

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 2nd June at Storth Church.

Present: Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Knowles, Meakin, Marsden, Phelan, Duff, Clark

Westmorland + Furness Councillor Rupert Audland

Parish Steward: Rob Wilson

Clerk: Jessica Harvey

(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 7th July 2025)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2025

APPROVED and signed

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2025

APPROVED and signed

5. Announcements by the Chair

Cllr Phillips as had to resign as councillor due to work commitments

6. Progress reports (Appendix A)

6.1 Working group date confirmed as 17th July, 7pm at The Wheatsheaf, Beetham

6.2 It was resolved that the Parish Land Working group contact Jon Oliver Arboriculture for advice since a site visit has raised Health and Safety concerns

7. Public Participation/Open Session

Cllr Audland reported on re-surfacing work due to take place soon, overnight in Arnside and between Milnthorpe and Crooklands. He also reminded councillors that the Westmorland + Furness Council highways hotline, either phone or online, gives an immediate response to a query for parishioners.

8. Applications for Development (Appendix B)

Decisions received were noted

9. Financial matters

9.1 Financial Regulations were APPROVED

9.2 The annual accounts to 31st March 2025 were ACCEPTED

9.3 The bank reconciliation and explanation of variances for year ending 31st March 2025 were ACCEPTED

9.4 The internal auditor's report was ACCEPTED

9.5 The Annual Governance Statement was APPROVED and signed

9.6 The Accounting Statements were APPROVED and signed

9.7 Dates for Exercise of Public Rights notice (Wed 4th June to Tues 15th July) were AGREED

9.8 The Risk Assessment was REVIEWED and SIGNED

9.9 The asset register was REVIEWED and NOTED

9.10 Expenditure greater than £100 year end March 31st 2025 was REVIEWED and NOTED

9.11 Payment for the additional hours worked by clerk was APPROVED

9.12 Payments detailed in Appendix C were APPROVED

9.13 Bank receipts (£25,723.00 precept) and bank balances as at 30th May 2025 were REVIEWED and NOTED

10. Parish Steward updates

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Steward and Clerk work together to produce a scope of work

11. New matters for consideration

11.1 It was RESOLVED that Cllr Phelan would investigate pricing for replacement noticeboards.

11.2 It was RESOLVED that a book repository feasibility study be carried out by Cllr Duff.

12. Councillor reports

Cllr Greifenberg reported back on a meeting of the National Landscape Executive Committee.

13. Correspondence, notices and publications

No correspondence, notices or publications received required action

14. Agenda for the next meeting

Interpretation panels. Content for the September newsletter

15. Date of the next meeting

Monday 7th July, 7pm at Beetham School

The meeting closed at 8:20pm

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Appendix A

At the Parish Council meeting on 12th May 2025 the clerk was tasked with:

1. Sending councillors the link to the new monthly police newsletter – Actioned (with the aid of Cllr Phelan)
2. Placing a notice in parish noticeboards reminding that they are not for advertising for personal gain – Relevant noticeboards now have a polite notice
3. Contact the Heron Theatre as a possible venue for future meetings – Available for £10/hr
4. Contact the Wheatsheaf in Beetham as a venue for a working group and arrange meeting date – Upstairs room is available for free, doodle poll has been circulated, still awaiting several responses before meeting date can be confirmed
5. Confirm acceptance of tree survey quotation – Confirmed, just awaiting contractor to get back with a date
6. Ask the parish steward to attend the next meeting – In attendance

Appendix B

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
2025/0465/HOU	THE CROFT THROUGHES LANE STORTH MILNTHORPE LA7 7JE	Gable extension on the rear elevation, erection of a link bridge and alterations to fenestration	Approved With Conditions	15-May-25
2025/0740/TPO	THE SPINNEY LEIGHTON DRIVE SLACKHEAD MILNTHORPE LA7 7B	No 35 1980 Fell Birch tree - See A1 for location. Sadly, the tree has been declining in health for a few years. No leaves this spring and advised to fell by Tree Consultant. I intend to move a self seeded small oak tree into gap	Tpo Approved	15-May-25
2024/2210/FPA	THE JOINERS SHOP LEIGHTON BECK ROAD SLACK HEAD MILNTHORPE	Demolition of workshop and outbuildings and erection of a single dwelling house	Approved With Conditions	22-May-25
2025/0532/FPA	CAUTLEY FARM WHASSETT MILNTHORPE LA7 7DN	Extension to eastern elevation of existing agricultural building to provide additional cattle housing.	Approved With Conditions	20-May-25

Appendix C

REF	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE DATE	NET	VAT	TOTAL
7	CALC TRAINING	05/03/2025	30.00	0.00	30.00
8	CALC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	01/04/2025	401.38	0.00	401.38
9	P.GREIFENBERG – POSTAGE	04/04/2025	8.50	0.00	8.50
10	J.HARVEY – ADMIN SUPPORT	30/03/2025	63.00	0.00	63.00
11	JHARVEY- MICROSOFT SUB	19/05/2025	70.83	14.16	84.99
12	J. HARVEY- PAPER+ ENVELOPES	16/05/2025	10.00	0.00	10.00
13	J.HARVEY – SALARY	02/05/2025	575.72	0.00	575.72
14	HMRC – PAYE	28/05/2025	189.18	0.00	189.18