

# BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Storth Church

Present: Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Marsden, Duff, Meakin, Knowles, Phelan  
Katie Gatt, Age Friendly South Lakeland, 1 member of the public and County Cllr Audland  
Clerk: Jessica Harvey

(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025)

## 1. Apologies

Cllr Clark's reason given for absence was NOT ACCEPTED as an apology.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Greifenberg declared a non-pecuniary interest in payment 36 detailed in item 8.1.

## 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

APPROVED and signed by the chairman

## 4. Public Participation/Open Session

Councillors RECEIVED a very informative presentation from Katie Gatt on the work of Age Friendly South Lakeland.

Cllr Audland REPORTED that he was optimistic there could be a solution to the flooding at the bottom of Storth Road after a recent meeting with all relevant bodies. Repairs to the railings along the estuary and the footpath are now being discussed. Cllr Audland also CLARIFIED that **ALL** recycling can go together into the new, bigger trucks so it does not need to be sorted kerbside. One green bin will be continued for free, any more will be charged for.

Katie Gatt and Cllr Audland then left the meeting.

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

No items on the agenda required the exclusion of the member of the public

## 6. Councillor vacancy

Hannah Gardner was PROPOSED by Cllr Duff and VOTED in unanimously as a co-opted councillor representing the East Ward. Clerk to invite her to attend the December meeting.

## 7. Applications for Development (Appendix A)

7.1 It was AGREED that BPC submit a comment on application 2025/1981/TCA regarding the tree felling, clerk to contact W+F Council planning.

7.2 No observations had been made by the clerk.

7.3 Decisions were NOTED.

## 8. Financial matters (Appendix B)

8.1 Detailed payments were APPROVED

8.2 Bank receipts and balances to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were circulated and NOTED.

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

8.4 The budget report was NOTED

8.5 The Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee were APPROVED. Clerk to put on website

8.6 The updated Chair's Allowance Policy was APPROVED. Clerk to put on website.

8.7 Payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of the clerk's allowance as per contract was APPROVED

## 9. Progress reports (Appendix C)

9.1 It was AGREED to progress with a Community Resilience Plan. Cllr Duff to attend the next meeting of Storth Village Hall and Cllr Marsden to contact The Wheatsheaf, Beetham seeking their involvement with the plan and possible use as emergency hubs.

9.2 Chatty bench signs and Parish newsletters were handed to councillors for distribution around the Parish. It was AGREED that Cllrs Duff and Marsden could post the newsletter on the council's behalf on "Storth and Sandside" and "Beetham" Facebook groups.

## 10. Parish Land Working Group (Appendix D)

10.2 It was AGREED that Cllr Phelan arrange for the Parish Steward to cut back the brambles along Storth Road, to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December.

10.3 It was DECIDED to defer the cutting of the grass behind the wildflower area until next year.

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## 11. Policy Review Group

The Communications Policy, Transparency Policy and Councillor Attendance Policy were APPROVED. Clerk to post on the website.

## 12. Personnel Matters

There were no updates

## 13. New matters for consideration (Appendix E)

It was DECIDED that the full amount requested for the new defib be paid. Clerk to ask that a grant application form be completed.

## 14. Clerk's report (Appendix F)

It was NOTED that the clerk has sent an e-mail to W+F Council requesting clarification on the non-compliance case and AGREED that the clerk contact the Land Registry to ascertain details of titles held for Beetham Parish Council.

## 15. Councillor reports (Appendix G)

15.1 It was NOTED that it is now possible for anyone to request a small speed camera on a tripod for rural locations, but only for one hour. Information on the Camera Registry for home CCTV is now in all the noticeboards.

15.2 Cllr Audland is looking into the concerns over late night noise on Quarry Lane

## 16. Agenda for the next meeting

Agenda to include update on Pollination zones and the Community Governance Review

## 17. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was CONFIRMED as Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Beetham School

## Appendix A

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
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## 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<sup>th</sup> October: Ground rent £8.34

**The meeting closed at 9:15pm**