

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Beetham PC held on Monday 15th May 2023, followed by the normal monthly meeting, at Beetham School at 7pm.

Present were Cllrs Brian Meakin, David Clark, Margaret Knowles, Peter Greifenberg, Mark Phillips and Steve Yates. WFC Cllr Rupert Audland for item 6 only. No members of the public.

1.0 Election of Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2023/24.

Resolved - that Cllr Brian Meakin be elected Chair of Beetham PC for the year 2023/24.

2.0 Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office - signed by Cllr Meakin.

3.0 Apologies for absence received - none.

4.0 Appointment of Vice-Chair of Beetham Parish Council for the year 2023/24.

Resolved - that Cllr Greifenberg be elected Vice-Chair of Beetham PC for the year 2023/24.

5.0 Appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies.

Resolved - that councillors be appointed to represent the council on outside bodies for the year 2023/24 as follows:

- Beetham Exhibition Trust	Peter Greifenberg
- AONB Executive	Brian Meakin
- CALC South Lakeland Com.	Peter Greifenberg
- Quarry Liaison Committee	David Clark
- Burton-in-Kendal Educ. Fdn.	Mark Phillips
- Local Area Partnership	Margaret Knowles
- Arnside & DCW Steering Grp	Margaret Knowles

6.0 Appointment of committees, sub-committees etc.

Resolved - that councillors be appointed to serve for 2023/24 as follows:

- East Ward Planning	Cllrs Clark, Phillips & Yates.
- West Ward Planning	Cllrs Greifenberg, Knowles & Meakin
- Parish Newsletter	Cllr Meakin (editor), the Clerk (correspondent)
- Parish Council website	Cllr Meakin
- Parish Land Wkg. Grp.	Cllrs Clark, Meakin & Yates.
- Finance Working Group	Cllrs Greifenberg, Knowles, Meakin & Yates

7.0 Annual Subscriptions.

Resolved - that the subscription to CALC for 2023/24 of £358.46 be approved.

8.0 Inspection of Deeds.

Milne Moser had confirmed in writing that they were holding title deeds to the following BPC properties:

- Land at Slackhead, Beetham to the rear of Rock Cottage (title number CU261848)
- Land at Sandside, known as Sandside Cutting (title number CU107948)
- Land at WWPS Sandside (sub-station) - counterpart lease.

9.0 Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting 3 April, 2023 – had been circulated in advance and were signed by Cllr Meakin as a correct record.

10.0 Declarations of interest – Cllr Clark declared an interest in agenda item 12.7 (Sandside mixed-use development) as owner of the ex-coal yard, currently occupied by Cragco car body shop and Willan used car sales.

11.0 Announcements by the Chair – none.

12.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 03/04/23 meeting and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

12.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – no further progress.

12.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – no further progress.

12.3 Queen’s platinum jubilee trees (5.4) – twelve trees now planted across three parish sites..

12.4 Queen’s jubilee seat & Storth Playing Field benches (5.6) – the contractor planned to proceed with this project as soon as weather conditions allowed.

12.5 Beetham village planters (5.7) – plaque wording had been agreed and a quote received from Aztec for its fabrication in aluminium – **accepted** subject to inspection by Clerk.

12.6 Lovers Lane litter (5.8) – Cllr Phillips had attended a site meeting with Dallam representatives. **Agreed** – that Cllr Phillips would check and remove any litter periodically; Dallam to consider the installation of bollards to restrict car parking.

12.7 Sandside mixed-use development (5.9) – nothing to report.

12.8 BPC member vacancies (7.1) – concern over the three vacancies on BPC following the recent parish elections and the need to recruit new members. Clerk to install conspicuous notices in all BPC notice boards and existing members encouraged to solicit public interest by word of mouth.

13.0 Public Participation:

13.1 Police matters – a police report for April had been received and circulated. No reported incident specific to Beetham parish. Cllr Phillips had asked PCSO Newman to be kept informed on a number of local issues, including burglaries, CCTV initiatives and traffic speeding.

13.2 Westmorland & Furness Council (WFC) – WFC Cllr Audland strongly advocated CCTV coverage as an effective means of dealing with crime. There was now a police squad entirely devoted to break-ins. WFC were keen to promote the devolution of powers to ‘locality boards’ and BPC members were encouraged to compile a list of important Beetham parish matters/projects they considered worthy of inclusion (see agenda item 23 below). Such list could cover a wide range of issues such as a roundabout on the B5282 at the Storth Road junction.

