

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council on Monday 7 October 2024 at Storth Church.

Present were – Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Knowles, Phelan and Yates. Also WFC Cllr Audland for item 6. Parish Clerk John Scargill throughout. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Clark (work), Marsden, Meakin and Phillips (holiday).

2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the meeting 2 Sept 2024, previously circulated, were **approved** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Greifenberg 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 2 Sept 2024 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Beetham flooding (5.1) – dating from 2015 - nothing significant to report.

5.2 Leighton Beck Road surface water (5.2) – dating from 2015 - nothing significant 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 being arranged with WF Highways & WFC Cllr Audland re options for slowing traffic speeds through Beetham.

5.5 BPC Code of Conduct (5.5) – awaiting police response.

5.6 Beetham stocks (5.6) – repair work on hold due to delay in obtaining required materials.

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) – planned conclusion in November/December.

5.9 Beetham war memorial (5.9) – quote of £1,500 from Parkin & Jackson (Kendal) for their assessment of necessary work – **accepted**. Clerk to action.

5.10 BPC boundary walls & fences (7.2) – to consult solicitors re legal obligations. Clerk.

5.11 Storth water pump restoration (7.3) – new location remained to be agreed.

5.12 B5282 new traffic mirror (13.1) – Highways to be consulted.

5.13 Sandside information panel (13.3) – Cllrs Phelan & Audland to inspect site.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police matters – for September 2024 had been circulated on receipt – no urgent matters relating to Beetham Parish.

6.2 Higher authority report – WFC Cllr Audland had been impressed by a police demonstration day he had attended.

6.3 Matters raised by electors – none.

6.4 Other matters – Cllr Audland to check if bus shelters (particularly on principal highways) were something WFC had, or would accept, any responsibility for.

7.0 New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Routine inspection & maintenance of BPC assets – Cllr Phelan had collected data on BPC assets and was in process of planning their regular inspection and maintenance.

8. BPC Land issues:

- i. **Unauthorised use of Plot 4, Slackhead** – damaged area now reseeded and blocked off.
- ii. **Sandside tree management** – annual tree work delayed by one month due to bad weather.

9.00 Planning.

9.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

September 2024 – 7 Oct 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
2024/1260/PAPP	Low Wood Edge Farm, Haverbrack	Concreting farm yard	30/09/24	See 9.2 below
2024/1320/FPA	Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Hale	Variation of Condition 2 re SL/2022/1044	25/09/24	No objection
2024/1575/FPA	Hall More Lodge Caravan Site, Hale	Change of use of land	18/10/24	No objection
2024/1713/FPA	Townend Cottage, Farleton	Solar panel installation	22/10/24	No objection

9.2 Decisions received from WFC

WFC decisions

2024/1260/PAPP	Low Wood Edge Farm, Haverbrack	Concreting farm yard	Prior Approval Not Requ'd
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(More planning information available on WFC website – westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

9.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings – as above.

9.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

10.0 Financial Matters.

10.1 BPC FINANCAL REPORT

MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2024

MEETING – 7 OCT 2024

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Premium a/c £
01/09/24	Opening balances			26,075.22	19,688.66
30//09/24	Receipts	Ground rents Sep Barclays – bank interest to 1 Sept	- B-Jones	8.34	73.63
	Payments:				
	887 1486	Hurst – notice board repairs		60.00	
	888 1487	Info Com – annual data protection fee		40/00	
	889 1488	B C Meakin - Plot 4 grass seeds		7.00	
	890 1489	Scargill – post/staty 6 mths VAT	240.08 42.25		
				282.33	
	891 1490	Scargill – expense allce Sept		136.00	
	892 1491	Scargill – Clerk’s sal Sept (net)		647.83	
	893 1492	HMRC – PAYE Sept		168.92	
				-1,342.08	
30/09/24	Closing balances			24,741.48	19,762.29
30/09/24	Total funds all accounts			£ 44,503.77	
Breakdown of Total Funds at 30/09/24		SID2 (SLDC/PMS)		1,000.00	
		Storth Hub (£1,000 - £453.91)		546.09	
		Total reserves/allocated funds		1,546.09	
		Working funds		42,957.69	
		Total funds		44,503.77	

Resolved – that the above payments for September 2024 be **APPROVED**.

10.2 Other Financial Matters – BPC accounts for 6mths to 30 Sept 2024 circulated – no significant variations from budget.

11.0 Parish Steward:

11.1 Update on current events – No report.

11.2 Additions to work programme – placing of Silent Soldier figures at the two BPC war memorial sites for Remembrance Sunday and their subsequent removal. Clerk to instruct.

12.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – Cllr Greifenberg reported that a new clerk had now been found for Beetham Exhibition Trust.

13.0 Parish Matters (for information only): - raised by or with BPC members - none.

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 2024) and additional to items referred to above: none.

17.0 Date of next meeting - BPC monthly meeting - Mon 4 Nov 2024 at Beetham School.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.