

# ***BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL***

**MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at Storth School at 7.00pm.**

**Present were** Cllrs Ken Blenkharn (chair), David Clark, Ian Duckworth, Jessica Harvey, Pru Jupe, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup and Ian Stewart. Also present - Parish Clerk John Scargill and four electors.

**1.0 Apologies for absence** - Bill Haddow (Parish Steward).

**2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012, had been circulated by email. These were **APPROVED** by the meeting as a correct record and signed by Cllr Blenkharn.

**3.0 Announcements by the Chair** – none.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllr Clark declared a possible interest in agenda item 9.2, as the owner of land in the vicinity of Quarry Lane, Sandside.

**5.0 Matters arising from the minutes:**

**5.1 Broadband (5.1)** – A decision on the choice of contractor was expected mid-May.

**5.2 Annual Parish Assembly (5.2)** – the Clerk had circulated minutes of this meeting for the information of members. The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the poor attendance by members. Poor attendance by parishioners was attributed, in part, to the lack of publicity, due to problems in finding a speaker. Nevertheless, there was good discussion following an interesting presentation by Mr Digby Singleton, who stood in at the last minute.

**5.3 Rural Land Registration (16.0)** – information on registration procedures etc was now to hand. Cllr Jupe to scrutinise and report back.

**6.0 Public Participation**

**6.1 Police Report** – none.

**6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** – the comprehensive plan for traffic calming in Beetham village has been published. Traffic disruption by Arnside station, due to extensive remedial work by United Utilities, might last for twelve months. Warning signs for traffic approaching Friar Cote Bridge were not practicable, despite the occasional accident due mainly to driver error.

**6.3 District Council matters (Cllrs Jupe & Stewart))** – news of the death of Brendan Jameson,

Chair of SLDC, had severely dampened proceedings at the last meeting. The route for the Olympic torch included Milnthorpe at 9.26am on 22 June, then down the A6 past Beetham

plant village. Glaxo's announcement of substantial further capital investment at their Ulverston should have a beneficial effect in the general South Lakes area.

**6.4 Matters raised by members of the public –none**

## 7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

April 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/2012/0161	Parsonage Farmhouse Beetham	Chadwick	Conservatory linking kitchen & dining room	30/03/12	No objection
SL/2012/0156	Marsden Farm, Farleton	Atkinson	Extension to agricultural storage building	03/04/12	No objection
SL/2012/0134	Lingwood, Storth Rd, Storth	Hartropp	Extension & alterations	03/04/12	No objection
SL/2012/0112	Land at Old Cottage, Hale	Gardner	Erection of dwelling with widening vehicular access	28/03/12	No objection

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

SL/2012/0174	High Ridge, High Cote Lane, Slackhead, Beetham	Edwards	Alterations & extension	10/04/12	No objection
SL/2012/0200	Hall More Caravan Park, Hale	Royle (for Pure Leisure)	Variation of condition (?) on applic'n SL/2012/0099	20/04/12	No objection
SL/2012/0214	Ellers Farm, Farleton	Robinson	Variation of condition re SL/2006/0842	23/04/12	No objection

### 7.2 Decisions received from SLDC

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

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 2 Apl 2012 – attached.

