

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 7th October 2019 at Storth Village Church.

Present were - Cllrs Brian Meakin (Chair), David Clark (up to item 12), David Crayston, Brian Dean, Peter Greifenberg, Bob Pickup and Margaret Knowles. Also County Cllr Pete McSweeney, D Cllr Helen Chaffey and Parish Clerk John Scargill.

Before the meeting commenced, Brian Dean submitted his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a new member of Beetham Parish Council.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Cllr Yates (prior engagement).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2 Sept. 2019, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed 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 welcomed Brian Dean as a new member of BPC. The Clerk was asked to circulate Brian Dean's contact details to all other members and update BPC records and circulation lists as necessary.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes 2 Sept. 2019 and not included elsewhere on the agenda :

- 5.1 Beetham flooding (5.2)** - Cllr Dean reported that Parish Steward Bill Haddow, a Beetham resident, had agreed to join the Beetham Flood Resilience Group. The group was setting up a page on Whats App. It had been established that water level in the River Bela had no relevance to flooding at Parsonage Fold, which was caused by water coming from higher ground to the west.
- 5.2 Carr Bank Road issues (5.3)** - Useful statistical information, fully supporting earlier reports of excessive traffic speeds, had been downloaded from the newly sited SID on the B5282 at Carr Bank. Chairman to provide Cllr Crayston with details for accessing data from the Sandside SID.
- 5.3 Beetham Crematorium traffic problem (5.4)** - the Clerk had written to Fishwicks as instructed, requesting a further meeting, and was awaiting a response. An overflow car park, without hard-standing, was known to be now in use when needed. John Fishwick had informed C Cllr Pete McSweeney that he considered improvements to overflow car park were considered sufficient to prevent parking on the A6. Further traffic build-up on the A6 to be reported to the police via the 101contact number.
- 5.4 Fairy Steps access signage (5.5)** - Cllr Pickup has sent grid references and photographs to CCC (Guy Timperley) but little prospect of their early action.
- 5.5 a Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.6)** - dialogue with local householder ongoing. As a holding measure, C Cllr McSweeney had requested more grit on site for the coming winter to deal with possible surface ice.
- 5.5 b Leighton Beck Road signage** - C Cllr McSweeney and Cllr Yates to meet Highways representatives on site to agree new signage location.
- 5.6 Co-option of BPC members (5.7)** - a potential candidate for the West Ward vacancy had emerged thanks to Cllr Greifenberg. Ongoing.
- 5.7 Convex mirror at B5282/Storth road junction (5.8)** - Cllr Meakin and the Clerk had inspected the site and concluded that, because of the distances involved, a large rectangular mirror would be best. **Agreed** - that a 60mm wide mirror be purchased at an estimated cost of +/-£150 - Clerk to order and Parish Steward to be asked to fix.

- 5.8 Beetham ghost footpath (5.10)** – a final letter had been sent by Cllr Meakin to the Box Tree Cottage householder but no response had been forthcoming. Clerk to follow up with discreet enquiries. C Cllr McSweeney to check on enforcement progress.
- 5.9 CALC courses for BPC members (5.12)** – Clerk awaiting response from members.
- 5.10 Clerk’s contract of employment (7.1)** – no further progress. Awaiting Clerk’s response to suggested updating changes.
- 5.11 Beetham village signs (7.3)** – any new signage provided by Highways would be multi-use and come at a cost to BPC of around £400. No BPC agreement on whether this was justified. To be reviewed in six months’ time. Clerk to write to the caravan site owners, suggesting they advise touring caravan users of the approach road problem.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – for September received and circulated before the BPC meeting.

Burglaries in Storth and Carr Bank. Suspicious activity in Whassett – but further known burglaries in Storth missing from report.

6.2/3 County and District Council matters – Arnside to Kendal via Milnthorpe bus service to be withdrawn by Stagecoach as from 27th October 2019 due to Stagecoach losing the contract for school transport and the route becoming commercially unviable. A new independent Arnside to Milnthorpe service was to be launched to mitigate this, but with a slightly different route – details to be circulated/publicised soon. Damage to the A6 bridge at Beetham had proved more serious, with necessary repairs more extensive, than at first thought, so work to be deferred until spring 2020. CCC planned to relaunch its original lengthsman service to deal with local maintenance jobs under its Working Together initiative – Clerk to obtain details via CALC. A joint meeting with other local parishes to be arranged to maximise mutual potential benefits. The pay phone at Hale was due to be removed by BT due to lack of use – Clerk to email C Cllr McSweeney that BPC had no objection. Recent recurrence of flooding on Park Road, Milnthorpe, between the old and new bridges had been noted by Highways and was on their list of jobs to do, but not with a high priority rating.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 New matters for consideration:

