

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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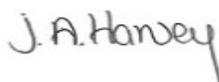
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28th October 2025

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to attend a meeting of Beetham Parish Council to be held on 3rd November in Storth Church at 7pm for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely



(Clerk to the council)

1. Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest

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 6th October 2025

To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held 6th October

4. Public Participation/Open Session



There will be a presentation by Katie Gatt of Age Friendly South Lakeland with the opportunity to ask questions.

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).

5. 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

6. Councillor vacancy

To review the application received to become a co-opted councillor for the East ward. (Documents circulated)

7. Applications for Development (Appendix A)

7.1 To examine any applications for development and submit any observations to the Planning Authority

7.2 To ratify any observations submitted by the clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting

7.3 To note any decisions of the statutory planning authority about recent applications

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8. Financial matters (Appendix B)

- 8.1 To approve payments detailed
- 8.2 To receive and note detailed bank receipts and balances to 29th October 2025
- 8.3 To note the cash book reconciled to the bank statements
- 8.4 To receive and note the budget report
- 8.5 To approve the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee (circulated).
- 8.6 To approve the Chair's Allowance Policy (circulated)
- 8.7 To approve payment of the 1st instalment of the clerk's allowance as per contract

9. Progress reports (Appendix C)

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

- 9.1 Cllrs Phelan/Duff – Community Resilience Plan
- 9.2 Cllr Duff – Update on chatty bench signs and the newsletter distribution on Facebook

10. Parish Land Working Group (Appendix D)

To receive information and/or determine action, as appropriate, on the items in the circulated PLWG update.

- 10.1 To receive updates to the list of Parish grit bins (circulated)
- 10.2 To authorise the cutting back of brambles along Storth Road
- 10.3 To authorise clearing behind the wildflower area on Storth Road
- 10.4 To consider the wildflower area on Storth Road for inclusion with the proposed new pollination zones

11. Policy Review Group

To receive updates from the Policy Review Group, and consider the following policies for approval: Communications Policy, Transparency Policy, Councillor Attendance Policy

12. Personnel Matters

To receive any updates since the last meeting

13. New matters for consideration (Appendix E)

To consider a request from the Community First Responders for assistance towards the cost of a new defibrillator for Beetham.

14. Clerk's report (Appendix F)

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.

15. Councillor reports (Appendix G)

To receive, for information only, reports from councillors on matters relevant to the Parish.

- 15.1 Cllr Duff – Police teams meeting
- 15.2 Cllr Duff - Concerns raised by parishioners re noise nuisance on Quarry Lane

16. Agenda for the next meeting

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

17. Date of the next meeting

To confirm that the date of the next meeting is Monday 1st December at Beetham School

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Appendix A

Planning decisions Oct 2025

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
2025/1609/HOU	HAZELWOOD STORTH ROAD STORTH LA7 7JA	Proposed single storey rear and side extension (Resubmission of 2025/1141/HOU)	Approved With Conditions	08-Oct- 25

Planning applications Oct 2025

WFC Ref	Address	Development	Type	Decision
2025/1889/HOU	1A HILLCREST DRIVE SLACKHEAD LA7 7BB	Re-roof garage with pitched roof rather than flat, and installation of inset solar panels	Householder	No decision
2025/1981/TCA	ORCHARD COTTAGE 40 LEIGHTON BECK ROAD SLACK HEAD 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 in Conservation Area	No decision
2025/1934/TPO	BIRCH WOOD LEIGHTON DRIVE SLACKHEAD LA7 7BE	South Lakeland DC TPO No 36 1980 - T1 - Yew; Overhangs road and pavement. Crown raise to 5.5m over road and 3m over driveway - Prune SE crown over driveway to balance. T2 & T3 - Beech; Crown raise to 3.5m over lawn and prune out overhanging and damaged branches. T4 & T5 - Oak; prune back to give up to 3m clearance from property. Both trees suppressed on one side and pruning will help to rebalance the crowns. T6 - Beech; crown raise to give 2m clearance above shed roof	Tree Preservation Order	No decision

