

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 4 July 2022 at Storth Village Church.

Present were – Cllrs Meakin(Chair), Clark, Crayston, Dewar, Greifenberg, Harnett, Knowles and Yates. Also D Cllr H Chaffey and Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill. One member of the public for item 6.4 only.

1.0 Apologies for absence – had been received in writing from C Cllr P McSweeney and Parish Steward Bill Haddow. All apologies accepted by the meeting.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6 June 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 6 June 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – Environment Agency contact details for Cllr Greifenberg awaited from C Cllr McSweeney. Elsewhere no further progress.

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

5.3 Mobile SID on loan (5.3) – currently out of action with battery difficult to charge, although spare battery set thought to be better. Parish Steward to persist to bring SID back into action. Hopeful of finding a suitable Storth Road location despite verge restrictions.

5.4 BPC-owned SIDs (5.4). Zurich had so far failed to respond to BPC's request for information on the party responsible for damaging the original SID at Sandside. Clerk to write again to Zurich Insurance.

5.5 Queen's platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5) – trees on order and assurances received from Storth School and Playing Field that all necessary permissions received re these proposed locations.

5.6 Wild flower planting (5.6) – disappointing results from earlier seeding and the need for supplementary plugs now more likely for later in 2022.

5.7 Beetham war memorial maintenance (5.7) – the preliminary repair work needed (before professional cleaning) now understood to be on the public footpath in front of the memorial and not on the memorial area itself. Clerk to inspect and invite quotes.

5.8 BPC notice boards (5.8) – the board on Storth Square now fully installed including Storth Village Hall board. Invoice from contractors awaited. The vandalised board at Whassett had been repaired as a temporary measure; **agreed** – that it be replaced by a new recycled plastic equivalent of similar size at a cost of +/-£500. Clerk to order.

5.9 Slackhead street lamp 248 (5.9) – **agreed** – a lamp replacement progress report from CCC awaited.

5.10 Brian Dean memorial bench (5.11) – now in place. Cost of installation awaited.

5.11 Damaged embankment seat (7.2) – after consultation with the original donor of the seat, Dallam Tower Estate had decided against repairing or replacing it, or accepting BPC's offer to do this at its own cost as a Queen's Jubilee project.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – a police report dated 23 June 2022 received and circulated. No Beetham parish incidents.

6.2/3 County & District (D Cllr Chaffey):

i. BPC invited to consider what matters it would like to be raised and dealt with by the new Westmorland and Furness unitary authority and what improvements it would like to see in the service provided to parish councils. A good starting point was **agreed** as being publication of a detailed organisation chart for the new authority, showing all areas of responsibility, with names and contact numbers of the officials in charge of each department – as a means of facilitating future working contact.

ii. the target date for completion of the Bela Bridge repair project remained at September 2022.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – the wish of local residents that The Ship Inn at Sandside be recognised as a valuable community asset to be maintained and improved.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Emergency Plan for BPC – CCC notification of their ability to support (via CALC) parishes that wish to prepare an emergency plan for responding to sudden critical situations. **Agreed** – BPC sympathetic in principle but felt that this may be limited in practice to assembling a list of local organisations, facilities and contacts that may need to respond to such events.

7.2 Beetham village planters – BPC had been asked to take over responsibility for two planters on the verge at the junction of Leighton Beck Road with the A6, hitherto maintained by mainly elderly Beetham WI volunteers who are no longer able to continue this function. **Agreed** – that Beetham Nurseries be offered to opportunity to do this in return for having a suitable and conspicuous plaque on the planters for publicity purposes. Clerk to action.

7.3 BPC vacancy – no responses as yet to the advertisement placed in all BPC notice boards following the death of Cllr Brian Dean. Members to approach all possible interested parties as a matter of urgency.

8. BPC Land issues:

i. Land transfers at The Pasture, Storth – legal formalities slow but proceeding.

ii. Tree management etc – BPC had been advised, via AONB, that the Sandside Cutting geological site had become very overgrown and was now in need of attention, with work having been disrupted by the Covid pandemic. **Agreed** – Cllrs Meakin and Greifenberg and AONB representatives to meet on site, with BPC's arboriculturist Jennie Keighley in attendance if possible.

9. Planning Matters:

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

June 2022 – July 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
PN/2022/0079	Cautley Farm, Whassett	Erection of replacement storage building.		No objection
PN/2022/0081	Woodland, Cockshot Lane/ Throughs Lane	Forestry store		No objection
SL/2022/0518	Fell End Cottage, Yans Lane, Storth	Discharge of condition 3,6,& 10 re SL/2021/1193		Objection re exterior materials to be used.
SL/2022/0538	38 L Beck Rd, Slackhead	Replacement of garage & Outbuildings		No objection
SL/2022/0550	Pye's Bridge Fm, Hale	Discharge of conditions 7, 9, 10, 11 re SL/2021/0560		No objection
SL/2022/0557	6 Burntbarrow, Storth	Construction of single-storey side extension.		No objection

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2021/0682	Unit 4, Shoreline Business Pk, Sandside	Pitched roof dormer extension	Granted with conditions
SL/2022/0187	Applemarden, Storth Road	Single-storey front kitchen & porch extension.	Granted
SL/2022/0309	3 Keasdale Ave, Carr Bank	Lawful development of garden outbuilding for refugee accommodation.	Granted

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

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – non

10. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – JUNE 2022		MEETING – 4 July 2022		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		Premium a/c
				£	£	£
01/06/22	Opening balance				10,081.11	19,339.73
30/06/22	Receipts	Ground rents March -	B-Jones	8.34		
			- Ryan	20.00		
			- Cooper	100.00		
			- Hunn	20.00		
					148.34	
			Barclays – bank interest to			1.46
	Payments					
	738	1393	Hurst – Whassett notice board repair	65.00		
	739	1394	Scargill – Clerk’s sal June (net)	569.48		
	740	1395	HMRC – PAYE June	142.40		
					-776.88	
30/06/22	Closing balances				9,452.57	19,341.19
30/06/22	Total funds all accounts				£ 28,793.76	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/06/22			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		17,743.76	
			Total funds		28,793.76	

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

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events – none.

11.2 Additions to work programme – overgrown verge Storth Road (see 13 - MK) below.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Harnett – reported that the traffic mirror at the B5282/Storth Road junction had been damaged. Clerk to check and report back. (Following the meeting the mirror was found to have been vandalised but with the possibility of repair. Parish Steward to check). Also many B4RN flyers had appeared on telegraph etc poles in the Storth area – **agreed** not too serious an issue that could be expected and tolerated from time to time.

Cllr Knowles – The public footpath between Storth School and B5283 had become overgrown – Parish Steward to trim. Clerk to instruct.

16.0 General Correspondence received – none.

17.0 Reading Matter – Keer to Kent, June 2022.

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

19.0 Date of next meetings – 7.00pm Mon 5 Sept 2022 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.