

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council held on Monday 2nd September 2013 at Beetham School at 7.00pm.

Present were Cllrs Ken Blenkharn (chair), Jessica Harvey, Brian Meakin, Chris Noble, Bob Pickup, Ian Stewart and Steve Yates.. John Scargill (Parish Clerk) also in attendance. No members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence – David Clark, Pru Jupe (holiday), Bill Haddow and Cumbria Police.

2.0 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15th July 2013, 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 – none.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes: 15th July 2013 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Stanley Street, Beetham, car parking (5.1) – Cllr Stewart reported no progress due to continuing reorganisation changes at CCC.

5.2 Dog-control signs (5.2) – agreed that the additional five signs (15 in all), received free-of-charge from the supplier because of incomplete wording, should be retained for use by BPC.

5.3 Unauthorised usage of Plot 4 (5.3) – although the caravan was still on site, it had now been sold and was expected to be removed within the next few weeks. Members accepted this.

5.4 Bus-stop signs on A6 (5.4) – the southbound sign was scheduled for early renewal but a northbound sign was being delayed by safety issues associated with a choice of site.

5.5 Community Transport (5.5) – Margaret Parker, the Beetham village agent for Age UK South

Lakeland, had agreed to set up a Beetham-based team to cover the eastern part of the parish and to organise this in line with the existing Storth group, with whom she had now consulted.

5.6 Hale Interpretation Panel (8.2) – a suitable rock to be used as a base for the panel had now been selected, donated by Sandside Quarry. This would be delivered to site as soon as the precise

preferred location had been identified by local residents. The joiner who was to make the oak frame had been instructed and would start work once the panel was in position. Completion of the project expected before the end of September 2013.

5.7 Sandside Cutting tree management (16) - the Clerk had been unable to contact Martin Wain

for advising on grant availability. Cllr Pickup would try to make contact.

5.8 Beetham Parish Assembly 2014 (14) – a list of members’ suggestions for parish groups which

should be invited had been circulated. With minor amendment to the list it was agreed that these groups should be sent written invitations. Clerk to implement.

5.9 Ownership of land beside the B5282 at Sandside (10) – now established that Dallam was not

the owner. Cllr Clark had been asked to help identify owner. Cllr Harvey also to make enquiries.

6.0 Public Participation.

6.1 Police Report – brief report received on day of meeting (so not circulated). Minor road accident, but otherwise police priorities remain the same - dealing with thefts of metal and outbuilding contents. Clerk to ask if Beetham could be added to list of parishes taking part in

the sharing of (LAP-sponsored) speed indicator devices.

6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – CCC faced with making further expenditure cuts of around £80m, so little spare money available. Problems related to continued restructuring and general staff uncertainties. However, the new footbridge over Peasey & Stainton Becks at Overthwaite was now complete, with footpath diversions planned.

Roadworks in Storth had not been well done. Beetham could expect a grant of £1,500 in 2013/14 from Cllr Stewart’s discretionary fund, which he urged to be used for amenity jobs that needed doing but which, for whatever reason, were not regarded by CCC as a priority.

Agreed – that these jobs should be reported and recorded under a new item on future BPC agendas, prior to instructing the Parish Steward. Also that a comprehensive annual programme of such work be formulated, linked to a map showing the location of each site for which BPC accepts future responsibility.

6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Stewart) – activity continues to be dominated by the Local

Development Framework and its consequences. Special consideration now being given to the

AONB area as a whole, including where it extends beyond the Cumbria county boundary. Clerk to request an update from Dan Hudson (SLDC Chief Planner) on progress with regard to decisions and future plans for the AONB area.

6.4 Matters raised by members of the public – none.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Applications under consideration by BPC:

Sept. 2013 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/2013/0616	Old Cottage, Hale	Gardner	Siting of detached timber home office	22/08/13	No objections
SL/2013/0673	Heather Brae, Carr Bank Road	Walton	Single-storey side & rear extensions	22/08/13	No objections
SL/2013/0696	Heron Brack, Sandside	Clark	Alterations to domestic garage	29/08/13	No objections
SL/2013/0722	Buckthorn Cottage, Leighton Close, Slackhead	Houghton	Single-storey extension etc	27/08/13	No objections

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

SL/2013/0687	Beckenreid, Green Lane, Storth	Dickinson	Single-storey side extension	17/09/13	No objections
SL/2013/0776	16 Shaw Green, Storth	Robinson	Single-storey rear extension	16/09/13	No objections