Appendix B

36	STORTH COMMUNITY LUNCH (FROM W+F)	20/10/25	500.00	0.00	500.00
37	SOLOPRESS - NEWSLETTER	20/10/25	59.59	0.00	59.59
38	ZURICH - INSURANCE	13/10/25	465.92	0.00	465.92
39	ELITE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES - HIVIS VESTS	16/10/25	25.62	5.12	30.74
40	GLASDON - 2X BENCHES	29/09/25	1257.08	251.42	1508.50
41	J HARVEY - BENCH PLAQUES	15/10/25	57.95	0.00	57.95
42	J. HARVEY- REMEMBRANCE WREATHS	07/10/25	41.65	8.33	49.98
43	J. HARVEY - SALARY	31/10/25	742.48	0.00	742.48
44	J. HARVEY -POSTAGE	15/10/25	8.50	0.00	8.50
45	A. MARSDEN - SEALANT	20/10/25	6.95	0	6.95

Barclays Bank Community Account	£24,045.95
Barclays Bank Business Savings Account	£20,038.77
Total in Banks	£44,084.72
Bank receipts to 29 th October: Ground rent	£8.34

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

Appendix C

Community Resilience Conference – Rheged 08/10/25

Defining community resilience:

The sustained ability of a community to use available resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations.

The conference was interesting and informative, and we met the chair of Heversham PC and are looking to potentially do some joint working.

What came out of the conference and through discussions and working with others in workshops was that our communities need to have a community resilience plan – what we would do to protect in case of emergency – the 3 main areas are power outage, flood and accident.

An integral part of any plan would be to have a designated emergency hub where community members would be able to be safe. We have a kit already from the Joint Emergency Management & Resilience Team part of WFC. We would like to have an agreement from council to progress this plan and to talk with the committee from the Village Hall, which is the venue in the West ward most suited to an emergency hub.

Decision:

- BCP to progress with a community resilience plan
- To agree the Village Hall is best suited as an emergency hub for West Ward
- To decide on similar for East Ward
- Council representation at the next committee meeting of Storth Village Hall
- At the right time to work co-operatively with Heversham PC and others as identified

Appendix D

Parish Land Working Group

Update for November 2025 Parish Council Meeting.

Ref 06 2025 Overhanging Trees on Green Lane.

As agreed at the last Parish Council meeting I met with the Parish Steward to discuss cutting back the tree. He agreed to wait until the Arboriculturist returned from his holiday in November to work with him.

The resident on Green Lane who raised the issue has been kept fully informed of the progress and I have said I will let them know once a date has been agreed for the work.

Ref 07 2025. Brambles growing from the grass Verge on Storth Road towards Four Lane Ends.

This issue was reported after last month's Agenda was generated.

I met with the resident who showed me where the Brambles were encroaching the property.

I later met with another resident who also mentioned the issue.

I then spoke to the Parish Steward to ask what could be done. He is able to extend the grass verge upto the wall but would need to cutback the brambles and nettles etc. as a separate job.

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I asked him to give me quotes for the following :-

- 1 To cut back the brambles etc from the entrance to Paddock Way all the way up to where the Wildflower Area begins. **£480**
- 2 As this is quite a large area, I have also asked him for quotes for splitting the distance in 2 and give us 2 separate quotes. **£240 and £240**
- 3 I have also asked him for a quote for cutting the grass to the left of the Wildflower area (as viewed towards Four Lane Ends) and cutting back the undergrowth towards the wall. This is a significant amount of work involved here. **£500**
(If successful - to keep costs to a minimum I have been given permission from both residents to utilise their green Bins for the disposal of the debris. Last date for collection 1st December)

Wildflower Area at the end of Storth Road.

I know nothing about wildflower areas. This area looks like an unmown stretch of grass. It might be worth a discussion regarding what might be best to do with this area

Beetham Parish Council Noticeboard.

Alan and myself have removed the rotting wooden top board with the BPC Sign and after working on it, it has now been returned. The majority of the hardwood was actually in very good condition.

Alan has now covered the rotting areas of wood with lead as well as the top surface. When the top BPC sign was removed to tidy it up – underneath it was covered in paint with Beetham Parish Council etched into the surface of the wood. After tidying up the lettering it has now been returned to the noticeboard displaying the etched lettering. (See Photo below).

