

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 5th November 2012 at Storth Village Church at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Ken Blenkarn (chair), David Clark, Jessica Harvey, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also present - Parish Clerk John Scargill. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Pru Jupe (work) and Bill Haddow (Parish Steward).

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1st October 2012, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Harvey, who had chaired the meeting.

3.0 Announcements by the Chair: none.

4.0 Declarations of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes:

5.1 Broadband (5.1) – there had been a recent meeting, attended by Cllr Clark, but details of the precise benefits of the project for individual areas were still to be finalised.

5.2 Beetham Traffic Calming (5.4) – work had begun on schedule and appeared ongoing.

5.3 Beetham PC casual vacancy (3.1) – as no requests for an election had been received within the specified time limit, it was now up to the parish council to fill the vacancy by co-option.

A notice had been placed in all parish notice boards inviting applications, with a three-week deadline (17th November). No applications had yet been received, but Cllr Jupe was

hopeful of identifying possible candidates.

5.4 Dispensations (3.2) – the Clerk had received dispensation requests from all members, enabling them to discuss and vote on the parish council's budget/precept for 2013/14. SLDC had indicated there was no need to lodge these requests with them.

5.5 Elbourne seat (12) – installation was now satisfactorily completed. CCC had asked for the parish council to sign an agreement to maintain and take full future responsibility for the seat. Clerk to check the necessity for, and legal implications of, this and place on agenda for the PC's December meeting. It was suggested that it might be best for the seat to be transferred to PC ownership, if all parties agreed.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – none. The absence of regular reports and of police attendance at PC meetings regarded as unsatisfactory – Clerk to advise police accordingly.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – not much to report. A number of political issues to do with current elections and some £20m savings to be found from CCC's 2013/14 budget.

Also possible further restructuring of Highways in view of current service shortcomings.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – SLDC seemed to be reasonably placed financially

and a Council Tax increase appeared unlikely. Encouraging outcome of scheme for collective

purchase of power supplies – may be extended to other services. A trial of the doorstep collection of plastic was underway.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.00 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

November 2012 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	Deadline	Response
SL/2012/0713	Sandside Farm, Carr Bank	Smith	Extensions & alterations plus change of use of field to garden	20/11/12	No objections

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

SL/2012/0853	Mossdale Service Station, A6 Hale	Vincent	New shopfront	21/11/12	No objections
SL/2012/0844	Woodview Barns, Beetham	Greenhalgh	Extension of time condition on SL/2012/0786 (barn conversion into two dwellings) to which BPC had 'no objections'.	23/11/12	No objections

7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

SL/2012/0660	3 Chapel Close, Storth	Manville	Dwelling	Refused
SL/2012/0696	Beetham Nurseries	Abbit	Redesign of overflow car-park	Approved with conditions
SL/2012/0712	Elmsfield Business Park	Lambro Develop't	Relaxation of condition limiting hours of operation	Approved with conditions
SL/2012/0726	Rock Cottage, Throughs Lane, Storth	Stevenson	Extensions & alterations	Approved with conditions

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

7.3 Decisions of Planning Committee meetings 5 Nov 2012 - if any (included above)

7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none

8.00 Financial Matters

8.1 Bank receipts, payments (for approval) and balances.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – OCT 2012		MEETING – 5 th Nov 2012		HIBA
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		
				£	£	£
01/10/12	Opening balances				1,484.98	19,218.25
31/10/12	Receipt	Barclays	Bank interest 2 Sept.			3.05
31/10/12	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA				NIL	NIL
“	Pd 218	863 GHS	Grasscutting etc	-248.00		
	219	864 LCC	AONB ground work (SC)	122.50		
			VAT	24.50		
						-147.00
“	220	865 Zurich	Ins. prem yr to 19/11/13	-397.19		
“	221	866 Capra	Second interpretation panel	-85.00		
“	222	867 Br Legion	Donation – Rem Day wreaths	-60.00		
“	223	868 J Scargill	Clerk's sal Oct (net) -	410.09		
			Postage & Stat'y	11.94		
			VAT	2.05		
						-424.08
“	Total payments in month				-1,361.27	
31/10/12	Closing balances				123.71	19,221.30
31/10/12	Total funds all accounts					£19,345.01

