

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a remote (Zoom) meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 7 Sept. 2020.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin, David Crayston, Brian Dean, Becky Dewar, Peter Greifenberg, Margaret Knowles and Steve Yates. Also C Cllr Pete McSweeney, D Cllr Rupert Audland and Parish Clerk John Scargill.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Clark and Pickup.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meetings, held on 6 July 2020, had been circulated by email. These were approved by members present and authorised for signature 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 was pleased to announce the re-opening of Storth Village Shop & Post Office after an extensive re-fit during the Covid lockdown. A letter received from a local resident, congratulating all who had been actively involved, echoed widespread reaction throughout the village.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 6 July 2020 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) - back-room work was proceeding at the Environment Agency but work on the ground delayed due to the current pandemic. The next public meeting was not expected before 2021. A local resident had drawn attention to shortcomings of the outlet pipe by the war memorial which CCC Highways now had in hand; Clerk to advise the resident accordingly.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) - litigation by CCC to address matter delayed by Covid crisis. Groundwork by a local resident, possibly in response to CCC advice.

5.3 Beetham ghost footpath (5.3) - no further progress by CCC - ongoing.

5.4 Carr Bank Road phone box (5.4) - all necessary handover permissions received, the equipment installed and the facility now up and running. Remove from future agendas.

5.5 Beetham A6 speed limit revision (7.2) - noted that the current temporary speed restrictions were likely to be in place for at least the next twelve months, until CCC were able to complete major repairs to the bridge. These restrictions were proving partially effective in curbing speeds, especially for north-bound traffic. In the longer term, a reduction of the limit to 40mph on this trunk road may be the best that can be expected and would be welcome; CCC will raise with Highways England.

5.6 BPC notice boards (13.2) - a comprehensive survey had been carried out by Cllr Meakin, the Clerk and the tradesman who would be doing the work. The two information boards (at Hale and Friar Cote Bridge) had been added to the list. It had been agreed that cleaning (rather than replacing) the glazing would suffice but that new BPC nameplates be added to all boards that didn't already have them. The estimated cost of around £600 for the revised project was accepted, but the badly damaged map board in Beetham village would be assessed as a possible additional project.

Post-meeting - map board re-inspected. Decision taken to remove and not replace.

6. Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report - no reports currently due to the prioritisation of street policing. Remove from future agendas.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters - CC Cllr McSweeney had been disappointed that no BPC representative had been present at a recent meeting with Cumbria's Police & Crime Commissioner. This meeting had been advised that, due to its need and its ability to recruit and train, Cumbria had been allocated a higher number of new officers than ever before.

Other matters:

- i. Storth School identified as a prime location for future siting of the mobile SID.
Post-meeting – SID installed near Storth School.
 - ii. The arrival of outdoor picnic tables and chairs on the Wheatsheaf car park had given rise to complaints about possible increase in noise during summer evenings - Environmental Health had been advised.
 - iii. Complaints about lack of notice for recent wet tar application as part of Yans Lane resurfacing work. Highways claim to have complied with all relevant requirements.
 - iv. The announcement of a substantial central government pothole fund would enable much needed repair work in Cumbria and South Lakes in particular.
 - v. The resurfacing of Guard Hill Lane and the top end of Keasdale Rd – CCC approved.
- 6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.**

7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 BPC's borrowed mobile SID – all necessary formalities had been completed including risk analysis, insurance/indemnity etc issues. CCC authority to proceed now awaited.

7.2 Carr Bank open space for sale – raised by Cllr Pickup and subsequently inspected by Cllr Meakin. Members could find no justification for acquisition by BPC.

7.3 South Lakeland Local Plan Review – BPC response – West Ward, individual property design considerations; East Ward, concerns about any large increase in the number of housing units. Assurance received that the Review's proposals covered infrastructure implications.

7.4 BPC Clerk's contract of employment – now updated in accordance with latest recommendations for grades and salary scales and signed by both parties (September 2020).

8. BPC Land issues – a collapsed wall at Sandend, Green Lane, Storth had been reported. **Agreed** - a BPC responsibility to repair/rebuild as necessary. Cllr Crayston and D Cllr Audland had contacts for instructing this work. Clerk to approach for quotes. Potentially dangerous ash trees on the B5282 – Cllr Pickup to send info/photos to C Cllr McSweeney.

