

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 3 April 2023 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Crayston, Greifenberg and Phillips. Also W&F Cllr R Audland (throughout), Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** - had been received in writing from Cllrs Clark (work), Dewar (work), Harnett (prior engagement), Knowles (unwell) and Yates (holiday) - all accepted by the meeting.
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meetings** - 6 February 2023 (amended) and 6 March, both previously circulated, signed by Cllr Meakin as correct records. The Monitoring Officer of SLDC(W&F) had been consulted and meetings were to be arranged with BPC representatives (see also 6.2).
- 3.0 **Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** - none.
- 4.0 **Announcements by the Chair** - Cllr Meakin had amended BPC's Standing Orders to incorporate and clarify legal requirements re 'Apologies for Absence'. Revised Standing Orders circulated and to be formally approved at next meeting.
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes of 6 March 2023 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
 - 5.1 **Beetham flooding (5.1)** - no further progress.
 - 5.2 **Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** - no further progress
 - 5.3 **BPC-owned SID (5.3)** - no further progress. **Agreed** - to write off £58 shortfall in compensation monies and remove from future agendas.
 - 5.4 **Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.4)** - tree planting to go ahead in the spring. Cllr Phillips and Parish Steward Bill Haddow to arrange and implement.
 - 5.5 **Wild flower planting (5.5)** -no suitable location had been identified in Beetham East Ward. Remove from future agendas.
 - 5.6 **Queen's Jubilee seat and Storth Playing Field benches (5.6)** - the contractor had been urged to proceed with installation as soon as weather conditions allowed.
 - 5.7 **Beetham Village Planters (5.7)** - No further progress on plaque wording. Beetham Nurseries happy to leave plaque design and installation to BPC. Clerk to prepare a suggested plaque wording and contact local firm re cost of fabrication.
 - 5.8 **Lovers Lane litter problem (5.8)** - Cllr Phillips to meet with Dallam Tower Estate representatives on site on 17 April 2023 to discuss appropriate action.
 - 5.9 **Sandside mixed-use development (5.10)** - extensive local publicity had been given to the details of BPC's response to formal planning application SL/2022/1177.
 - 5.10 **Beetham Annual Assembly 2023** - an entertaining and useful presentation by Andy Vickers (SLDC representative) mainly on household waste recycling, but disappointing turnout despite extra publicity efforts.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 **Police matters** - no Police Report received.

6.2/3/4 **Higher authority reports** - Westmorland and Furness (W&F) Councillor Audland reported that the new unitary authority was now up and running. Induction meetings had been held in a good atmosphere and there were some good people in the key posts. On behalf of BPC, Cllr Audland had requested formal W&F advice and clarification on procedural problems re Declaration of Interest matters arising from the BPC meeting of 3 March 2023.

6.5 **Matters raised by electors** - none.

7.0 New Matters for consideration -

7.1 BPC elections 2023 – six existing members were known to be seeking re-election, leaving three vacancies over the two wards. Members urged to actively identify and approach potential new members.

7.2 Coronation of King Charles III – no suggestions for an individual BPC-arranged event, but possible joining forces with Milnthorpe PC in their planned celebration.

7.3 BPC meeting 4 September 2023 – suggested change of date to 21 August 2023, to facilitate attendance by BPC Clerk – agreed.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth – legal formalities completed but update of related Land Registry amendment remained outstanding.

ii. Tree management etc – suggested further BPC contact with Dr Jennie Keighley to ensure that further work in Sandside Cutting and Plot 4 proceeded in accordance with the agreed and insurance-obligated management plan. Clerk to organise.

9.00 Planning.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

March 2023 – April 2023 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	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
SL/2023/0226	Rollen Court, Carr Bank Rd	Balcony replacement, new detached games room, conservatory, car port	12/04/23	No objection
SL/2023/0232	High Ridge, High Cote Lane, Slackhead	Extensive alterations to form gable, enlarged rear dormer, front porch glazing, solar PV installation.	14/04/23	No objection
SL/2023/0238	Tree Tops, Leighton B Rd, Slackhead	Alterations, converting garage to self-contained living accommodation.	19/04/23	No objection

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2023/0005	Curraghorm, High Cote Lane, Slackhead	Single-storey rear extension.	Grant with conditions
SL/2023/0012	Land north of Marsden Farm, Farleton	Single self-build dwelling	Refused
SL/2023/0038	70 Leighton B Rd, Slackhead	Replacement dwelling etc	Grant with conditions

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

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

10. Financial matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – MARCH 2023

MEETING – 3 April 2023

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		Premium a/c
				£	£	£
01/03/23	Opening balance				4,940.13	19,357.94
31/03/23	Receipts	Ground rents Mar -	B-Jones	8.34		
			Ryan	20.00		
					28.34	
			Bank Interest to 4 March (est)			24.03
			Payments			
	784	1440	Miln Art & Copy – laminated posters	24.75		
	785	1501	Morphet – walling	1,180.00		
			VAT	236.00		
				1,416.00		
	786	1502	Storth Church – meeting room hire (12m)	120.00		
	787	1503	Beetham School - “ “ “	120.00		
	788	1504	Heron Theatre - “ (Annual Assemb)	75.00		
	789	1505	Lanc. City Cncl – AONB grant	700.00		
	790	1506	B Carman-Meakin – Chair’s hon ‘22/’23	120.00		
	791	1507	Scargill – AA exs	60.32		
			Post/stat’y 3mths	74.26		
			VAT	12.59		
				147.17		
	792	1508	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Mar (net)	613.73		
	793	1509	HMRC – PAYE Mar	154.66		
					-3,491.31	
31/03/23	Closing balances				1,477.16	19,381.97
31/03/23	Total funds all accounts				£ 20,859.13	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/03/23						
			Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
			Sports Field path project reserve (SLDC/PMS)		450.00	
			SID2 (SLDC/PMS)		1,000.00	
			Total reserves/allocated funds		11,050.00	
			Working funds		9,809.13	
			Total funds		20,859.13	

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED.

Other financial matters:

- Draft BPC annual accounts 2022/23- had been circulated. **Approved** subject to correction of accidental typing omission from schedule of £290 actual ‘Other Expenses’ figure.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - at the request of SLDC, information had been supplied listing items of related BPC expenditure over six years 2016/17 -2021/ 22, which left a balance of £129.75 CIL funds unspent.

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events - nothing to report.

11.2 Additions to work programme - nothing to report.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Meakin – work on upgrading the Sandside Cutting path now complete – excellent result.

Cllr Greifenberg – a parishioner had reported that he sitting by Dallam Estate of a new bollard at the far end of Yans Lane was causing problems, with postal service and refuse collection vehicles no longer having room to turn around. Any emergency service vehicles would also be affected.

Cllr Dewar (by email) – very early morning activity observed in Yans Lane (but thought by other members to possibly be milk deliveries).

14.0 General correspondence - none.

15.0 Reading Matter received - none.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (May 2023) and additional to items referred to above - updated BPC Standing Orders to be approved.

17.0 Date of next meeting - monthly BPC meeting, 7pm Mon 15 May 2023 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.