

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 1 July 2024 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** - Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Greifenberg, Marsden, Phillips and Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill and BPC Parish Steward Rob Wilson. No members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Clark (work), Knowles (holiday) and Phelan (holiday).

WFC Cllr R Audland and Mrs Helen Burrow also asked that their apologies be recorded.

**2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting** - the minutes of the meeting 3 June 2024, previously circulated, were **approved** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Meakin as a correct record.

**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 of 3 June 2024 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**

**5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** - nothing to report.

**5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** - nothing to report.

**5.3 BPC member vacancies (5.3)** - currently one West Ward vacancy remained.

**5.4 Beetham village traffic speeds (5.4)** - Cllr Phillips to speak with WFC Cllr Audland re lack of progress on this matter.

**5.5 BPC Code of Conduct (5.5)** - no further progress.

**5.6 Beetham stocks (5.6)** - notices asking for village views on action options had been placed on site and in BPC's Beetham village notice board, but no response to date. Some response to Cllr Marsden on local social media - 70% to date in favour of repair option. **Agreed** - to proceed with the repair option, with Cllr Marsden and Rob Wilson to do the work; cost estimates to be submitted in advance. The decision for BPC to proceed (or not) and the setting of a project budget delegated to Chair Cllr Meakin and Clerk John Scargill in view of the two-month period before the next full BPC meeting in September.

**5.7 Beetham Playing Field gate replacement on Beetham/Slackhead permissive path (5.7)** - meetings with Michael Talbot (WFC) and with Julian Oston (DTE) suggested as a possible way forward for resolving this issue.

**5.8 BPC data storage (5.8)** - the next stage, of cataloguing retained material, would be carried out in the coming weeks by Cllrs Meakin and Greifenberg, assisted by Cllr Knowles, Parish Clerk John Scargill and Parish Clerk-designate Jessica Harvey as required.

**5.9 Beetham war memorial (5.9)** - two local firms, Able and Parkin & Jackson, had been asked to inspect and submit quotes for necessary work, which were now awaited.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police matters** - no police report as yet for June 2024.

**6.2 Higher authority report** - no report in the absence of Cllr Audland (pre-election purdah).

**6.3 Matters raised by electors** - none.

7.0 New Matters for consideration: - none.

## 8. BPC Land issues:

**i. Unauthorised use of Plot 4, Slackhead** – previously reported arrangements ongoing, with stones to be provided by Cllr Greifenberg. No re-seeding start date set.

**ii. Risk assessment and maintenance programme for 2024/25.** Despite extensive enquiries, no suitably qualified assessor who could/would do this job had yet been found. Clerk to approach National Landscapes and Natural England for advice and other possible leads.

## 9.00 Planning.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

June 2024 – July 2024 meeting.

Type A applications – WFC response deadline precedes next PC meeting – Clerk to respond. (Members on relevant ward committee to email comments to Clerk ASAP & before deadline)

WFC ref	Address	Development	Response deadline	BPC response
2024/0939/FPA	Woodlee, Leighton Drive, Slackhead	Variation of Cond 2 (approved plans) re SL2016/0908	30/06/24	No objection
2024/0930/FPA	Hall More Farm, Hale	Installation of covered midden on a concrete base.	15/07/24	No objection

### 9.2 Decisions received from WFC

### WFC decisions

2024/0757/FPA	8 Keasdale Avenue, Carr Bank	Detached single garage	Approved with conditions
2024/0429/FPA	26 Burntbarrow, Storth	Single-storey side extension.	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on WFC website – [westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](http://westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk))

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

## 10. Financial matters:

### BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – JUNE 2024

MEETING – 1 JULY 2024

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
				£	£
01/06/24	Opening balances			30,025.45	19,615.31
30/06/24	Receipts	Ground rents May - B-Jones Heathcote	8.34 100.00		
		HMRC – VAT refund re 2023/24	1,409.00		
		Barclays Bank – interest 3mths to 2/6/24		1,517.34	73.35
	Payments:				
	871 1469	Storth Village Hall – grant	500.00		
	872 1470	CALC – course fee (Phelan)	30.00		
	873 1471	Wilson – grasscutting (3 cuts)	660.00		
	874 1472	Scargill – exs all'ce (2 mths)	272.00		
	875 1473	Scargill – Clerk's sal. June (net)	647.83		
	876 1474	HMRC – PAYE June	168.92		
				-2,278.75	
30/06/24	Closing balances			29,264.04	19,688.66
30/06/24	Total funds all accounts			£ 48,952.70	

### Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/06/24

Sports Field path project reserve (SLDC/PMS)	450.00
SID2 (SLDC/PMS)	1,000.00
Storth Hub (£1,000 - £453.91)	546.09
Total reserves/allocated funds	1,996.09
Working funds	46,956.61
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>48,952.70</b>

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

**11.0 Parish Steward:**

**11.1 Update on current events** – Rob Wilson introduced to members as BPC’s new Parish Steward, following Bill Haddow’s retirement.

**11.2 Additions to work programme** – clarification as to work required on the wild flower verge at Four Lane Ends, Storth. Also added:

- Keeping areas arounds BPC notice boards at Whassett and Carr Bank free from encroaching vegetation.

- Keeping the three B5282 bus shelters free from leaves and rubbish.

**12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – a Beetham Exhib. Trust meeting in July.

**13.0 Parish Matters (for information only)** – none.

**14.0 General correspondence:**

- 01/06/2024 - from Land Registry – notice of proposed registration by DTE of land at Farleton.

**15.0 Reading Matter received:**

- Keer to Kent                                      Issue 114      Summer 2024

- Clerks & Councils Direct      Issue 154      July 2024

**16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (Sept 2024) and additional to items referred to above:** none.

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - BPC monthly meeting – Mon 2 Sept 2024 at Beetham School

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.