9. Car Bank issues – usual excessive traffic speeds remain a problem on the B5282.

10. Parish Footpath issues:

- i. most, if not all, signage issues had now been dealt with.
- ii. the footpath issue at Hang Bridge appeared to have been resolved and harvesting of the maize crop was now imminent.
- iii. some hedge-trimming action had been taken by residents on the east side of Stanley Street, Beetham re encroachment onto the A6 path from The Heron Theatre to the war memorial. Clerk to remind the vicar that The Vicarage hedge could be tackled now that the nesting season was over.

11. Planning Matters:

11.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Sept 2020 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/2020/0475	9 Dallam Dr, Storth	Rooney	Single-storey extension		No objection
SL/2020/0516	2 Tarn Close, Storth	Wray	Small porch		No objection
SL/2020/0607	Long Ridge, Storth Rd, Storth		Replacement of full width rear dormer	23/09/20	No objection

11.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2020/0394	Moss Lea, Carr Bank Rd		Non-material amendment To SL/2019/0543	Approved with conditions
SL/2020/0441	Bramley Bay, Carr Bank Rd	Chudley	Discharge of condition 4 re SL/2019/0848	Approved with conditions

11.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

11.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

12. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – JULY 2020	MEETING – 7 Sept, 2020	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/07/20	Opening balances				15,752.57	19,334.18
31/07/20	Receipts:	Ground rents July	- B-Jones		8.34	
			Ryan		20.00	
			Cooper		100.00	
					128.34	
31/07/20	Payments:					
	609	1263	GHS – grass-cutting etc		630.00	
	610	1264	CHBT – annual support fee	135.00		
			VAT		27.00	
					162.00	
	611	1265	CHBT – decals for Carr Bank box	105.00		
			VAT		21.00	
					126.00	
	612	1266	Glasdon - new outdoor seat	459.40		
			VAT		91.88	
					551.28	
	613	1267	Scargill – salary July (net)		539.25	
	614	1268	HMRC – PAYE July 2020		134.80	
					-2,143.33	
31/07/20	Closing balances				13,737.58	19,334.18
31/07/20	Total funds all accounts				£33,071.76	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/07/20						
			Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
			Sports Field path project reserve		950.00	
			General Reserve		8,784.18	
			Working funds		13,737.58	
			Total funds		35,071.76	

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

12.2 Other financial matters – BPC quarterly accounts to 30/06/20 circulated and **approved**.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – AUGUST 2020	MEETING – 7 Sept 2020	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/08/20	Opening balances				13,737.58	19,334.18
31/08/20	Receipts	Ground rents Aug	B-Jones	8.34		
			Ryan	20.00		
					20.34	
31/08/20	Payments:					
	615	1269	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Aug (net)	539.25		
	616	1270	HMRC – PAYE Aug	134.80		
	617	1271	Dallam – bus shelter ground rent	50.00		
	618	1272	Littlejohn – external audit ‘19/’20	200.00		
			VAT	40.00		
				240.00		
					-964.05	
31/08/20	Closing balances				12,801.87	19,334.18
31/08/20	Total funds all accounts				£32,136.05	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 31/08/20						
			Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
			Sports Field path reserve		950.00	
			General Reserve		8,784.18	
			Working Funds		12,801.87	
			Total Funds		32,136.05	

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED.

13.0 Parish Steward:

13.1 Update on current events – no report.

13.2 Further additions to work programme: to install new outdoor seat at Sandside ASAP.

14.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

15.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Meakin – had received a complaint about the noise from local (assumed pleasure) helicopter flights over Carr Bank.

Cllr Knowles – residents appreciated the extra safety provided by the new convex mirror at B5282/Storth Rd junction.

Cllr Crayston – had tidied the area around the Whassett notice board.

16.0 General Correspondence:

24/07/20 – local Slackhead resident – appreciation of Fairy Steps amendment to Google maps.

13/08/20 – CALC – local government reorganisation.

20/08/20 – Cumbria Police & Crime Com. – asking for ideas for local policing in the county.

17.0 Reading Matter – none.

18.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (October 2020) and additional to items referred to above – none.

19.0 Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Monday 5 October 2020 – at Beetham School if lockdown restrictions permit. Otherwise and more likely, remotely via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.