8.2 Other financial matters:

- **Approved** - Zurich cover & premium for year to 20 November 2013 (as above).
- new bank mandate - now in place – Cllr Meakin confirmed as new signatory.
- **Approved and accepted** - budget/precept recommendations of Finance Working Group for 2013/14, keeping precept at 2012/13 level. Precept form for SLDC signed by Cllrs Blenkharn and Harvey and the Clerk (subject to central government announcement expected 5 December 2012, as advised by CALC).

9.0 Parish Steward & Area Steward:

9.1 PS update on current events – none.

9.2 PS additions to work programme – none. Completed items 60, 62, 66 & 67; work schedule

to be updated accordingly.

9.3 AS – nothing to report.

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies : Cllr Blenkharn had received an invitation to

the AONB's 40th anniversary celebration at Leighton Hall on 12 December 2012; as an AONB resident, Cllr Pickup agreed to take up this invitation on his behalf.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

11.1 Cllr Clark – debris on pavement between New Bridge and Quarry Lane. Build-up of rain

water around Beetham war memorial, due to blocked outflow.

11.2 Cllr Pickup – untrimmed overgrown hedges/verges in Guard Hill Lane; agreed hedges were land owner's responsibility - Cllr Pickup was asked to inform owner.

12.0 Remembrance Sunday (11 November 2012) – parish council wreaths to be laid by Cllr Jupe (Beetham) and Cllr Clark (Storth).

13.0 General Correspondence.

a) Received and circulated in email form:

13.1 – 4 Oct '12 – Steeley (Heron Corn Mill) – talks 'Power from the Fells'.

13.2 – 5 Oct '12 – K Masser – CCC work planned for Pye's Bridge Lane

13.3 – 9 Oct '12 – Dan Hunn – re future of Plot 4 (**BPC Land WG to meet & discuss**)

13.4 – 9 Oct '12 – Elec. NW survey (**Cllr Noble's response to be submitted pp BPC**)

13.5 – 9 Oct '12 – District Ass'n of Parish Councils – 'projects of wider interest'.

13.6 – 10 Oct '12 – CALC – Rural Opportunities Bulletin (re funding)

13.7 – 11 Oct '12 – Cumbria Highways – inviting requests for road marking renewals.

13.8 – 15 Oct '12 – CALC – updates needed to Standing Orders

13.9 – 25 Oct '12 – Heron Theatre – response to BPC complaint re car-parking in Stanley St.

13.10 – 25 Oct '12 – Dennis Wright (Beetham) – request for memorial seat (Shaw) –

approved.

13.11 – 30 Oct '12 – CALC – re CCC funds available to parish councils etc.

b) Received in hard-copy form (not circulated):

13.12 – 1 Oct '12 – SLDC – re election of Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner (notice)

13.13 – 19 Oct '12 – SLDC – re parliamentary constituency boundary review 2013

14.0 Reading Matter:

- Landscape Trust (AONB) – Keer to Kent – issue 79 – autumn/winter 2012

- Clerks & Councils Direct – issue 84 – Nov 2012.

- Lancaster Canal Trust – Waterwitch – issue 149 – summer/autumn 2012

- Skipton/Colne railway (SELRAP) – Cravenrail – issue 17 - 2012

15.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting Dec 2012):

- confirmation of BPC budget/precept for 2013/14
- Elbourne memorial seat – CCC requirements for future maintenance etc.

16.0 Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd December 2012 at 7.00pm at Beetham School, preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend throughout any meeting of the Parish Council but may speak only during the Public Participation item on the agenda to raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish, District or County Councils or Cumbria Police.