meeting.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 4 Jan 2021 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – C Cllr McSweeney summarised the present situation in which Mr Marsden, as a Stanley Street resident, had a particular interest. Two different areas of flooding were involved, Stanley Street and by the war memorial, caused by water from at least four different sources. Although the two flooding areas were interlinked, they were thought to require different solutions. The war memorial flooding was essentially a drainage problem, which meant that CCC funding could be available for a solution that offered a high chance of success. Because overflow from the River Bela was also a factor, the Environment Agency (EA) was involved. C Cllr McSweeney would seek a (remote) meeting with the EA and CCC to discuss. There was no funding at present for dealing with the Stanley Street flooding problem. Ongoing.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – issues related to 5.1. Noted – that keeping road drains clear by reporting blockages via SLDC website could help in the short term but was only a partial solution as much of the upper section had no road drains.

5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3) – CCC Enforcement considering what measures could be taken that were both proportionate and reasonable. Ongoing.

5.4 Beetham A6 speed limit revision (5.4) – funding for a speed limit revision on the A6 at Beetham could be available in 2022/23 following completion of a major road safety project in Arnside. Ongoing.

5.5 Mobile SID on loan (5.5) – minor hitches with the re-sited gun had been rectified.

5.6 Electricity North West funding for street lamps conversion to LED (5.6) – the Clerk's meeting with CCC and SLDC had been cancelled due to Covid restrictions, but the SLDC contractor was happy to be considered for any agreed conversion work. Clerk to proceed to obtain the requisite quote from this contractor.

5.7 A second SID for BPC (5.8) – Funding offers so far received totalled £2,300. Clerk to advise those to whom request letters had been sent and follow up where necessary.

6. Public Participation.

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

- i.** Ashton House field – some trees and bushes had been cut down to improve access, but an area of hardcore had been laid without the necessary planning permission. SLDC had advised the owner to submit a retrospective planning application.
- ii.** Local Government reorganisation – some confusion over central government's response to the lodged proposals (clarified by SLDC email 02/02/21). Cllrs Meakin and Knowles hoped to attend a remote SLDC consultation meeting on 4 Feb. 2021.
- iii.** National Census 21/03/21 – to be conducted on paper & online. Some new questions.

6.3 Matters raised by electors – questions and suggestions by Beetham resident Alan Marsden made a useful contribution to discussion of the Beetham flooding problem (5.1 above).

7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 – CALC/Land Registry questionnaire (checking on PC land holdings) – **agreed** that Clerk should complete pp BPC and submit.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Recreational anglers at Sandside Promenade – **agreed** to use Cllr Yates’s version of wording for proposed sign (as per his email dated 5 Jan 2021). Clerk to advise Dallam of agreed wording and approach CM Signs for a quotation.

ii. BPC’s Land Advisory Group had inspected the trees on Plot 4 and an application to fell two damaged ash had been submitted to SLDC. SLDC would conduct a site visit prior to 4 March 2021, before making a decision whether or not to approve the application.

iv. BPC’s Land Advisory Group had concluded that there was no problem with excessive and/or unauthorised car parking on Plot 4.

v. Thanks to Cllr Pickup for efficient clearance of fallen/felled tree remains and debris from Storth Road verge (near Four Lane Ends) and Sandside Promenade (near the new seat).

9. Carr Bank issues – usual excessive traffic speeds remained a problem on the B5282. Results from SID sited there awaited with interest.

10. Parish Footpath issues – a sign between Teddy Heights and Hazelslack Tower reported as missing. Cllr Pickup to be advised for action.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Feb 2021 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/2020/0949	Hazelslack farm		Lawful development - above-ground water tank		No objection

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

SL/2020/0778	Beetham School		Sports field development	08/02/21	Some observations
SL/2021/0030	5 Rose Hill Gr Storth		Enlarge porch etc	10/02/21	No objection
SL/2021/0040	5 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead		Single-storey rear ext’n etc	16/02/21	No objection
SL/2021/0043	Unit 4, Shoreline Business Park		Pitched roof dormer	15/02/21	No objection
SL/2021/0058	Lingwood, Storth Rd		Loft conversion etc	18/02/21	No objection

11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

11.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

11.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

12. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – JANUARY 2021		MEETING – 1 Feb 2021	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/01/21	Opening balance			5,812.49	19,336.85
31/01/21	Receipts	Ground rents Jan	B-Jones Ryan	8.34 20.00	
		Wayleaves	Elec. North West	28.34	
		Donation	Beetham Nurseries	50.00	
		Barclays	Bank Int. to 6 Dec	300.00	.48
31/01/21	Payments:				
	640 1294	Jacobs HRE – licence for Sandside tunnel		31.79	
	641 1295	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Jan (net)		569.48	
	642 1296	HMRC – PAYE January		142.40	
				-743.67	
31/01/21	Closing balances			5,447.16	19,337.33
31/01/21	Total funds all accounts			£24,784.49	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/01/21			Street lamp reserve	9,600.00	
			Sports Field path project reserve	950.00	
			General Reserve	8,787.33	
			Working funds	5,447.16	
			Total funds	24,784.49	

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

12.2 Other financial matters – C Cllr McSweeney’s pledge of £1,000 (re item 5.7 above) now cleared by SLDC.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – Silent Soldier silhouettes now removed back to store. Other jobs delayed by Parish Steward’s need for Covid-contact isolation. A6 footway to be done in week commencing 8 Feb 2021.

13.2 Further additions to work programme – none. Process underway for PS to join BPC’s monthly Zoom meetings.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Greifenberg – the overhanging trees/bushes at the corner of Storth Road/Shaw Lane had now been trimmed.

Cllr Meakin – had been approached by the owners of the privately-owned second seat at Four Lane Ends, which was in poor condition, with a view to BPC replacing it, and transferring its plaque to the new seat. **Agreed** – that Cllr Meakin approach Storth Community Shop for possible funding for a replacement seat (+/-£500) and, if the ‘ownership’ plaque were reinstated, a separate plaque be added which clarified the new funding source and the new ongoing maintenance responsibility.

Note – Cllr Meakin added a post-meeting comment that agreement had been reached with the Chair of Storth Community Shop that BPC’s grant application would be submitted in April 2021.

Cllr Crayston – asked about Cllr Clark’s current status as a BPC member in view of his absence from all remote PC meetings to date (ie as from April 2020). Cllr Meakin to make contact with Cllr Clark to discuss.

16.0 General Correspondence – none.

17.0 Reading Matter - none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (March 2021) and additional to items referred to above - BPC grants/donations for 2020/21.

19.0 Date of next meeting - 7.00pm Monday 1 March 2021 - at Storth Village Church if lockdown restrictions permit. Otherwise, and more likely, remotely via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.