7.1 Arnside/Milnthorpe 552 bus service – a local petition to CCC was to be organised against the proposed closure, CCC being the only county in England which does not subsidise rural bus services. Petition forms to be placed in local shops, including Storth and Beetham. See also 6.2/3 above. Cllr Meakin had sent an appropriate letter of concern from BPC to CCC.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

October 2019 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/2019/0687	Kingfisher, Sandside		Change of use- restaurant to dwelling	24/09/19	No objection
SL/2019/0688	Kingfisher, Sandside		Removal of pitched roof on ground floor extension to create 1 st floor patio	None Received	No objection
SL/2019/0707	5 Dallam Drive, Storth		Single-storey rear and side garage extensions	26/09/19	No objection
SL/2019/0708	Breeze Hill, Carr Bank Road		Single-storey side exten’s and alterations	25/09/19	No objection
SL/2019/0751	Sandend, Green Ln, Storth	Tinsley	Single-storey rear ext’n (retrospective)	?	

Type B applications – SLDC deadline falls after next PC meeting – members to discuss at mtg.

SL/2019/0771	Thorny Croft, Yans Lane, Storth		Porch extension and window alterations	15/10/19	No objection
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SL/2019/0805	Heathwaite, Storth Rd		First floor rear extension (revised scheme of ref 308, refused by SLDC).	25/10/19	No objection
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8.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2019/0265	Orchard Cottage, Leighton Beck Rd		Demolition of stable block and erection of dwelling	Refused
SL/2019/0502	Beetham School		Entrance porch	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0520	Lark Rise, Carr Bank Rd		Single-storey front ext'n to balcony	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0592	Dungarth, Carr Bank Rd		Extension & alterations	Approved with conditions

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

8.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – ias above.

8.4 Related matters & correspondence – Pear Tree Cottage, Beetham – removal of part of wall bordering Church Street – no planning restrictions apply. Sandside Quarry – all activities are within planning permissions/requirements.

9. Financial Matters.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2019

MEETING – 7 Oct, 2019

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	HIBA £
01/09/19	Opening balances				14,083.13
30/09/19	Receipts:				
		Ground rents July - B-Jones		8.34	
		- Ryan		20.00	
					28.34
30/09/19	Payments:				
	558	1212	Zurich – insce prem 2019/20	458.61	
	559	1213	Dallam – bus shelter gr rent 2019/20	50.00	
	560	1214	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Sept (net)	447.28	
			Postage & Stat’y	24.20	
			VAT	2.54	
				474.02	
	561	1215	HMRC – PAYE Sept qutr	334.80	
			Total payments in month		-1,317.43
30/09/19	Closing balances				12,794.04
30/09/19	Total funds all accounts				£32,096.99
	Reserve Funds at 30/09/19				
		Street lamp reserve		9,600.00	
		General Reserve		9,702.95	
		Total reserves		19,302.95	

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

9.2 Other financial matters - BPC quarterly accounts to 30 Sept. 2019 circulated and **approved**.

- insurance renewal for 2019/20 (see premium above) – **approved**.

- grants 2019/20 – Beetham Band – cost figures for band upgrade received. **Agreed** –

BPC to offer a match funded grant of up to 50% of cost with a maximum contribution of £400.

10.0 Parish Steward:

10.1 Update on current events – none.

10.2 Further additions to work programme:

Fixing convex mirror at StorthRoad/B5282, once to hand.

Placing stored silent soldier silhouettes at Storth and Beetham war memorials two weeks in advance of Remembrance Day 2019 and then for a further two weeks.

11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- Cllr Meakin had attended a CALC meeting at Gilpin Bridge Hotel - enthusiasm for LAP waning - reported that all but one LAP had ceased meeting. Approx. £40K in available grant funds unspent.

- Cllr Greifenberg had attended a meeting of Beetham Exhibition Trust.

BPC members who are also trustees of other organisations encouraged to take advantage of Rathbones courses on trusteeship to be held at J36 agricultural centre.

12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Pickup - the 'old folks' sign at Carr Bank needed to be replaced.

Cllr Meakin - local residents had asked that an 'elderly people crossing' sign or a pedestrian crossing be placed at the bottom of Storth Road.

D Cllr Chaffey - the new vicar of Beetham had expressed a wish to attend a BPC meeting - **agreed**. Clerk to invite to BPC's November meeting.

13.0 Parish Land.

13.1 - Sandside Cutting - formalities for the renewal of the BPC felling licence were now underway and were expected to have been completed in time for the next felling season (in 2020).

14.0 General Correspondence received:

7 Oct 2019 - Beetham Band upgrade cost estimates.

15.0 Reading Matter - Clerks & Councils Direct - Sept 2019 - issue 125.

16.0 Items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting (November 2019) and additional to items referred to above - possible participation of BPC in Cumbria in Bloom 2020.

17.0 Date of next meeting - monthly meeting 4 November 2019 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.