

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 1st June 2015 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Pru Jupe (Chair), David Clark, Bob Pickup, Chris Noble and Ian Stewart. Also John Scargill (Parish Clerk), Bill Haddow (Parish Steward) and one member of the public.

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Blenkharn (ill), Meakin (holiday) & Yates (holiday,) and Cumbria Police.
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 14th May 2015, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr P Jupe.
- 3.0 **Declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** - none.
- 4.0 **Announcements by the Chair** - none.
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes 14th May 2015 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
 - 5.1 **Highways flooding (Leighton Beck Road and B6384 at Whasett (12.1))** - no developments.
 - 5.2 **Burntbarrow/Shaw Lane link path handrail (12.2)** - awaiting quote from contractor.
 - 5.3 **Broadband progress (12.3)** - BT understood to be available at Carr Bank by the end of 2015. B4RN now as far as Yealand.
 - 5.4 **Beetham Jubilee Garden (12.4)** - bulbs now planted, spraying to follow. Cllr Jupe to see Billerud about hedging which would probably need to be within their southern boundary.
 - 5.5 **Beetham Parish Sign Survey (12.5)** - no progress.
 - 5.6 **BPC member co-option (12.7)** - vacancy notices now in BPC boards but no response as yet.
 - 5.7 **Streetlamps (13.4)** - Andy Vickers (SLDC Technical Support Officer) had suggested a site meeting to consider the threat to lamp 224 in Storth Road. Cllr Stewart to progress.
 - 5.8 **Burntbarrow Woods ROW public inquiry (21)** - the inspector's decision was now available and generally supported ROW status, with certain modifications to the original application.
 - 5.9 **Heron Theatre Restoration Fund donation request (21)** - Clerk to suggest that the theatre obtain at least two more quotations for the proposed work and consider alternative materials. It was observed that funds raised so far were still a long way short of those likely to be needed. BPC would be prepared to consider a grant (maximum £500), subject to the above.
 - 5.10 **BPC representative on Beetham Exhibition Trust** - Jessica Harvey, although appointed at the May meeting, would be unable to act. Cllr Noble appointed in her place.
- 6.0 **Public Participation.**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** - received and circulated. One crime reported in the parish (criminal damage at Hale). Ongoing problem with doorstep selling and rural acquisitive crime.
 - 6.2 **County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** - the contract for clearing highway drains had been re-allocated. BPC members asked to report any related problems to Cllr Stewart.
 - 6.3 **District Council matters (Cllr P Jupe)** - SLDC had adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy on developers for new housing, which would produce some £500 per house for each parish towards the cost of infrastructure improvements.
 - 6.4 **Matters raised by members of the public** - trees along the bridle path from Heron Corn Mill to Church Street had been felled untidily, with the loss of the screening they provided.

7.0 Planning Matters

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

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| SL/2015/0164 | Town End Cottage, Farleton | Chapman | Installation of 14 PV panels on garage roof | 08/06/15 | No objections |
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7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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| SL/2015/0232 | Beetham Nurseries | Abbit | Major building extensions | Approved with conditions |
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – (as above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence: Fishwick’s appeal against SLDC’s planning refusal for its new crematorium project now to proceed as an informal hearing – at Kendal Town Hall on 11 August 2015. Clerk to write to SLDC to ask why this change of approach and Cllr Yates to be consulted as soon as available. Landscape Trust, AONB and Friends of the Lake District to be asked to send representatives to the hearing. Cllr Stewart will also find out what he can from SLDC.

7.0 Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – MAY 2015 MEETING – 1st June, 2015

