

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on
Monday 13th April 2026 at Beetham School

Present: Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Duff, Low, J. Clark

W+F Cllr Audland 3 members of the public Clerk: Jessica Harvey

(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 11th May 2026)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Cllrs Phelan and Gardner

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 2nd March 2026

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chair

4. Councillor vacancies

4.1 Cllrs WELCOMED Joseph Clark as new West ward councillor

4.2 It was NOTED that there has been one expression of interest in co-option for the West ward vacancy.

4.3 It was NOTED that Cllr Meakin joined the council in 2006 and spent 10 years as Chair

5. Public Participation/Open Session

8.4 Members of the public expressed their concerns regarding the new documents submitted for the proposed development on Park Road/Quarry Lane. It was NOTED that the council, although a statutory consultee by law, had not received any notification of the new papers, nor had adjacent landowners. The very short time given between delayed receipt of letter and response deadline was also NOTED. It was DECIDED that the clerk would contact W+F council regarding their apparently poor planning process and that the Chair would SUBMIT objections on the council's behalf once agreement on the wording was reached.

Cllr Audland INFORMED Cllrs that:

- W+ F Council, having consulted with the police and reviewed data collected pertaining to the speed travelled by cars along the A6, has decided that there will be no change made to the current speed limit between Milnthorpe and Beetham. Cllr Audland can be contacted if more details are required.
- As from 28th June 2026 there will be a charge of £60 per green bin to be emptied. Registration and payment can be done online and a sticker for each paid for bin will be sent out.
- 9.3 Community Governance Review visits in Farleton should be taking place soon now the weather is kinder and the nights longer

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

No items of business required the exclusion of the press and public

7. Financial matters (Appendix A)

7.1 Detailed payments were APPROVED

7.2 The letter of engagement from the Internal Auditor was ACCEPTED

7.3 The annual accounts to 31st March 2026 were AUTHORISED

7.4 The bank reconciliation for year ending 31st March 2026 was NOTED

7.5 The explanation of variances for year ending 31st March 2026 was NOTED

7.6 The asset register to 31st March 2026 was NOTED

7.7 Expenditure greater than £100 to 31st March 2026 was NOTED

7.8 The removal of Cllrs Knowles and Meakin from Unity Trust Bank online banking was APPROVED. It was DECIDED that no replacements were necessary.

7.9 It was APPROVED to transfer funds remaining in the current account and a proportion of the precept, when it is received, to the savings account to maximise interest earned.

7.10 It was NOTED that the precept increase of 6.1% on Band D is 14p/month

7.11 The Schedule of regular payments for the coming year was APPROVED.

7.12 Further CiLCA training for the clerk was APPROVED

7.13 It was NOTED that the cash book reconciled to the bank statements

7.14 The VAT claim submission for 2025/2026 was NOTED

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8. Applications for Development (Appendix B)

- 8.1 Applications were NOTED
- 8.2 No observations had been SUBMITTED by the clerk
- 8.3 Decisions were NOTED
- 8.4 Covered in public participation

9. Progress reports (Appendix C)

- 9.1 The Terms of Reference and Policy for the Biodiversity Committee were ACCEPTED. It was DECIDED to leave membership until next month's annual parish meeting
- 9.2 It was DECIDED that next year's Parish Assembly should be at Beetham Corn Mill, toward the end of April, clerk to book. It was AGREED that the council would have stalls at Storth Fete (Cllr Duff) and Beetham Sports (Cllr Low)
- 9.3 Community Governance Review visits covered in public participation
- 9.4 Data Protection and associated training update was NOTED. It was AGREED that the clerk circulate details about the Councillor's Forum available on Facebook.

10. Parish Land working group (Appendix D)

- 10.1 It was AGREED that Cllr J. Clark purchase the appropriate weedkiller to manage the bramble growth in the cutting, application to be once the snowdrops have finished.
- 10.2 Quote 2 was ACCEPTED, clerk to inform contractor to liaise with Cllr Phelan who currently has the bench.
- 10.3 It was AGREED that responsibility for the Parish Steward Schedule and monitoring remain with Cllr Phelan
- 10.4 Terms of reference for the new Parish Assets group were ACCEPTED

11. New matters for consideration (Appendix E)

- 11.1 The latest accessibility report for the website was NOTED. Clerk REQUESTED suggestions for improvements to the homepage for next meeting.
- 11.2 The Dignity at work policy was APPROVED, clerk to post on website
- 11.3 It was AGREED that the clerk sign the Civility and Respect Pledge on behalf of the council.
- 11.4 Cllr Low to circulate information for electronic document sharing.
- 11.5 It was AGREED that Beetham School would be informed when the arboriculturist next looks at the council trees so that their trees can be included.
- 11.6 Cllr Duff ASKED that suggestions/ideas for the next newsletter be sent to her by the end of the month at the latest

12. Clerk's report (Appendix F)

The Clerk's report was NOTED. No questions were asked

13. Agenda for the next meeting

Items to be included: Book swap boxes, training, emergency plan, stalls, clerk appraisal

14. Date of the next meeting

It was CONFIRMED that the date of the next meeting is Monday 11th May at Storth Village Church, to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Appendix A

DESCRIPTION	INVOICE DATE	NET	VAT	TOTAL
CALC TRAINING CLLR PHELAN - GDPR	11/03/2026	30.00	0.00	30.00
CALC/NALC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	01/04/2026	419.06	0.00	419.06
ASSEMBLY EXPENSES - CLLR DUFF	10/03/2026	51.05	0.00	51.05
CLERK'S EXPENSES - POSTAGE + PAPER	07/03/2026	10.30	0.00	10.30
HMRC- PAYE/NI	31/03/2026	58.18	0.00	58.18
J. HARVEY - CLERK'S WAGES	31/03/2026	741.68	0.00	741.68
SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY	01/04/2026	31.00	6.20	37.20
		1,341.27	6.20	1,347.47