

# BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to attend a meeting of Beetham Parish Council to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at Storth Church at 7pm for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

Your sincerely

J.A.Harvey (Clerk to the Council)

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Apologies**

To accept and record, with reasons, any apologies for absence

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

2.1 To remind councillors of the need to update their Registers of Interest

2.2 To receive declarations, by elected and co-opted members, of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### **4. Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

### **5. East Ward Councillor vacancies**

To receive updates on the progress so far

### **6. Progress reports**

To receive information and/or determine action, as appropriate, on the items in the following reports: -

- 6.1 PLWG – To receive update on works in progress (*Appendix C*)
- 6.2 Cllr Marsden – ACRE/NALC flooding survey
- 6.3 Cllr Duff – Book Swap update (*Appendix E*)
- 6.4 Cllr Duff - Pricing for replacement Parish noticeboards (Circulated)
- 6.5 Cllr Duff – Parish Council Newsletter (First draft circulated)

### **7. Policy Review Group**

To receive an update from the Policy Review Group and consider the following policies for approval: Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety, Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures, Freedom of Information Policy, Council Publication Scheme.

### **8. Public Participation/Open Session**

The Chairman will invite residents to make representations on any item on this agenda or to bring matters to the attention of the Council for consideration for inclusion in a future agenda.

#### **District Councillor's Report**

To receive, for information, items relevant to the Parish (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting).

### **9. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

To decide whether there are any items of business which require exclusion of the press and public

### **10. Applications for Development (*Appendix A*)**

- 10.1 To examine any applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority
- 10.2 To ratify any observations submitted by the clerk under devolved powers
- 10.3 To note any decisions of the statutory planning authority about recent applications

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## 11. Personnel matters

To receive any updates since the last meeting

## 12. Financial matters (*Appendix B*)

12.1 To approve payments detailed

12.2 To receive and note bank receipts and bank balances up to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

12.3 To note the cash book reconciled to the bank statement

## 13. New matters for consideration

13.1 To discuss a Parishioner report on the traffic at the end of Storth Road (Circulated)

13.2 To discuss “happy to chat” benches (*Appendix E*)

13.3 To discuss the possibility of a Beetham Parish Council Facebook group

13.4 To consider the establishment of pollination zones around the Parish

13.5 To discuss a Parishioner request for the Council to clean the war memorial in Storth

13.6 To note the letter received from Storth Community Transport (*Appendix F*)

13.7 To consider a request from PLWG for 3 Volunteer Hi-Vis vests (Costings circulated)

## 13. Clerk’s report (*Appendix D*)

To receive a summary of work undertaken by the clerk since the last meeting, issues outstanding, and to receive correspondence, with an opportunity for councillors to raise questions.

## 14. Councillor reports

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies on matters relevant to the Parish.

## 15. Agenda for the next meeting

To receive notice of items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting

## 16. Date of the next meeting

To confirm that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm at Beetham School

### *Appendix A*

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
2025/1150/HOU	26 Dallam Drive Storth, Milnthorpe LA7 7LL	Replacement garage, single storey extensions and reconfigured front door entrance	Approved With Conditions	11/08/25
2025/1141/HOU	Hazlewood, Storth Road Storth, Milnthorpe LA7 7JA	Proposed single storey rear and side extension	Refused	11/08/25
2025/1176/HOU	19 Hillcrest Drive Slackhead Milnthorpe LA7 7BB	Proposed garden room and raised patio	Approved With Conditions	22/08/25

### *Appendix B*

26	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY	01/09/25	31.00	6.20	37.20
27	JON OLIVER – ARBORICULTURIST	08/08/25	500.00	0.00	500.00
28	J.HARVEY – SALARY	31/08/25	715.93	0.00	715.93
29	HMRC – PAYE	31/08/25	123.75	0.00	123.75

Barclays Bank Community Account £27,616.15

Barclays Bank Business Savings Account £19,972.48

Total in Banks £47,588.95

Bank receipts to 26<sup>th</sup> August: Ground rent £208.34

Due to space restrictions in the notice boards, further appendices are only available with the agenda on the website

