

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES** of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 21 August 2023 at Storth Village Church.

**Present were** – Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Knowles, Phelan, Phillips and Greifenberg (Taking minutes in the absence of the Parish Clerk). Also Cllr R Audland. Two members of the public.

- 1.0 Apologies for absence** – had been received from Cllr Yates.
- 2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting** – the minutes of the meeting of 3 July 2023, 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** – Parish Clerk John Scargill is now back home and able to work on Parish business from home, any leg work necessary will be done by councillors.
- 5.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 3 July 2023 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
  - 5.1 Beetham flooding** – no further progress.
  - 5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water** - no further progress
  - 5.3 Beetham Village Planters** – Beetham Nurseries have taken responsibility for care of the planters.
  - 5.4 BPC member vacancies** – Dave Phelan was accepted as a co-opted member with required paperwork to be completed at the next meeting.
  - 5.5 BPC B5282 traffic mirror** - The new mirror is now in place providing a better view, however, recent high winds had moved the mirror angle but this has now been rectified.
  - 5.6 Four Lane Ends verge** – Westmorland and Furness Council has sent an e-mail approving the reinstatement of the verge. A copy of the e-mail has been sent to Dougie Watson (AONB) to confirm that reinstatement of the verge is approved by Westmorland & Furness Council.
- 6.0 Public Participation.**
  - 6.1 Police matters** – no Police Report for July 2023
  - 6.2 WFC report** –Cllr Audland reported on the formation of a new highways group and that together with Cllr Chaffey he will be meeting the Chief Executive.
  - 6.3 Matters raised by electors** – Helen Burrow reported that the deferred amendment to the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting of the council had not yet been completed.
- 7.0 New Matters for consideration** –
  - 7.1 Repairs to the drystone wall between Rose Hill Grove & Sandside Cutting.** Cllr Meakin has organised a meeting with a wall repairer for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to address the repairs needed to the wall adjacent to number 3 and opposite 12 Rose Hill Grove.
  - 7.2 Removal of street light fixed to house on Stanley Street** This has now been disconnected and removed by WFC and can be taken off the agenda.
  - 7.3 Inappropriate parking in A6 bus stop by Heron Theatre attendees.** It was recognised that this is a W&F Highways issue. A proposed clean-up of the bus stop may discourage illegal parking at that location.
  - 7.4 Beetham War Memorial.** It was noted that last year’s wreaths had not yet been removed. Cllr Phillips undertook to attend to this.

**7.5 Speeding at Beetham.** Cllr Phillips has prepared a survey with 21 responses to date, with further work proposed to report back at a later meeting. The police are also proposing to install a speed warning indicator.

**7.6 Lovers Lane Seat.** Dallam have installed 3 bollards to prevent motor vehicle parking adjacent to the seat with the objective of reducing the amount of litter deposited in the area.

**8. BPC Land issues:**

**8.1 Plot 4** – Solicitors Wright and Lord have yet to send a legal letter to resident concerning their unapproved car parking.

**8.2 Tree felling work in Sandside Cutting.** It was agreed that Thwaites would use the remaining budget of £2000 for planned ash tree felling in year 2023/24.

**9.00 Planning.**

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

July 2023 – Aug 2023 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
<b>SL/2023/0524</b>	<b>Wings School, Whassett</b>	<b>Replacement of existing sign</b>		<b>No objection</b>
<b>SL/2023/0537</b>	<b>New Acre, Carr Bank Rd</b>	<b>Single-storey extensions</b>		<b>No objections</b>

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

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<b>SL/2023/038 7</b>	<b>Land off Dallam Dr, Storth</b>	<b>Detached two-storey dwelling</b>	<b>Grant with conditions</b>

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

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – **as above.**

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – **none.**

## 10. Financial matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT	MONTH – JULY	£	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/07/23	Opening balance		8,984.38	19,422.38
31/07/23	Receipts			
	Ground rents May - B-Jones	8.34		
	- Humn	20.00		
	- Heathcote	100.00		
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	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>128.34</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>			
809 1525	Storth PFC – seats refund		139.71	
810 1526	Heartbeat Trust – annual support	135.00		
	VAT	27.00		
			162.00	
811 1527	Lakeland Tree Cons – insp fees		295.00	
812 1528	Aztec – Beetham planter sign	30.00		
	VAT	6.00		
			36.00	
813 1529	Scargill - traffic mirror (Manutan	114.25		
	VAT	22.85		
			137.10	
814 1530	Scargill – Clerk’s sal July (net)		613.73	
815 1531	HMRC – PAYE July		154.66	
	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>-1,538.20</b>	
31/07/23	Closing balances		<u>7,574.52</u>	19,422.38
31/07/23	<b>Total funds all accounts</b>			<u>£ 26,996.90</u>
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/07/23	Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
	Sports Field path project reserve (SLDC/PMS)		450.00	
	SID2 (SLDC/PMS)		1,000.00	
	<b>Total reserves/allocated funds</b>		<u>11,050.00</u>	
	Working funds		15,946.90	
	<b>Total funds</b>		<b>26,996.90</b>	

### 11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 No update was available.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies –Cllr Phillips reported on his meeting at the Burton Educational Foundation (BPC rep.) and Cllr Greifenberg reported on his meeting at the Beetham Exhibition Trust (BPC rep.) and that he was elected as chair.

### 13.0 Matters from around the parish - councillors’ reports

13.1 It was reported that green bins had not been collected last week. It was noted that grey bin and dry recycling collections are a statutory service, but green bin collection is not. .

13. Encroaching brambles on Throughs Lane. Cllr Audland proposed to speak with Dallam concerning the cutback of the brambles.

14.0 General correspondence –None.

15.0 Reading Matter received –None.

17.0 Date of next meeting - monthly BPC meeting, 7pm Mon 2 October 2023 at Beetham School

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.