

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 8 April 2024 at Beetham School.

**Present were** – Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Greifenberg, Phelan and Phillips, Parish Clerk John Scargill and six members of the public.

The parish council meeting was preceded by a timely presentation on ‘Fraud’ by DC Claire Keyes of Cumbria Constabulary, which served to show how extensive, well-organised and sophisticated cyber crime was in the modern world and how alert the general public needed to be to stand any chance of avoiding financial loss from it.

- 1.0 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Clark (work), Knowles & Marsden (prior commitments) and Yates (holiday).
- 2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting** – the minutes of the meeting 4 March 2024, previously circulated, were **approved** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Meakin as a correct record, subject to correction to item 6.1. Police Reports had, in fact, been received for all months since December 2023, albeit after the relevant PC meeting, and duly circulated to all members.
- 3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** – none.
- 4.0 Announcements by the Chair** – thanked DC Keyes for her excellent and comprehensive talk.
- 5.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 4 March 2024 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
  - 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – nothing to report.
  - 5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – nothing to report.
  - 5.3 BPC member vacancies (5.3)** – currently one West Ward vacancy remained (the notice in the Storth notice board to be amended accordingly).
  - 5.4 Four Lane Ends verge (5.4)** – no further developments (remove from future agendas).
  - 5.5 Sandside Cutting wall at properties 3 & 12 Rose Hill Grove (5.5)** – now satisfactorily completed (remove from future agendas).
  - 5.6 Beetham village traffic speeds (5.6)** – results of the survey had been forwarded to WFC.
  - 5.7 BPC Code of Conduct (5.7)** – WFC had formally acknowledged receipt of all required documentation and BPC now await a decision from WFC’s Legal Dept and Monitoring Officer.
  - 5.8 Beetham stocks (5.8)** – Cllr Marsden and Bill Haddow had agreed to undertake joint inspection and make recommendations.
  - 5.9 Beetham Annual Assembly (5.9)** – Lucy Barron’s summary of current events within the Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape (formally the AONB) had been well received.
  - 5.10 Beetham dog-fouling survey (5.10)** – nothing more to report.
  - 5.11 Beetham Playing Field access gate (5.11)** – nothing more to report.
- 6.0 Public Participation.**
  - 6.1 Police matters** – police report for March 2024 received and circulated.
  - 6.2 Higher authority report** – (WFC Councillor Audland) – nothing to report.
  - 6.3 Matters raised by electors** – none.

## 7.0 New Matters for consideration:

**7.1 BPC data storage facilities** – Cllrs Knowles, Meakin and Phelan, together with the Clerk, had cleared BPC's Storth Village Hall stationery cabinet of all obsolete material (namely planning applications dated pre-2017 and BPC minutes older than 10 years, which had then been destroyed in accordance with recommendations). Arrangements would be made to deal with BPC's Heron Hall filing cabinet at an early date. All retained material from the two locations would then be sorted, logged and re-stored, with the aim of eventual conversion to digital storage.

**7.2 Carr Bank Road traffic speeds** – an email from Stephen Unsworth was noted and he would be advised to send this to Highways, as the responsible authority.

**7.3 Carr Bank Road BPC notice board** – agreed that a simple handrail should be fitted to assist access. Clerk to organise.

**7.4 Damage to underside of Green Lane bridge** – to be reported to the relevant authority (thought to be National Highways' Historical Railway Estate). Clerk.

**7.5 Storth Village Hall grant application** – for a financial contribution towards major and expensive improvements to the ceiling of the main hall. **Agreed – to offer a £500 BPC grant for 2024/25.**

**7.6 CALC subscription.** Agreed that BPC pay the required membership subscription of £388.54 for 2024/25.

## 8. BPC Land issues:

**i. Unauthorised use of Plot 4, Slackhead** – noted that garden waste from an unknown source had recently been illegally dumped on the site. Clerk to draft a letter to be sent to all nearby residents reminding them of BPC's ownership of this land and the need to protect and develop its natural features. Refer to higher authority as necessary.