14.0 New matters for consideration.

14.1 BPC Standing Orders – these had been updated by Cllr Meakin and would now be put on the BPC website.

14.2 BPC traffic mirror at B5282/Storth Road junction – BPC strongly contested a single complaint by a member of the public that the mirror itself represented a traffic hazard and should be removed. A decision on this matter lay with Highways.

14.3 Defibrillator at Hale – a request by Andrew Gardner for BPC’s financial support to provide a box to house a privately-funded new defibrillator – was received favourably by members. A grant of £500 was agreed subject to clarification of responsibility for managing the defibrillator and BPC’s total exclusion from any future upkeep responsibility/costs. Clerk to advise Andrew Gardner.

14.4 The Ship carpark rubble – a number of complaints had been received from local residents about the unsightly nature of a steadily increasing heap of rubble. Clerk to write to the owners asking for its removal and referencing relevant legislation.

15.0 BPC land and tree issues.

15.1 Land transfers (The Pasture) – no further progress with Land Registry.

15.2 Tree work programme 2023/24– Thwaites had been instructed re Sandside Cutting and had started work.

16.0 Planning Matters.

16.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

April 2023 – May 2023 meeting.

Clerk to respond by emailing WFC with any adverse BPC comments.

SLDC/WFC ref	Address	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
SL/2023/0289	10 Rose Hill Gr Storth	Replace garage/store with new guest bedroom with bathroom.	11/05/23	No objection
SL/2023/0355	Cross Cottage, 2 Leighton B Rd Slackhead	Removal of upstairs side window		No objection
SL/2023/0376	Cross Cottage, 2 Leighton B Rd Slackhead	Replace large window with French doors.		Site photograph & drawing of proposed window needed before BPC decision
SL/2023/0382	Field of Moss Hall, Carr Bk Rd	Variation of cond. 3 – SL/2010/0562		No objection – but note various Unsworth issues
SL/2023/0387	Land off Dallam Drive, Storth	Detached two-storey dwelling		Possible overdevelopment

16.2 Decisions received from SLDC

WFC decisions

SL/2022/1044	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	Internal alterations, new car parking area etc	Grant with conditions
SL/2023/0094	White Lodge, Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Alterations & extensions to create a five-bedroom dwelling	Grant with conditions
SL/2023/0152	Fell End Caravan Park, Hale	Discharge of conditions 2 & 3 re SL/2022/0933	Grant

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

16.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

16.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

17. Financial matters:

17.1 BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – APRIL 2023

MEETING – 15 May 2023

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/04/23	Opening balance				19,381.97
30/04/23	Receipts	Ground rents Mar - B-Jones Ryan		8.34 20.00	
		WFC – 50% precept 2023/24			28.34 12,723.28
	Payments				
	794	1510	Harvey – internal audit fee 2022/23	50.00	
	795	1511	CALC – subscription 2023/24	358.46	
	796	1512	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Apl (net)	613.73	
	797	1513	HMRC – PAYE April	153.40	
				-1,175.59	
30/04/23	Closing balances			13,053.19	19,381.97
30/04/23	Total funds all accounts			£ 32,435.16	

Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/04/23

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	21,385.16
Total funds	32,435.16

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED.

17.2 BPC Annual Return (AGAR) 2022/23 forms - Approved and Signed – Clerk to send to external auditors.

18.0 Parish Steward.

18.1 Update on current events – research backup possibilities in event of PS indisposition.

18.2 Additions to work programme – none.

19.0 Reports from BPC representatives on outside bodies – none.

20.0 To consider matters from around the parish:

Cllr Meakin – i. damaged verge at Four Lane Ends caused by parked vehicles; Clerk to contact WFC Highways requesting permission for blocking off with stones/logs.

ii. Temporary traffic delays in Storth due to B4RN activity – echoed by **Cllr Knowles**.

21.0 General Correspondence – none.

22.0 Reading Matter received – Clerks & Councils Direct May 2023 – issue 147.

23.0 Notice of items to be included on agenda of next meeting – BPC list of top ten community issues for attention WFC (see item 13.2 above).

24.0 Date of next meeting – 7pm on Mon 5 June 2023 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.