

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on
Monday 1st December at Beetham School
Present: Cllrs Duff (Chair), Knowles, Phelan, Clark, Gardner
County Cllr Audland (7:40 – 8:20) Clerk: Jessica Harvey
(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 5th January 2026)

1. Apologies

Cllrs Greifenberg and Meakin's apologies were ACCEPTED.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 3rd November 2025

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chair.

4. Councillor vacancies

4.1 Hannah Gardner was welcomed and COMPLETED the acceptance of office declaration.

4.2 It was DECIDED to defer the appointment of a vice chair until the next meeting.

5. Public Participation/Open Session

Cllr Audland INFORMED councillors that publication of the Local Plan has been delayed, the call for sites has been extended until 20th February 2026.

Plans have now been SUBMITTED to solve the flooding problem at the bottom of Storth Road, the work should be quick, once it gets started.

Cllr Audland has been in touch with Rachel Jepson, Forestry England regarding the re-instatement of the footpaths through the woods on Burntbarrow Plantation (not Underlaid Wood as incorrectly named in 13.1). Remedial works will start in the Spring once the weather and conditions improve and it was PROPOSED that Cllr Audland request signage be placed at the entrances into the woods explaining this.

6. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No members of the public were present

7. Applications for Development (Appendix A)

7.1 Applications were NOTED

7.2 No observations had been submitted by the clerk

7.3 Decisions were NOTED

8. Financial matters (Appendix B)

8.1 The completed switch of banks was NOTED

8.2 Detailed payments were APPROVED

8.3 Detailed bank receipts and balances to 25th November 2025 were NOTED

8.4 The cash book reconciliation to the bank statements was circulated and SIGNED

8.5 The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting were NOTED

8.6 The updated Financial Regulations were APPROVED, clerk to post on the website

8.7 It was AGREED to appoint the Internal Auditor proposed, clerk to proceed with appointment

8.8 The 2026/2027 budget recommended by the Finance Committee was APPROVED

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9. Progress reports (Appendix C)

9.1 It was DECIDED that, given the constraints imposed on A6 verges, Cllr Gardner will investigate other areas in the Parish suitable for Pollination Zones.

9.2 It was NOTED that The Wheatsheaf, Beetham has agreed to act as a hub as part of the Community Resilience Plan, Cllr Duff to attend the next meeting of Storth Village Hall Committee to discuss their involvement. J36 was suggested as a possible hub for residents in the far East of the parish.

10. Parish Land Working Group (Appendix D)

The work of the PLWG was NOTED.

11. Policy Review Group

The Planning Procedure, Complaints Procedure, Tree Management Policy and Staffing Committee terms of reference were APPROVED. Clerk to put on the website.

12. Personnel Matters

It was DECIDED to take the action being advised.

13. New matters for consideration (Appendix E)

13.2 It was AGREED that, although roadside signs are the responsibility of W+F Council, Cllrs would speak informally to local organisations regarding size and placement.

13.3 It was DECIDED to approach W+F Council to discuss registering the Orchid Triangle as a protected site.

13.4 The Community Governance Review questionnaire was COMPLETED, clerk to forward.

13.5 It was AGREED that the ownership of Parish lighting be transferred to W+F Council, clerk to respond to W+F Council.

13.6 It was DECIDED to award a grant of £60 to Brightening Beetham towards a Christmas Tree

14. Clerk's report (Appendix F)

The Clerk's report was NOTED, no questions were asked.

15. Councillor reports

15.1 Cllr Greifenberg's attendance at Arnside and Silverdale National Landscapes Exec Committee was NOTED.

15.2 Cllr Duff ATTENDED a meeting of Burton in Kendal Education Foundation which awards grants to local students up to the age of 25.

16. Agenda for the next meeting

Agenda to include; Traffic concerns around the Parish, Farming Grant, Councillor expenses, Future venues and dates

17. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was CONFIRMED as Monday 5th January at Storth Village Church

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

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Appendix A

Planning decisions Nov 2025

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
2025/1981/TCA	Orchard Cottage 40 Leighton Beck Road Slackhead Carnforth LA7 7AX	T1-Cedar Deodar-Fell Close to property and out grown it's location. Blocking light and the needles have caused the roof valley to block which has caused damage to the internals of the property. T2-Buthan Pine-Fell-adjacent to T1 with same issues as T1. T3-Maple-Crown raise over roof of stables and car parking area to height of 8m (approximately).	Tree Ca No Objection	13/11/25

Planning applications Nov 2025

WFC Ref	Address	Development	Type	Decision
2025/2021/DISC	HAZELWOOD STORTH ROAD STORTH MILNTHORPE LA7 7JA	Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 3 (External materials) attached to planning permission 2025/1141/HOU (Appeal Ref APP/K0940/D/25/3371752	Approval of Details Reserved by Condition(s)	No Decision
2025/2142/TCA	WHINSCAR HOUSE 28 LEIGHTON BECK ROAD SLACKHEAD LA7 7AX	This is a very large cooking apple tree at the bottom of the garden which has not been pruned for many years. It is overgrown, dense and straggly and showers apples all over the driveway which we share with the Blackberry Hill properties. We wish to have the tree professionally pruned and reduced in size while it is dormant over the winter	Tree in Conservation Area	No Decision

Appendix B

46	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY	01/11/25	31.00	6.20	37.20
47	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY	24/11/25	31.00	6.20	37.20
48	A2A ADVERTISING LIMITED	31/10/25	75.00	15.00	90.00
49	PARKIN AND JACKSON LIMITED	05/11/25	500.00	100.00	600.00
50	RGARDEN (PARISH STEWARD)	16/11/25	860.00	0.00	860.00
51	J. HARVEY -POSTAGE	06/11/25	8.85	0.00	8.85
52	J. HARVEY - PRINTER PAPER	14/11/25	7.50	0.00	7.50
53	J. HARVEY - ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE	07/11/25	23.78	4.78	28.56
54	D. PHELAN - LOCKS + NUTS	29/10/25	38.47	7.69	46.16
55	J. HARVEY - SALARY	30/11/25	742.48	0.00	742.48