

# BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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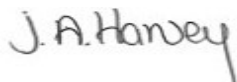
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27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to attend a meeting of Beetham Parish Council to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 in Beetham School 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## 4. Councillor vacancies

4.1 To welcome new co-opted East ward Councillor Robert Low

4.2 To note the resignation of Cllr Knowles and the subsequent vacancy created.

## 5. Public Participation/Open Session

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).

## 6. 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

## 7. Financial matters (Appendix A)

7.1 To approve payments detailed

7.2 To receive and note detailed bank receipts and balances to 31st January 2026

7.3 To note the cash book reconciled to the bank statements

7.4 To note the current expenditure against budget (circulated)

7.5 To authorise the closure of the Barclays Bank Savings Account

## 8. Applications for Development (Appendix B)

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

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

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

## 9. Progress reports (Appendix C)

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

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- 9.1 Cllr Gardner –Parish Pollination Zones
- 9.2 Cllr Gardner – Sandside Cutting Access
- 9.3 Cllrs Duff/Gardner – Parish Assembly Arrangements
- 9.4 Clerk – Parish traffic concerns
- 9.5 Cllr Duff – Community Resilience Plan
- 9.6 Clerk – To finalise next year’s meeting calendar

## 10. Policy Review Group

To receive updates from the Policy Review Group, and consider the following policies for approval: Councillor Expenses policy (circulated)

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

To receive information and/or determine action on the items in the PLWG update.

- 11.1 Parish Steward Program of works
- 11.2 Plot 4, Slackhead

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

- 12.1 To discuss the CALC Basic Governance checklist (circulated)
- 12.2 To consider the need for a yearly Parish Review
- 12.3 To confirm a completion date for the mandatory Cllr Data Security Training
- 12.4 To note the draft W + F Community Governance Review and suggested changes for Beetham Parish (Circulated)
- 12.5 To receive all completed Cllr Statements of Assurance and to note any objections.

## 13. 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.

## 14. Personnel Matters

To receive any updates since the last meeting

## 15. Agenda for the next meeting

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

## 16. Date of the next meeting

To confirm that the date of the next meeting is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Storth Church

## Appendix A

59	RGARDEN (PARISH STEWARD)	31/12/25	715.00	0.00	715.00
60	JHARVEY – PRINTER INK	06/01/26	98.35	19.67	118.02
61	J. HARVEY -POSTAGE	21/01/26	3.15	0.00	3.15
62	J. HARVEY – SALARY (SO)	30/01/26	742.48	0.00	742.48
63	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY(SO)	24/01/26	31.00	6.20	37.20
64	NATIONAL HIGHWAYS- CUTTING BRIDGE RENTAL	26/01/26	40.08	0.00	40.08
65	CALC – TRAINING (L. DUFF)	27/01/26	30.00	0.00	30.00

Unity Trust Bank @ 27<sup>th</sup> January Current: £16,276.15 Savings: £20,067.59

Barclays Bank Savings Account £38.87

Bank receipts to 27<sup>th</sup> January: Ground rent £8.34, Electricity NW Wayleaves £81.89 + £50.00

Bank interest £38.87

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

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## Appendix B

### Planning decisions Jan 2026

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
2025/2394/TCA	WHINSCAR COTTAGE 30 LEIGHTON BECK ROAD SLACK HEAD MILNTHORPE LA7 7A	Orchard at rear of 30 Leighton Beck Road. Fell because of the immediate danger posed by suspended limb, and the ongoing risk of structural failure at the weak knuckle and unstable root system.	Tpo Approved	08/01/26
2025/1012/FPA	ELMSFIELD PARK HOLME CARNFORTH LA6 1RJ	Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans), 4 (Drainage) & 5 (Surface Water) attached to planning permission SL/2022/0071 (Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans), 5 (Drainage) & 7 (Soakaway) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0856 (Erection of two buildings for Use Class B2 (General Industrial) and Use Class B8 (Storage or distribution) with associated service yards and car parking provision	Approved with conditions	15/01/26

### Planning applications Jan 2026

WFC Ref	Address	Development	Type	Decision
2025/2467/HOU	Glen Farrell Carr Bank Road Storth LA7 7LE	Proposed two-storey extension to provide annex accommodation for the applicant's elderly parents, minor improvements to the sunroom, and internal reconfiguration to improve circulation and create three functional bedrooms. The works also involve replacing the roof with a well-insulated slate roof, upgrading windows and materials, installing an air source heat pump and solar panels, improving parking and landscaping, and adding a small hobby workshop/outbuilding on the eastern boundary.	Householder	None
2025/2446/HOU	9 Parsonage Fold Milnthorpe LA7 7RJ	Replacement timber garden store.	Householder	None
2025/2332/HOU	YEW TREES BEETHAM MILNTHORPE LA7 7AL	A 3m-wide gated entrance is proposed to the rear of Yewtrees, providing access to a 7m-long stone surfaced drive, widening to approximately 6m and incorporating a vehicle charging point. The gateway will be framed with new stone quoins and fitted with simple timber gates	Householder	None
2026/0146/TCA	WHINSCAR COTTAGE 30 LEIGHTON BECK ROAD SLACK HEAD MILNTHORPE LA7 7AX	T1) Beech - Fell - Multiple bark inclusions circa 1.5m above ground level, evidence of movement at the inclusion upon site visit (audible noise from inclusion signifying sideways movement in windy condition at time of visit)	Tree in Conservation Area	None

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## Appendix C

**9.1** Next meeting for this is on 4th February. The last meeting HG was tasked with finding out what area the PC managed and what the PC thought of the group altering/taking over management. HG will be taking a list to the 4th of February meeting. The group is also interested in managing some of Beetham school land.

