

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 23 August 2021 at Storth Village Church.**

**Present were** – Cllrs Steve Yates (Chair), David Crayston, Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles and Brian Meakin. Also one member of the public.

- 1.0 **Apologies for absence** – were received and accepted from Cllrs Clark (prior commitment) and Dewar (work).
- 2.0 **The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 5 July 2021, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Yates.
- 3.0 **Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda** – none.
- 4.0 **Announcements by the Chair** – Cllr Yates welcomed all present. He explained the need for this extraordinary meeting – to set and approve a detailed Tree Management Policy for BPC trees in order to deal with pressing tree issues in a fair and consistent manner. This would be the sole item on the agenda and there would be no provision for public participation. Normal monthly business would not be discussed, but dealt with as usual at the next scheduled BPC meeting on 6 September 2021.
- 5.0 **To consider and, if approved, to adopt a comprehensive Tree Management Policy for BPC trees.** This policy would be used to resolve current tree issues and as a reference document to ensure the equitable handling of future issues. The policy would be published on the BPC website and made available free-of-charge in hard-copy form from the BPC Clerk, so that parish residents would be able to judge the likely BPC response to tree questions at an early stage. A draft policy document had been prepared and circulated to all BPC members well in advance of the meeting. Cllr Yates then read out the main points contained in the policy document for the benefit of BPC members and members of the public. **The policy document was AGREED and adopted unanimously with immediate effect by all members present.**

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.