7.4 Related matters & correspondence : none

## 8.0 Financial Matters

8.1 Receipts, 8.2 Approval of bills payable, 8.3 Balances on BPC bank accounts.

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT			MONTH – MARCH 2012		MEETING – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2012		
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	HIBA	
					£	£	£
01/03/12	Opening balances					54.86	14,092.22
31/03/12	Receipt	Barclays	Bank interest to 5 Mar 2012			-	1.81
31/03/12	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA					2,000.00	-2,000.00
“	Payment	828 B C Meakin	Website costs		-5.98		
			VAT		-1.20		
“	“	829 Lanc. Canal	Sub. For 2012		-7.18		
“	“	830 AONB	Donation for 2011/12		-14.00		
“	“	831 CCC	Mtg Room hire 2011/12		-700.00		
“	“	832 Storth MC	Mtg room hire 2011/12		-120.00		
“	“	833 Storth VH	Mtg room hire AA		-45.00		
			Room hire – storage		-20.50		
					-25.00		
					-45.50		
“	“	834 J Scargill	Clerk's sal Mar (net)		-365.49		
			Postage & Stat'y		-26.42		
			R & R – NB keys		-4.50		
			AA refreshments		-44.27		
			VAT		-10.02		
					-450.70		
“	“	835 HMRC	PAYE remit'ce		-174.00		
“	“	836 CALC	Sub. 2012/13 (inc mag.)		-277.50		
“	“	837 GHS	Grasscutting		-185.00		
“	Total payments in month					-2,018.88	
31/03/12	Closing balances					35.98	12,094.03
31/03/12	Total funds all accounts					£12,130.01	

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

#### **8.4 Annual Accounts 2011/12** – had been circulated and were **APPROVED**

**Annual Return for 2011/12** – was **APPROVED** and Sections 1 and 2 were signed by Cllr Blenkarn on behalf of the parish council.

#### **8.5 BPC precept – complaint by parishioner** – had been answered by the Clerk in a manner approved by the council. The matter was now considered to be closed.

#### **9.0 Parish Land Working Group** – no meeting, but reported as follows:

**9.1 Parish land - Plot 4** – Cllr Jupe had spoken to some local residents and would arrange a meeting of the BPC Working Group to discuss policy.

**9.2 SLDC's Local Development Framework proposals** – Cllr Stewart left the room whilst Cllr

Clark explained the type of development he would prefer on his land near Quarry Lane, Sandside, though this was not at present in SLDC's list of identified sites. Cllr Clark then left the room whilst the remainder of the council discussed this and possible general development of the surrounding area. A consensus of views was arrived at and Cllr Clark called back into the room. The overall nature of the council's response to SLDC's public enquiry was agreed as being in favour of housing development along the B5282 between the Kingfisher restaurant and the Ship Inn, to incorporate a new road linking the B5282 with Quarry Lane. This would improve access to Quarry Lane and facilitate new development there. Cllr Pickup and the Clerk to prepare a summarised version for submission before the 17 April deadline.

#### **10.0 Parish Steward & Area Steward:**

**10.1 PS update on current events** – Parish Steward not present but was in regular touch with the

Clerk (see 10.2 below).

**10.2 PS additions to work programme** – agreed as follows:

- grasscutting of parish-maintained land in 2012/13 on the same basis as for 2011/12 (first cut done in March).
- repair to damage of grassed area at the north entrance to Beetham village from the A6.
- trimming saplings along Friar Cote Bridge, Sandside, which had been reported as obscuring traffic sitelines.

**10.3 Gritting/snow clearance** – no gritting needed in the winter 2011/12. The Clerk had received

only limited response from members to his request for suggested future grit bin sites. The arrangements for grit storage by Milnthorpe PC were noted.

#### **11.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies :**

No - Cllr Meakin - had attended the last Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting (of 19 parishes).

be funding was being received from SLDC and other income was limited. It's future role may

more advisory and as a lobbying body, rather than undertaking projects in its own right. Parishes were being asked to suggest priorities (including projects); **agreed** that BPC would discuss at their May meeting and submit suggestions before the next LAP meeting on 18 June.

- Cllr Meakin – had attended the AONB Executive meeting, which noted that its projects (eg wildlife corridors) had attracted significant grants to the area.
- Cllr Pickup – had attended a meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group, which felt that SLDC were being overhasty in pushing forward land development plans.

#### **12.0 Parish Matters (for information only):**

**12.1 Cllr Blenkarn** – new street lamps had now been installed in Whassett, although not yet connected.

**12.2 Cllr Jupe** – the bridle path from Heron Corn Mill to Storth Road was becoming blocked

by seasonal overgrowth. (Clerk to report). Also suggested a 'Keep off the grass' sign in the layby formed by the old road alongside the A6 bridge over the River Bela at Beetham; possibility of County Council funding (Clerk to email Cllr Stewart to check out).