**ii. Risk assessment and maintenance programme for 2024/25.** Clerk to ask Jennie Keighley and Scott Thwaites to meet on site to survey and make recommendations.

## 9.00 Planning.

### 9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

March 2024 – April 2024 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
2024/0401/FPA	Breeze Hill, Carr Bk	Demolition of conservatory & erection of new rear extension	1 Apl 2024	No objection
2024/0429/FPA	26 Burntbarrow, Storth	Construction of single-storey side extension.	1 Apl 2024	No objection
2024/0457/FPA	29 Paddock Way, Storth	Construction of verandah	4 PL 2024	No objection
2024/478/FPA	Yew Tree Hse, Hale	15 solar panels	16 Apl 2024	?
2024/0495/FPA	Farleton View, 3 L B Rd, Slackhead	Change of use – single storey bldg. to holiday let accommodation.	24 Apl 2024	?
2024/0497/PAPP	Overthwaite Farm, Whassett	Erection of general purpose agricultural building		?

### 9.2 Decisions received from WFC

### WFC decisions

2024/0091/	Primrose Cottage, Shaw Lane, Storth	Change of use – woodland to garage & car parking.	Not progressed
2024/0111/	Townend Farm, Farleton	Installation of solar panel on rear roof	Approved with conditions
2024/0140/	Austerley, Storth Rd	Single-storey extn + detached garage	Approved with conditions

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

### 9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

## 10. Financial matters:

### PROVISIONAL

#### 10.1 Financial report:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – MARCH 2024

MEETING – 8 APRIL 2024

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
				£	£
01/03/24	Opening balance			9,065.97	19,542.23
29/02/24	Receipts	Ground rents Feb - B-Jones		8.34	
		Bank interest 3 mths to March 2024			awaited
	Payments:				
851	1449	Morphet – walling	R H Grove	780.00	
852	1450	A2A – Web – domain name reg fee		30.00	
853	1451	Milnthorpe Art & Copy – flyers		79.20	
854	1452	Storth VCh – meeting room rent '23-'24		120.00	
855	1453	Storth PF Ass'n – Heron Hall hire – AA		30.00	
856	1454	Lanc City Cncl – AONB grant '23-'24		700.00	
857	1455	B C Meakin – chair's honorarium '23-'24		120.00	
858	1456	Scargill – AA catering + post/staty 3mths		154.74	
859	1457	Scargill – annual allces backlog at 31/3/24		275.00	
860	1458	Scargill – Clerk's sal Mar (net)		647.63	
861	1459	HMRC – PAYE Mar		169.12	
				3,105.69	
31/03/24	Closing balances			6,508.62	19,542.23
31/03/24	Total funds all accounts			£ 26,050.85	
<b>Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/03/24</b>					
		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		15,000.85	
		<b>Total funds</b>		<b>26,050.85</b>	

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

#### 10.2 Other financial matters:

- **Annual Accounts 2023/24** – pending - awaiting March 2024 bank statement.
- **AGAR forms for approval & signature** – pending - awaiting annual accounts.
- **Annual Risk Assessment - March 2024** – tabled, circulated & **approved** by members  
- signed by Cllr Meakin & the Clerk.

#### 11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 **Update on current events** – two applications received and considered for vacant Parish Steward post – application from Rob Wilson (RGarden) accepted. Clerk to notify both candidates as required.

11.2 **Additions to work programme** – PS to remove Silent Soldier emblems from Beetham and Storth cenotaph sites for 'off-duty' storage.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only) – none.

14.0 General correspondence – From CALC 21/03/24 re Bus Service improvement plan – circulated

15.0 Reading Matter received – Keer to Kent, issue 115, Spring 2024.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (May 2024) and additional to items referred to above: none.

17.0 Date of next meeting - BPC monthly meeting – Mon 13 May 2024 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.