

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 3 October 2022 at Storth Village Church.

Present were – Cllrs Yates(Chair), Clark, Crayston, Harnett and Knowles. Also Cllr M Phillips (as from item 5.9). C Cllr P McSweeney and D Cllr R Audland for item 6. PCSO Hayley Newman, Cumbria Police, up to and including item 6.1. Beetham Parish Clerk John Scargill and seven members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – had been received in writing from Cllrs Dewar (holiday) and Meakin (holiday) and Parish Steward Bill Haddow. All apologies accepted by the meeting.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5 September 2022, had been circulated by email. In response to a written request by Dallam Tower Estate, it was agreed that minute 5.5 of these minutes be amended to better reflect the circumstances and would now read as follows – ‘Whilst there had been no direct communication between Dallam Tower Estate (DTE) and BPC on the subject, DTE’s policy as owner of the Storth Playing Field site had emerged as allowing only replacement trees to be planted on this site. An alternative site or sites would need to be found for any now surplus trees currently on order by BPC.’ Subject to this amendment, the minutes of 5 September 2022 were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Yates.

3.0 Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda – Cllr Clark declared an interest in agenda item 7.2, Sandside development, and would take no part in any discussion on this subject.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes of 5 September 2022 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

- 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1)** – in an email (to Linda Dean) Chris Evans had advised that, under the Environment Agency’s recent re-prioritisation of projects, the Beetham investigation would not be dealt with in the current financial year.
- 5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2)** – no further progress.
- 5.3 Mobile SID on loan (5.3)** – no progress with finding a suitable location for this. Also indications that it may be required for use by another parish in the near future.
- 5.4 BPC-owned SIDs (5.4)** – awaiting further information from police via D Cllr Chaffey.
- 5.5 Queen’s platinum jubilee 02/06/22 (5.5)** –see item 2 above.
- 5.6 Wild flower planting (5.6)** – the grass had now been cut and the plugs planted.
- 5.7 Storth Playing Field benches (5.11)** – these were now on site and awaiting installation. Bill Haddow unable to install so alternative contractor needed. Clerk to find.
- 5.8 Beetham Village Planters (5.12)** - Beetham Nurseries (BN) had agreed that their £300 earlier donation to BPC (re an A6 SID) could be used to fund the plaque(s) and they would submit a proposed wording for BPC approval.
- 5.9 BPC vacancy (5.13)** - Mark Phillips had agreed to join BPC as a co-opted member to fill the vacancy left by the sad death of Cllr Dean in March 2022 and was welcomed by Cllr Yates after duly completing his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Clerk to advise SLDC.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – PCSO Newman apologised for infrequent attendance due to high work load.

6.2/3 County & District (C Cllr McSweeney) – reported that some of the faulty street lamps on Burntbarrow had now been fixed but others at the same location remained to be dealt with.

Notice of overnight closure of the B5282 between Friar Cote Bridge and Carr Bank Road for repairs to the adjacent banking had been issued (and circulated to BPC members). Repair work on Milnthorpe New Bridge had been delayed by the need to re-house its bat residents, but was now proceeding and nearing completion.

- Senior staff positions at the new unitary authority had now been filled and meetings had begun. D Cllr Audland would be BPC's main link with the new council and, along with D Cllr Chaffey, should be invited to all future BPC meetings. Cumbria Fire Service, previously under the control of Cumbria County Council, was now to be brought under the control of the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner, independent from the new Westmorland and Furness Council.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 A Bring, Swap, Take & Donate stall for Storth Green – BPC members wished Carol Elbourne well with her project (first raised at BPC's September meeting – item 14).

7.2 Sandside major development proposals – (the subject of a presentation at BPC's September meeting) – was now out for public consultation, response deadline 14 October 2022.

8. BPC Land issues:

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

ii. Tree management etc – BPC Cllr Meakin and Dr Jennie Keighley had had a site meeting with residents of The Pasture, Storth. Dr Keighley's recommendation was for rampant ivy growth on two silver birch trees to be cut away, but the trees themselves seemed otherwise healthy. Some adjacent ash trees in Sandside Cutting and overhanging nearby private properties were suffering from dieback disease and should be felled – Clerk to organise with Dr Keighley and Thwaites contractors.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC: September 2022 - October 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
SL/2022/0811	Pye's Bridge Fm	Alterations & extensions to two existing dwellings (re SL/2021/0560)	20/10/22	Awaited
SL/2022/0864	The Hollies, Keasdale Rd, Carr Bank	Two single garages (resubmission of SL/2021/1098 – which was refused)	19/10/22	Awaited
SL/2022/0872	Beetham Caravan Park, Hale	Discharge of condition 12 re SL/2018/0253		Approved

9.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decisions

SL/2022/0228	Wings School	Erection of two new classrooms	Granted with conditions
SL/2022/0538	38 Leighton B Rd Slackhead	Replacement of garage & outbuildings	Granted with conditions
SL/2022/0557	6 Burntbarrow Storth	Construction of single-storey side ext'n	Granted with conditions

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

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – an email from local resident Carol McKendrick, setting out a number of objections to planning application SL/2022/0708 (Hazelslack Caravan Site), had been received. BPC had done all it was legally empowered to do with regard to this application and had advised the resident to send the same letter to SLDC.

10. Financial Matters:

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2022	MEETING – 3 October 2022	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Premium a/c
£	£	£			
01/09/22	Opening balance			6,491.24	19,341.19
30/09/22	Receipts	Ground rents Sept -	B-Jones	-	
			- Ryan	20.00	
			- Smith	200.00	
			- Harper	150.00	
				370.00	
			Dean – donation re memorial seat	623.98	
			Storth PF committee – donation re PF seats replacement	1,200.00	
			SLDC – precept (second 50% instalment)	10,920.50	
			Barclays – bank interest to 4 Sept		5.96
	Payments				
750	1405	Lakeland Tree Consultancy – re The Pasture		110.00	
751	1406	Dallam TE – bus shelter annual ground rent		50.00	
752	1407	Hurst – Whassett notice board installation		25.00	
753	1408	PKF – annual external audit		200.00	
		VAT		40.00	
				240.00	
754	1409	Glasdon – 3 outdoor seats for PF		1,687.60	
		VAT		337.51	
				2,025.11	
755	1410	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Sept (net)		569.48	
756	1411	HMRC – PAYE Sept		142.40	
				-3,161.99	
30/09/22	Closing balances			16,443.73	19,347.15
30/09/22	Total funds all accounts			£ 35,790.88	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/09/22					
		Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
		Sports Field path project reserve (SLDC/PMS)		450.00	
		SID2 (SLDC/PMS)		1,000.00	
				11,050.00	
		Total reserves/allocated funds		11,050.00	
		Working funds		24,740.88	
		Total funds		35,790.88	

Resolved – that the above payments be APPROVED.

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events – unable to deal with installation of Storth Playing Field seats.

11.2 Additions to work programme – none.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Knowles – had received a number of heartfelt complaints from residents dismayed and saddened by the state of the permissive embankment path to Arnside station as a result of cattle grazing and consequent fouling. On occasion cattle have completely blocked access from the disabled car park. New gates at another public entry point have proved difficult for the elderly, infirm and disabled.

14.0 General correspondence – none.

15.0 Reading Matter received – none.

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

17.0 Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Mon 7 November 2022 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.