

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark, Peter Greifenberg and Margaret Knowles, . Also District Cllr Pete McSweeney and Parish Clerk John Scargill. Two members of the public (for item 4 only).

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Crayston (other commitment), Pickup (other commitment) and Yates (holiday).

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 3 June 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting 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** - Cllr Meakin introduced two representatives from Beetham Community Band, who had asked to present an application for a BPC grant in 2019/20. The presentation illustrated the wide scope of this organisation within the Beetham community and its need for external funding to support future growth. **Agreed** - that the application was welcomed and accepted in principle. The band's representatives to submit a written grant application which would be considered at BPC's March 2020 meeting along with any other funding applications.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 3 June 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

**5.1 Speed indicator (5.1)** - Storth School had indicated that they were unable to progress this matter for practical reasons. **Agreed** - that the deterrent value of the equipment was justification enough for its original purchase and continued use.

**5.2 Beetham defibrillator (5.2)** - a small number of extras, including year one of a four-year maintenance contract, had been found necessary and were now on order. Delivery and installation would follow Community Heartbeat Trust's receipt of payment for these extras (see item 9 below). Total cost would now be £2,044 against a budget of £2,000, funded from BPC's £2,155 Community Infrastructure Levy, received in Nov 2018.

**5.3 Beetham flooding (5.3)** - CCC's Carol Last had now provided Linda Dean with details of how best to proceed with setting up a community resilience group. Clerk to write to Linda Dean to suggest she attend BPC's September meeting to discuss and report progress.

**5.4 Carr Bank Road issues (5.4)** - usual issues of traffic speeds on B5282 and Carr Bank Road.

**5.5 Handrail at Burntbarrow/Shaw Green (5.5)** - Ownership of path remains uncertain. Surface wear considered insufficient to justify cost of repair, particularly in view of ownership uncertainty and the potential for damaging tree in adjacent property.

**5.6 Beetham Crematorium traffic problem (5.6)** - Fishwicks had confirmed their further discussions with SLDC who were happy for crematorium's adjacent field to be used as car parking overflow. Parking on the highway was a police (not a planning) matter. **Agreed** - that the phone 101 facility be used to summon a rapid police response to deal with any future related problems on the A6.

**Post-meeting:** response made to email from Jayne Aynsley (Fishwicks) to express BPC concerns re dangerous situation when car parking overflows onto the A6 verges.

**5.7 Fairy Steps access signage (5.7)** - Cllr Pickup. Ongoing.

**5.8 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.8)** - CCC in continuing conversation with landowners. 'Leighton Beck Road' signage inadequate.

- 5.9 Co-option of BPC members (5.9)** – vacancy notices in all parish notice boards with a deadline for applications of 20 July 2019. Two individuals thought to be interested in the vacancies to be followed up by Cllr Greifenberg and the Clerk respectively.
- 5.10 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.10)** – **agreed** to proceed, subject to satisfactory cost of mirror and installation. Clerk to cost appropriate mirrors.
- 5.11 Cars parked near 40 Leighton Beck Road (5.11)** – Cllr Yates had agreed as an occasional problem, which he would monitor, photograph and report back.
- 5.12 Beetham ghost footpath (5.12)** – C Cllr McSweeney & D Cllr Audland had visited the owner/occupier of Box Tree Cottage and secured verbal agreement to a compromise solution – that all intrusive vegetation and planters would be removed by the owner if the ghost footpath were converted to a standard raised footpath – these events recorded in an email from C Cllr McSweeney to Cllr Meakin dated 21/06/19.  
**Agreed** - CCC to be asked to cost and include this on their current work schedule (C Cllr McSweeney), with a CCC response expected before BPC's September meeting. In the event of a negative response from CCC, BPC to revert to supporting enforcement of the removal of vegetation and planters from the ghost footpath.
- 5.13 Stanley Street, Beetham car parking problem (6.4)** - a meeting had been arranged on Thursday 4 July between the theatre chair, BPC's Cllr Meakin and the Clerk, and Bill Haddow representing Stanley Street residents.

## 6.0 Public Participation.

**6.1 Police Report** – report for June not received until after this BPC meeting.

**6.2/3 County and District Council matters** – Guard Hill Lane resurfacing to proceed after the B4RN underground cabling has been laid. Cumbria Constabulary wished to extend CCTV coverage of the county by covering all known 'hot-spots', although BPC's considered view was that there were no such 'hot-spots' in Beetham parish, so no benefit from CCTV installation there. Temporary closure of Green Lane scheduled for a new gas installation. 'Unsuitable for caravans' signage to be installed at Beetham's Stanley Street/Leighton Beck Road junction.

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – none.

**7.0 New matters for consideration** – Cllr Meakin suggested that relevant CALC courses, funded by BPC, be offered to Cllrs Crayston and Greifenberg – **agreed**. Clerk to research.

## 8.0 Planning Matters.

**8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:**

**July 2019 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	Applicant	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
SL/2019/0429	Four Lane Ends, Storth		Replacement pitched roof workshop/gar den store + garage extension	25/06/19	No objection
SL/2019.0472	Fell End Nature Reserve,		Creation of hard-core track and turning circle + two observation hides	30/06/19	No objection

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

SL/2019/0498	Ballandra, Hillcrest Dr, S'head		Single-storey rear extension	12/07/19	No objection
SL/2019/0503	Townend Farm, Farleton		Removal of door/window openings and replacement with timber bi-fold door	15/07/19	No objection

### 8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

### SLDC decision

SL/2019/0073	Elmsfield Hse, Holme		5-bedroom single-storey extension.	Approved with conditions	
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SL/2019/0308	Heathwaite, Storth		First floor rear extension	Refused
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**8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above. 8.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.**

## 9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – JUNE 2019	MEETING – 1 July, 2019	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/06/19	Opening balances				20,197.23
30/06/19	Receipts:		Ground rents - B-Jones		8.34
			Ryan	20.00	
			Harper	150.00	
					178.34
30/06/19	Payments:				
	547	1201	SLDC – Street lighting ‘18/’19	2,583.60	
	548	1202	CHBT – defibrillator extras	530.00	
			VAT	106.00	
				636.00	
	549	1203	Harvey – payroll admin 6mths	25.00	
	550	1204	Scargill – Clerk’s sal June (net)	469.96	
	551	1205	HMRC – PAYE June quarter	335.00	
	552	1206	GHS – grasscutting	190.00	
	Total payments in month				4,239.56
30/06/19	Closing balances				16,136.01
30/06/19	Total funds all accounts				£35,429.34
<b>Reserve Funds at 30/06/19</b>		Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
		General Reserve		9,693.33	
		Total reserves		19,293.33	

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

**9.2 Other financial matters** – quarterly accounts to 30/06/19 circulated before the meeting – **approved**.

### 10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – none.

10.2 Further additions to work programme – none.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

### 12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

**Cllr Knowles** – imminent inauguration of new Priest in Charge of Arnside, Storth & Beetham.

Advance notice of VE Day (8 May 2020) – possible BPC wish to commemorate.

### 13.0 Parish Land.

13.1 – **Sandside Cutting** – Cllr Pickup to complete the process renewal of the felling licence – urgent now as current licence expiry deadline in September.

14.0 **General Correspondence** – annual report and accounts 2018/19 on Storth Community Transport received from Mrs Joan Meakin. Mrs Meakin thanked by members for providing these.

15.0 **Reading Matter** – Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2019 – Issue 124.

16.0 **Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (July 2019) and additional to items referred to above** – none.

17.0 **Date of next meeting** – monthly meeting 2 September 2019 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.