**12.3 Cllr Clark** – blocked gullies along B5282.

**12.4 Cllr Duckworth** - reported concern by at least one resident over the cost of the proposed repainting of houses in Meadowbank, Beetham. Cllr Jupe gave the assurance that there would be no cost burden for residents.

**12.5 Cllr Stewart** – thanked the Clerk for obtaining from the Environment Agency's written confirmation that their proposals to cease operating some drainage pumps in the Lyth/Winster valleys would have no effect on drainage/flooding in the Carr Bank area of the parish.

### **13.0 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:**

- Farleton Knott joint parish beacon proposal – news of a possible way through the access problem had come too late. Burton and Preston Patrick had already pulled out and Holme seemed likely to follow, leaving Beetham as the sole remaining party.

**Agreed by vote** – that Beetham PC should take no further part in this project.

**14.0 Quality Parish Council status** – Cllr Harvey was awaiting information from the National Association of Local Councils before making a recommendation on whether or not to proceed. Matter carried forward to May meeting.

**15.0 Wildlife Festival 2012** – the proposed Beetham Jubilee Garden beside the Bela was dealt with under this heading. Good progress was being made, with co-operation from Cumbria County Council, SLDC and Billerud paper mill. An information board and bench were now planned. **Agreed** - that the involvement of South Cumbria Rivers Trust (Kelly Alty) should be invited.

### **16.0 General Correspondence.**

#### **a) Correspondence received in email form and already forwarded to members:**

**16.1** – 5 Mar '12 – Morecambe Bay Local Nature Partnership – 22 March presentation.

**16.2** – 6 Mar '12 – SLDC – Scrutiny 2012/13 – work programme submissions.

**16.3** – 15 Mar '12 – Ramsbottom – re wind turbines petition.

**16.4** – 16 Mar '12 – Kirkwells – training for parish councils in neighbourhood planning.

**16.5** – 20 Mar '12 – CALC – re members conduct and standards.

**16.6** – 23 Mar '12 – Environment Agency response to BPC's Carr Bank flooding risk query.

**16.7** – 26 Mar '12 – SLDC – Olympic torch route details.

**16.8** – 27 Mar '12 – SLDC – new affordable housing measures.

**16.9** – 29 Mar '12 – SW Neighbourhood Forum – summary of meeting (next meeting June '12)

**16.10** – 30 Mar '12 – CALC – minutes from March meeting etc.

**16.11** – 30 Mar '12 – Environment Agency – update on IDBs.

#### **b) Correspondence received in hard-copy form (not circulated):**

**16.12** – 15 Mar '12 – SLDC – review of hacknet carriage fares.

**16.13** – 16 Mar '12 – BPC's Cllr David Clark – re implication of National Grid proposals.

**16.14** – 16 Mar '12 – SLDC – corporate plan & strategy statement 2012-16

**16.15** – 21 Mar '12 – Society of Local Council Clerks – Cumbria branch conference 16 May'12

**16.16** – 23 Mar '12 – Cllr Ian Stewart (pp CCC) – Beetham traffic calming proposals.

**16.17** – 28 Mar '12 – Highways Agency – A590 forthcoming road closure notice.

**16.18** – 2 April '12 – Arnside PC – re overgrown trees on Friar Cote Bridge

**17.0 Reading Matter:**

- SLDC – five-year strategy position & corporate plan.
- Local Councils Review – issue for spring 2012
- CCC – Cumbria Travel Map & Guide 2012

**18.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (April 2012):**

- Quality Parish Council status – outstanding requirements/benefits – final conclusions.
- SLDC Local Development Framework - land allocations – BPC response to public consult'n
- Environment Agency report of Lyth/Winster IDB proposals.
- BPC policy recommendations re Plot 4.
- Bela River Garden project.

**19.0 Date of next meetings:**

– Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – Annual meeting and normal monthly PC meeting at 7.00pm at Beetham School, preceded at 6.45pm by any Planning Committee meetings (as notified).

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm.**

**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 Council.**