| Date | Transaction | Payee/er | Detail | Current a/c | | HIBA |
|----------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | | £ | £ | £ |
| 01/05/15 | Opening balances | | | | 22,290.50 | 19,224.94 |
| 31/05/15 | Receipts: | | | | - | - |
| 31/05/15 | Payments: | | | | | |
| | 341 988 CCC | | Mtg room hire (Storth School) | 20.00 | | |
| | 342 989 Scargill | | Clerk’ sal May ’15 (net) | 380.58 | | |
| | | | Car allce (6mths) | 250.00 | | |
| | | | Computer allce (6mths) | 75.00 | | |
| | | | Phone allce (6mths) | 20.00 | | |
| | | | Postage & stationery | 68.53 | | |
| | | | VAT | 13.17 | | |
| | | | | 807.28 | | |
| | 343 990 GHS | | Grasscuts Apl/May | 555.00 | | |
| | “ | | Total payments in month | | - 1,382.28 | |
| 31/05/15 | Closing balances | | | | 20,908.22 | 19,224.94 |
| 31/05/15 | Total funds all accounts | | | | £40,133.16 | |
| | Reserve Funds at 31/05/15 | | | | | |
| | | | Street lamp reserve | 4,800.00 | | |
| | | | General Reserve | 14,424.94 | | |
| | | | Total reserves | 19,224.94 | | |

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

8.2 Other financial matters: none.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS's update on current events - suggested location for the four new concrete planters approved, but those on the A6 verge needed permission from Highways - Clerk to make formal request, which Cllr Stewart would support. PS unable to remove old direction sign at Leighton Beck Road junction as this needed special equipment. Ground water leaking from one Stanley St property onto the path between the theatre and the war memorial - matter in hand. A broken, and dangerous, road sign outside Billerud noted. Cllr Jupe to ask Billerud to maintain the A6 grass verge alongside their factory, south of the entrance.

9.2 Additions to PS's work programme - to assist with maintenance of Jubilee Garden and to carry out tree trimming/felling as far as possible in Sandside Cutting - subject to consultation with and approval of Cllr Meakin, Roger Cartwright and local residents (see item 12.3 below). To cut back hedge overgrowth at Johnny's Steps.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

- Cllr Clark - potholes and gullies generally.

- Cllr Pickup - the public ROW between Beetham village and Fairy Steps in an untidy state due to current tree felling/timber extraction in the area. Concern over lack of action by BPC to protect a number of small plots of unregistered land generally regarded as 'belonging to the Parish Council' (the same plots previously considered for registration but abandoned on Land Registry advice). Land Registry criteria for successful registration was thought to have recently changed - Clerk to enquire before the matter was re-opened. Clerk also to enquire about the recent unwarranted use by the police of costly equipment to monitor speeding traffic on Carr Bank Road.

- Cllr P Jupe - to email Cllr Stewart with a photograph of a pothole in Church Street, Beetham.

12.0 Parish Land:

12.1- Land at Dixies - a site meeting with Curtins, Frances Truscott and Cllrs Meakin and Yates to consider sea-defence requirements had been arranged for Tuesday 16 June 2015.

12.2 - Plot 4 - awaiting suggested dates from the tenants for a meeting between them and BPC members (Cllrs Meakin and Yates) to discuss the new rental agreements.

12.3- Sandside Cutting - separate inspections of the site beside Rose Hill Grove had taken place - Cllr Meakin with Roger Cartwright and Cllr Pickup with the Parish Steward, both without proper representation of local residents (including Cllr Stewart). Roger Cartwright's subsequent report had been circulated to all members on 21 May. **Agreed** - that a co-ordinated approach was needed with full resident participation before any decisions were made or any work done. The Clerk reported a potentially serious problem with a wall between the property Crows' Nest, Green Lane, Storth, and the cutting - Cllr Pickup and the Parish Steward to investigate as a matter of urgency and make recommendations.

13.0 Hale Marble Quarry paths ROW issue - a public inquiry had now been set for 13 October 2015 at Storth Village Hall. A co-ordinated response was needed from the different groups supporting ROW status. Clerk to establish the stance of CCC on this issue. Agenda item for next BPC meeting.

14.0 Farleton Knott fencing request - received from Farleton Knott Commoners Association, supported by Dallam Tower Estate as owners of the land but attracting opposition from other parties. Clerk to acknowledge the request and to contact CCC's ROW Officer for his opinion on the matter.

15.0 General Correspondence - none.

16.0 Reading Matter - none.

17.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (July 2015) - nothing additional to those items mentioned above.

18.0 Date of next meeting - Monday 6 July 2015 at Storth School at 7.00pm - to be preceded at 6.45pm by any planning meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.