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## Appendix C

### Parish Land Working Group Summary September 2025

Concern Number	Area	Location	Date Raised	Issue	Current Status	Status
01 2025	Rose Hill Grove	Storth	Aug 2024	Brambles growing into residential property from BPC land causing nuisance.	In Progress	Waiting contractor to complete the work
02 2025	Rose Hill Grove	Storth	06 Jun 2025	Loose stone in the wall overlooking the Cutting. Not related to any bodies property.	In Progress	Quotes required for repair
03 2025	Rose Hill Grove	Storth	11 Jun 2025	Damaged wall – stone missing from the wall. (Location Storth Road)	In Progress	Repair to be undertaken by PLWG
04 2025	The Pasture	Storth	02 Jun 2025	Tall Trees in the cutting potentially blowing over in the wind damaging property and residents	Completed	21 Jul 25
05b 2025	Railway Cutting	Storth	25 May 2025	Poor state of Information Board	In Progress	See Asset List October indicating action
05c 2025	Railway Cutting	Storth	25 May 2025	Growth across footpath	Completed	22 Jul 25

## Appendix D

### Clerks' report

Correspondence received since last meeting: For Information Only

FROM	TOPIC	ACTION
CALC	Various briefings and updates	Circulated
W+F Council	Various briefings and updates	Circulated
Visitor	Signs about the fishing on the front at Sandside	Email reply
Parishioner	Traffic at Slackhead	Forwarded to Cllr Audland

Clerk's actions from previous meetings

MEETING/MINUTE NUMBER	ACTION	COMPLETE
July 13.2	Cllr vacancy on Beetham Village FB	Completed
July 13.3	Investigate defibrillator situation	Position clarified
August 5.2	Purchase of 2 new benches	Ordered
August 5.5	Accept quotation for bramble work	Contractor contacted
August 7	SAR response	Sent to requestor

Other actions

The PLWG terms of reference approved in July and all policies approved in the August meeting are now on the website

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## *Appendix E*

### Book Swap and Chat Benches

Both ideas were presented to the July Storth WI meeting and were received positively as the following excerpt from the July meeting notes shows,

Lynda Duff, in her capacity as a member of Beetham Parish Council, asked for members' opinions regarding "Book Swap" stations in the village and "Chat Benches". Members agreed that both ideas warranted further investigation

#### **1. Book Swap further progress –**

- need to reach more residents for opinions/ideas, can achieve this via article on Facebook, preferably on BPC page but if that isn't set up it could be via personal account.
- piece included in the forthcoming BPC newsletter
- poster (A4) outlining project with contact details for comments in Heron Hall, Village Hall and Church notice board
- same poster in BPC notice boards

#### **Position of boxes –**

- next to the bench at the top of Green Lane (where the grit box is currently)

this is a central location with the benefit of being away from the roads, and with the opportunity of using the benches too.

#### **Supplying books**

- request unwanted books from the community
- trawl charity shops for appropriate books
- emphasis it's a 'swap' so take one, bring at least one different one to put in the box

#### **Monitoring of boxes**

- a rota of individuals to do a weekly check on the boxes to ensure contents are appropriate, (not censoring but rather adult themes/language are not in the children's box)
- ad hoc checking from people walking by

#### **Size and design of the boxes –**

- it is proposed there is an 'adult' box and a 'child' box each with appropriate reading materials
- boxes need to be weather proof and ideally with a glazed front panel to display the books
- there are boxes available to buy ready-made, but ideally custom made to a quirky design will attract interest and attention to the project.

This is a discussion to be had once it is agreed the project will go ahead

#### **2. Chat Benches further progress –**

- As with book swap this has received positive support from the WI and from a range of individuals in the village, many of whom already know about chat benches

#### **How many and where –**

- It is proposed there are 2 in Storth, one next to the memorial at the top of Green Lane the other at 4 Lane Ends Storth (decision also on which of the 2 benches at each site)
- Further discussion needed with colleagues in the East on sites in Beetham and/ or the other hamlets

#### **Cost –**

- Costs will be minimal as the benches are already sited, the only outlay will be for the signs to attach to the benches designating the as chat benches, this one is from Etsy, 28 x 10 cm with 2 screw holes made in metal £19.00 £3.95 delivery. They can do custom signs too

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## *Appendix F*

### Storth Community Transport

I am writing on behalf of the above to register our dismay at learning in July that we are not covered for public liability insurance ( and may not have been for some time, if ever) through the Parish Council.

In summer of 2012 and again in 2013, John Scargill attended a meeting of the group and informed us we could have public liability insurance through Beetham Parish Council. I was required to inform him of drivers' details, their car registration and a statement that they had informed their vehicle insurance company. In addition I would send him, annually, a statement of accounts, and a report. In 2015 I gave a presentation on SCT to the parish assembly. I would also inform him of any new drivers joining SCT.

At no time did he inform us that we no longer had cover.

I accept that it is not possible for SCT to have public liability insurance through the parish council but I would like the above situation to be minuted.