We have also cleaned up the Brass plaque so that it is now readable



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Not everything went to plan

We were hoping to introduce the quarter turn locks to the Noticeboard. Unfortunately – the thickness of the door frame was larger than the one which was originally measured.

It is still hoped the quarter turn lock already purchased can be tried of the thinner doored Noticeboard in the future.

Hi Vis Vests

Thanks to Jessica we now have the Hi Vis vests

Asset update

Some of the recycled Plastic benches currently in the parish – our assets – when reviewed this year showed some benches to have some plastic bolt covers missing. We now have replacement bolt covers which we intend to use to replace the missing ones. The bench at Four Lane Ends now has all its bolt covers.

New Benches for Storth.

Our next task is to remove the old bench at the triangle at Storth overlooking the estuary.

In preparation for this all the debris underneath the bench caused by the regular flooding of this area has been cleared. Hopefully the new bench might be installed before the December meeting.

Photo showing the tidying up around the concrete plinth under neath the bench.



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Training

This month I have attended an online Training course “Tree Management” provided by CALC and presented by Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd.

This training was very useful confirming that BPC’s approach to tree management within the cutting fully adheres to the requirements laid down.

Appendix E

I have ordered a defib for Beetham, to save on p&p costs, as I was ordering two for Storth. They work out at £834 each, a special rate for NWS CPADs. If the Parish council is unable to fund this then it will come out of first responder funds, but as these are limited we would greatly appreciate any help from the PC. The defib is a Primedic Heartstart Y. This is needed as the current defib in Beetham is now obsolete, and sourcing replacement pad/battery packs will become difficult. The Primedic is a new one recommended by NWS.

Appendix F

Clerk’s Report to the meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025

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
National Landscapes	Sustainability Conference	Circulated

Clerk’s actions from previous meetings

MEETING/MINUTE NUMBER	ACTION	COMPLETED (?)
Oct 2.1	Post Cllr Clark’s Register of Interests form for completion	Posted, still to be returned despite stamped addressed envelope included
Oct 7	To put IT policy on to website	On website
Oct 9.2	To investigate non-compliance case	Printed out email correspondences collected from storage in village hall, still being read to gain a full understanding of events
Oct 10.1	To submit an objection on behalf of the council to planning application 2025/1825/PAPP	Submitted
Oct 11.4	To move the bank account to Unity Trust Bank	The application has been successful, currently awaiting cards etc. in the post
Oct 12.2	To action changes required to meet Assertion 10	Transparency Policy submitted for approval ICO training resources circulated to councillors for completion GDPR Privacy notice on front page of website

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Oct 12.3	To re-position the accessibility statement on the website	Accessibility statement now has its own page
Oct 12.4	To purchase x2 Remembrance Day wreaths	Purchased
Oct 12.5	To update legal documents held by Solicitors	Next recommended step is to update with the land registry and obtain maps showing boundaries
Oct 12.6	To invite Age Friendly South Lakeland to a meeting	Attending November meeting

Other actions

- Attended Scribe training on budgeting, forecasting and the precept
- Attended a CALC meeting on the Community Governance Review which gives Parish Councils the opportunity to suggest changes to the number of councillors and boundaries, if they should wish to, before the next elections in May 2027

Appendix G

Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting

Teams meeting 20/10/25

Main points:

- No new PCSOs in S Lakes currently
- Looking recruiting more visible beat officers
- Email: southlakesneighbourhoodpolicing@cumbria.police.uk
- Amanda Coleman is PCSO; Adam Roberts is community beat officer
- Burglaries - most tend to be in unoccupied houses. Even when there's a spate the numbers are very low, ie 2 in Levens over period of months
- Camera Registry for home CCTV and ring type door bells – I asked for leaflets to be sent out along with the presentation – this is good as police can use facial recognition to help apprehend perpetrators using FUSUS
- Speeding – now have tripod type cameras rather than a van which is often too big for village locations. PCSOs can set them up when trained. Only have 1 in this area, S.Lakes and are prioritising use ie where there have been accidents. Can have it for an hour (?) if community identifies the “worst” time