

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council, Monday 2 Sept 2024 at Beetham School.**

**Present were** - Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Greifenberg, Knowles, Marsden, Phillips and Yates. Also Parish Clerk John Scargill and one members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Clark (work) and Phelan (holiday). WFC Cllr R Audland also asked that his apologies be recorded.

**2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting** - the minutes of the meeting 1 July 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 1 July 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)** - a meeting to be arranged with WF Highways & WFC Cllr Audland re options for slowing traffic speeds through Beetham. (Cllr Phillips).

**5.5 BPC Code of Conduct (5.5)** - awaiting police response.

**5.6 Beetham stocks (5.6) - Agreed** - to proceed with this project the repair option as soon as possible and at a budgeted cost of £223.29 plus a contingency allowance of £50, with Cllr Marsden and Rob Wilson to do the work.

**5.7 Beetham Playing Field gate replacement on Beetham/Slackhead permissive path (5.7)** - Dougie Watson (Natural England) awaiting Dallam Tower Estate's permission to proceed.

**5.8 BPC data storage (5.8)** -BPC Parish Clerk John Scargill and Parish Clerk Elect Jessica Harvey to assess all BPC files held at the Parish Clerk's home (BPC office) for disposal or alternative storage in Storth at Village Hall or Heron Hall or, ultimately, at Mrs Harvey's home, as appropriate.

**5.9 Beetham war memorial (5.9)** - Parkin & Jackson (Kendal) had agreed to inspect and quote for the required work (awaited). Rob Wilson had already cleaned and tidied.

**6.0 Public Participation.**

**6.1 Police matters** - for July and August 2024 had been circulated on receipt - no urgent matters relating to Beetham Parish..

**6.2 Higher authority report** -no report in the absence of Cllr Audland.

**6.3 Matters raised by electors** - garden walls at Pear Tree Cottage and Ashton House Beetham . Clerk to write to owners with ccs to WFC Planning Dept.

**7.0 New Matters for consideration::**

**7.1 BPC Clerk succession** - Jessica Harvey would be undertaking a CALC introductory course in November/December 2024, followed by a CiLCA course at the earliest opportunity leading to formal clerk qualification, both to be funded by BPC. Gradual planned handover of responsibilities to commence in 2024/25 with a view to ultimate

succession by 31/03/25 (or earlier as agreed appropriate).

**7.2 BPC boundary wall at 3 Rosehill Grove** – Cllr Meakin to contact resident about BPC response to reported nuisance problem of overgrown brambles. BPC to seek legal advice re its obligations (Clerk).

**7.3 Storth Water Pump restoration** – BPC support in principle for Landscape Trust suggestion to locate the restored pump on the Storth Road verge near the school.

**7.4 WFC Local Plan notification dated 8 July 2024 (consultation July/Sept 2024)** - noted.

## 8. BPC Land issues:

**i. Unauthorised use of Plot 4, Slackhead** – previously reported arrangements ongoing, with stones to be provided by Cllr Greifenberg and formal site notice now ready. Cllr Phillips to organise installation arrangements as soon as practicable once all elements to hand.

**ii. Risk assessment and maintenance programme for 2024/25.** Despite extensive efforts, no progress had been made in finding qualified assessor(s) able and willing to undertake this task.

## 9.00 Planning.

**9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:**

**July & Aug 2024 – Sept 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
2024/1174/FPA	5 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Replacement single-storey kitchen	01/08/24	No objection
2924/1320/FPA	Lakland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	Variation of condition 2 re SL/2022/1044	15/08/24	No objection

## 9.2 Decisions received from WFC

## WFC decisions

2024/0495/FPA	3 Leighton Beck Rd, Slackhead	Change of use – single-storey building to holiday let accommodation.	Approved with conditions
2024/0574/FPA	Low Wood Lodge Farm, Haverbrack	Proposed lodge-style residential cabin	Refused
2024/0795/LBC	Ashton House, Beetham	Exterior lighting	Approved with conditions
2024/0849/FPA	10 Dallam Dr, Storth	Front & rear dormers	Approved with conditions
2024/0930/FPA	Hall More Farm, Hale	Installation of covered midden on a concrete base.	Approved with conditions
2024/1050/FPA	Overthwaite Farm, Holme	Concreting farmyard area	Approved with conditions
2024/1051/FPA	- Ditto -	- Ditto -	Approval not required
2024/1174/FPA	5 Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead	Replacement single-storey kitchen	Approved with conditions

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

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

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



**Resolved** – that the above payments for July and August be **APPROVED**.

**11.0 Parish Steward:**

**11.1 Update on current events** – Beetham war memorial refreshed, parish grass looking good.

**11.2 Additions to work programme** – **i.** clarification as to work required on the wild flower verge at Four Lane Ends, Storth. **ii.** Regular cleaning of all three BPC bus shelters. **iii.** Possible major renovation of the Green Lane B5282 bus shelter (members to inspect).

**12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Greifenberg reported that he had accepted future chairmanship of Beetham Exhibition Trust in succession to Jessica Harvey, but that a new clerk was now needed.

**13.0 Parish Matters (for information only): - raised by or with BPC members:**

**13.1 Suggested B5282 – installation of safety mirror opposite disabled car park** – Clerk to approach Highways with this idea. Cost implications!

**13.2 Sandside Cutting footpath weeds** – Clerk to request involvement of Natural Landscapes volunteers.

**13.3 New information panel at Sandside** – suggestion for a depiction of a view north across the bay, as an extra attraction for both residents and visitors. Clerk to discuss with WFC Cllr Audland. Serious cost implications!

**13.4 The Yans Lane flooding problem** – now resolved following upgrade to grate & soakaway.

**14.0 General correspondence:**

- received - Storth Community Transport, annual report July 2024.

**15.0 Reading Matter received** – none.

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

**17.0 Date of next meeting** - BPC monthly meeting – Mon 7 Oct 2024 at Storth Village Church

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.