7.2 Decisions received from SLDC**SLDC decision**

SL/2013/0470	Beetham School	Nicholas	Covered outdoor activity area	Approved with conditions
SL/2013/0544	Wings School	Wings Education	Temporary siting of portakabin classroom	Approved with conditions
SL/2013/0437	The Coach House, Ashton House, Beetham	Jackson	Further modification to replacement window design	Approved with conditions

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

7.3 Minutes of Planning Committee meetings 2 Sept 2013 – as above.

7.4 Related matters & correspondence – none.

8.0 Financial Matters

BPC – FINANCIAL REPORT				MONTH – JULY/AUGUST 2013		MEETING – 2nd Sept 2013	
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c		HIBA	
				£	£	£	£
01/07/13	Opening balances				228.82	25,906.45	
31/08/13	Receipts:						
31/08/13	Tsfr to Cur a/c from HIBA				1,600.00	-1,600.00	
31/08/13	Payments:						
“	257 902	GHS	Grasscutting etc	-740.00			
“	258 903	Cartwright	Tree survey Sandside Cutting	-245.40			
“	259 904	Lanc.CC	AONB - wall repairs	61.25			
			VAT	12.25			
					-73.50		
“	254 905	J Scargill	Clerk's sal JulAug (net)	697.90			
			ROP backlog (3mths)	12.99			
			Postage & Stat'y	1.42			
			VAT	.08			
					- 712.39		
“	Total payments in month					-1,771.29	
31/08/13	Closing balances				57.53	24,306.45	
31/08/13	Total funds all accounts					£24,363.98	

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

8.2 Other financial matters:

- costs associated with replacement of BPC-owned street lamps in Hale – deferred until next meeting.

9.0 Parish Steward:

9.1 PS update on current events – PS not present.

9.2 PS additions to work programme – items 77, 78 & 79 **agreed**. (Item 79 to be included on the

Annual Amenity Jobs Programme (see 6.2 above).

10.0 Reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

11.0 Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Harvey – trig point on Beetham Fell badly overgrown (might AONB clear?) Also path onto Beetham Fell from Cockshotts Lane

Cllr Stewart – variations in standard of grass-cutting between Paddock Way and top end of Storth Rd (OK) and Storth Rd opposite school, Storth Rd bridge, Langdale Crest brow & Throughs/Cockshotts Lane junction (not OK). Clerk to research most suitable parish map for pinpointing sites for BPC attention. (Item 6.2 above also refers).

Cllr Pickup – grass verges at Burntbarrow need attention. Speeding vehicles remain a problem.

Cllr Blenkarn – had cleared overgrown vegetation impeding access to Whassett postbox.

12.0 Standing Orders re Chair's term of office – BPC's Standing Orders currently provide no limit to the number of consecutive years that its Chair may hold office. After brief discussion of the subject, the general feeling of members present was that, to ensure a reasonable rotation of this office, the Standing Orders should be amended to provide a time limit. Members were asked to email the Clerk with their views on what that time limit should be (with the Clerk to advise members not present). Clerk to assemble members' views and include item on the agenda for the October 2013 meeting.

13.0 Beetham Parish Council website. Agreed - that the present site needed refreshing and A2A of Milnthorpe to be asked to redesign it along the lines of some neighbouring parish councils, though preferably with its own design characteristics. A2A's costings were already to hand and considered to be acceptable. Cllr Meakin and the Clerk to progress with A2A.

14.0 Gritting – winter 2013/14 – confirmed by Cllr Stewart that arrangements would be as last year, with no CCC action to provide grit (for parishes to self-apply) and/or gritting services until a specified continuous number of icy days (as defined) was recorded.

15.0 General Correspondence:

a) Received and circulated by email:

15.1 – 4 July 2013 – CALC – Nominated Neighbour booklet.

15.2 – 15 July 2013 – CCC – Homeshare Scheme details.

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

15.3 – 17 July 2013 – CCC – notification of Peasey/Stainton Becks - new footbridge completion

15.4 - 7 Aug 2013 – CCC (Mouchel) – roadworks notification (M6J36 to Brettargh Holt)

15.5 – 14 Aug 2013 – ditto – further notification of this.

15.6 – undated – CCC – Chairman's defibrillator appeal.

16.0 Reading Matter:

- SLDC – South Lakeland News – Issue 22 – Summer 2013.

17.0 Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting (October 2013):

- Proposed change to BPC Standing Orders re a fixed term of office for Chair.

- Amenity work – current needs on parish highways (as a regular agenda item).

- Amenity work – annual plan for BPC's accepted areas of responsibility (with map)

- BPC-owned street lamps at Hale – ENW notification of removal of supporting poles.

20.0 Date of next meeting – Monday 7th October 2013 at 7.00pm at Storth Village Church,
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, District or County Councils or Cumbria Police.**