

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 6 June 2022 at Beetham School.

Present were - Cllrs Meakin(Chair), Clark, Crayston, Greifenberg, Harnett, Knowles and Yates. C Cllr P McSweeney, D Cllrs Audland and Chaffey for item 6 only. Also Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill. One member of the public.

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** - had been received in writing from Cllr Dewar (holiday) and from Parish Steward Bill Haddow. All apologies accepted by the meeting.
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 9 May 2022, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed 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** - none.
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the minutes 9 May 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
 - 5.1 **Beetham flooding (5.1)** - see item 6 below. Cllr Greifenberg agreed to continue to act as BPC's liaison with the Environment Agency (EA) on flooding matters. Clerk to provide him with EA contact details.
 - 5.2 **Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** - see item 6 below.
 - 5.3 **Mobile SID on loan (5.3)** - currently out of action (battery). Clerk to ask Parish Steward to organise re-charging and future locating/setting up of this equipment as agreed by members and to liaise with Cllr Crayston as necessary.
 - 5.4 **BPC-owned SIDs (5.4)**. the replacement SID from Pandora was now installed and operational at Sandside. Pelta Medical Papers (the new owners of the Beetham paper mill) had failed to respond to BPC's second invitation on 31 May 2022 to contribute to a second SID in the parish. **Agreed** - BPC to assume Pelta unwilling to be involved and advise Beetham Nurseries that this project to be dropped and their donation returned. Clerk to write again to Zurich Insurance, and more assertively, regarding (i) the shortfall in the amount of compensation monies paid out for the destroyed Sandside SID and (ii) to request that the insurance of the driver involved be held responsible for meeting all current and possible future claims made by Beetham Parish Council.
 - 5.5 **Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5)** -the jubilee weekend was now over and could be counted a success with a well-attended party on the Storth playing field and special events at Beetham church. Trees are to be delivered and planted in 3rd quarter 2022.
 - 5.6 **Wild flower planting (5.6)** - disappointing that no sign yet of germination of the seeds planted earlier, but planting of supplementary plugs is planned for 3rd quarter 2022.
 - 5.7 **Beetham war memorial maintenance (5.7)** - the Parish Steward had cleaned the Beetham memorial and to be asked to do the same at Storth. Clerk to invite quotes for repairing the paving in front of the Beetham memorial.
 - 5.8 **BPC's Storth notice board (5.8)** - the ground work and frame fabrication were now complete, with installation of the refurbished board imminent.
 - 5.9 **Fell End Road parking spaces (6.4)** - Cllr Yates had inspected the sites and found no restrictions to parking spaces. Remove from agenda.
 - 5.10 **Slackhead street lamp 248 (7.1)** - **agreed** - Clerk to ask SLDC/CCC for a progress report on replacing the lamp with a self-standing unit, as earlier agreed. BPC to request compensation from the resident responsible for the damage, once all costs known.

5.11 Brian Dean memorial bench (7.2) – Highways had agreed the proposed new location, the seat had been ordered and the Parish Steward would install ASAP. Mrs Dean would make a donation to BPC of the total net cost.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – no recent police report received.

6.2/3 County & District (C Cllr McSweeney):

- i. Beetham flooding -work was proceeding after route/design changes.
- ii. Leighton Beck Road flooding – prospects of a final satisfactory solution was remote, due to multiple sources of flood water & the prohibitive cost of dealing fully with this problem.
- iii. Bela new bridge (B5282) – repair delays due to lengthy tendering process.
- iv. Cllr McSweeney, as a CCC member, would be receiving £6K in 2022/23 for highways improvements, which he intended to use for road lining renewal etc in Milnthorpe and Beetham parishes; BPC members asked to suggest appropriate places for this in Beetham parish.
- v. HM Government aim to give more say to local communities in how their towns and villages will look. The Design Guide prepared by and for Grange-over-Sands is a good illustration of how this might work (to be circulated to BPC members for information).

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – (a) plans by Heron Corn Mill to open a monthly ‘mini-market’ selling fresh food and produce may develop into something larger and more permanent, and be seen as unnecessary and unwelcome competition by other local suppliers. **Agreed** – no action that could or needs to be taken at the present time. (b) Yans Lane verge overgrowth, restricting safe havens for pedestrians from passing cars - to be reported via Highways website system.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Defibrillator annual support agreement with Community Heartbeat Trust – for the Stanley Street, Beetham unit at a cost of £135pa under a four-year agreement. A suggestion (by Sue Cox) that this agreement be terminated as unnecessary be deferred until year four came to an end in July 2023.

7.2 Damaged outdoor seat on Sandside embankment – suggestion by Cllr Meakin that this seat be replaced by BPC and at their expense as a contribution to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, and to bear a plaque to this effect – **agreed**. Cllr Meakin to suggest precise wording for the plaque.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth – legal formalities proceeding. Clerk to provide progress report.

ii. Tree management – proceeding as agreed. To reassess with Jennie Keighley in autumn 2022.

9. Planning Matters:

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

May 2022 – June 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/2022/0228	Wings School	Erection of 2 new classrooms	31/05/22	No objection
SL/2022/0451	Croft House, Carr Bank Road	Detached rear garage		No objection
SL/2022/0457	Beetham Nurs’s	Car park design improvements		No objection

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2021/0647	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	New reception area & car park	Refused
SL/2021/1098	Land adjacent to The Hollies, Keasdale Road, Carr Bank	Two single garages	Refused
SL/2022/0076	Hale End, Hale	Domestic extensions, front and rear	Approved with conditions
SL/2022/0101	1 Watersedge, Sandside	Ground floor glazed balcony and raising front boundary wall.	Approved with conditions
SL/2022/0283	Townend Farm, Farleton	Repointing rear wall.	Approved 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 – surprise and disappointment that application SL/2021/0647 above had been refused by SLDC.

10. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – MAY 2022

MEETING – 6 June 2022

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/05/2022	Opening balance				19,339.73
31/05/22	Receipts	Ground rents March - B-Jones - Ryan		8.34 20.00	
		HMRC – VAT refund re 2021/22 Zurich – SID insurance claim			28.34 886.78 3,182.00
	Payments				
	732 1387	Thwaites - Tree work VAT	425.00 85.00		
				510.00	
	733 1388	Glasdon – BD memorial seat VAT	623.98 124.79		
				748.77	
	734 1389	GHS – grasscutting etc		835.00	
	735 1390	Scargill – half-yr allces Postage/stat'y 3mths VAT	412.00 78.25 14.04		
				504.29	
	736 1391	Scargill – Clerk's sal May (net)		569.48	
	737 1392	HMRC – PAYE May		142.40	
				-3,309.94	
31/05/22	Closing balances			10,081.29	19,339.73
31/05/22	Total funds all accounts			£ 29,421.02	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/05/22					
		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			18,371.02
		Total funds			29,421.02

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

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events – none.

11.2 Additions to work programme – none.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies - none.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Knowles - (via a resident) reported a number of street lamps in Storth out of action - and was asked to confirm this (taking into account the light evenings at this time of year) before reporting them with relevant lamp identification numbers via the Highways website. Also commented that siting for the BPC's loaned SID in Storth Road was limited due to narrow or non-existent verges.

16.0 General Correspondence received - the Clerk's letter to Mrs Pam Houghton inviting her to give an update on progress with building work at The Ship Inn had resulted in a detailed and welcome written response, which was read out at the meeting. Clerk to circulate this response to all members.

17.0 Reading Matter - none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (July 2022) and additional to items referred to above - none.

19.0 Date of next meetings - 7.00pm Mon 4 July 2022 at Storth Village Church.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.