- View needed on changing current management for example of Hale green and grass around the benches in Beetham (next to school field).

**9.2** HG met with Dougie Watson (DW) from Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape (ASNL) on 19th January to discuss the kissing gate that is not accessible to 4x4 wheel chairs (e.g. trampers, all terrain hoppers), more urban mobilities scooters and large push chairs. This type of gate was not the chosen by the ASNL, but rather the choice of the PC at the time, the PC were worried about motor bikes using the route. To date DW has never had any reports of illegal use of the cutting even though the very visible roadside gate is always open. DW outlined that the best option would be to the remove the gate all together, with gates only really needed if there is livestock and this is the advice from the Disabled Ramblers.

Currently a radar disabled padlock is fitted to the gate, and the Storth shop is supposed to hold a radar key for people to borrow. This however means that people need to know the key is available at the shop (and the shop has to be open) and also the locked gate prevents families with larger push chairs.

Many options were discussed, but it is proposed that the simplest option is that Dougie Watson removes the padlock to enable free and easy access for all types of disabled conveyances and push chairs. DW also outlined that there is quite a lot of funding out there if we wanted to improve the route further and make it more multiuser and that ASNL would be very supportive of any proposal.

**9.3** Community groups and organisations have been contacted directly by email and broader advertising has been via the Facebook pages of Beetham & Storth.

Direct contact via email to:

- Storth Village Hall + user groups – contact Bob Blesset (secretary)
- Heron Hall + user groups – contact Marie Leadbetter (chair)
- Storth Community Shop – contact via Dave Phelan
- Storth WI – contact Helen Richie (chair)
- Storth Church – contact Jean Yates (steward)
- Storth Primary School +PTA – contact Simon Brabant (head)

Groups and organisations have been asked to respond to Lynda Duff by the end of January  
Responses of attendance (as at 22/01/26)

- Storth Community Transport – Joan Meakin
- Storth Community Shop - ?
- Storth WI - Helen Richie (SVH)
- Scottish Country Dancing – Keith Sagar (SVH)
- Lunch Club – Julie Greifenberg (church)
- Kendal & District Lions Club – Roy Axten
- Slow & Gentle Movement – Mel Brierley
- 261 UK (running) – Helen Deacon

Expected responses from: Sue Cox, First Responder; Jean Yates, Church; SVH; Heron Hall; Storth School (after committee meetings).

So far no responses from the East Ward.

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## Organisation/preparation

BPC to create information for display to include achievements for the last year, photos and short text. What and who to do?

Have remainder newsletters for distribution, Lynda to bring

Design posters and leaflets to advertise the event locally. Draft included with some prices for printing: **Bizay.co.uk**

A5 leaflet :100 =£12.32 or 250 = £14.64

A4 poster: 50 = £8.97 or 100 = £14.18

Print group/org name for each table

Have flip chart sheets prepared with sticky notes for feedback and ideas, Lynda to bring

Prepare simple evaluation sheet to be filled out by all

Refreshments: what will be provided and budget?

## Staffing

All councillors to attend

Need to be available from 6.30pm to set up hall and greet participants also to clear away at the end of the event

Doing refreshments (2)

## Timescales

Lynda to chase up organisations/groups who haven't responded with deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Finalise publicity and order by 10<sup>th</sup> Feb (if agreed)

Check out Heron Hall for space, tables and display boards by end Feb.

Publicity out in community 2<sup>nd</sup> March

## 9.4

Site	Cause of Concern	Remedy
Carr Bank	No "Carr Bank" road sign	Visible road sign
Carr Bank	Small 20mph road signs	Bigger 20mph road signs
Carr Bank	No signs indicating pedestrians in the road due to lack of pavement	Pedestrian sign
Carr Bank	Vehicles travelling at more than 20mph limit	Speed Indication device and police monitoring
A6 Beetham	Speed of vehicles	40 mph limit
A6 Beetham	Safety for pedestrians crossing	Signage: Red road markings indicating a safe zone for vulnerable road users
A6 Beetham	Narrow pavement not suitable for multi users	Widen and improve from Hale to Milnthorpe
Slackhead	Speeding vehicles	Introduce speed bumps and better signage

**9.5** The two agreed Emergency Hubs, Storth Village Hall and The Wheatsheaf, Beetham have now been registered. LD has attended training on Community Engagement and Developing a Community Plan

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**9.6** Heron Corn Mill is available on required dates @£25/evening. Should there be a meeting in August? Date and venue for the next Parish Assembly, needs to be held between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2027

## Appendix D

**11.1** The areas where the Grass is cut on behalf of Beetham Parish Council (BPC) are described below:

### **Storth**

Area 1 Storth Triangle  
Area 2 Storth Square  
Area 3 Storth School  
Area 4 Storth Road + 4 Lane Ends (2009, 2022, 2024)

### **Beetham**

Area 5 Beetham Green  
Area 6 A6 Verge (6a, 6b, 6c, 6d)

### **Hale**

Area 7 Hale Green

Pictures circulated separately

Extract from latest CALC legal bulletin for consideration

*"We are often asked if parish or town councils can carry out works (e.g. to trees or footpaths) on land they do not own or where there is no known owner. The council may have the power to do the works (e.g. general power of competence). Still, the question is often whether it is appropriate to do so. Would the council be holding itself out to take on responsibility generally and be held liable for any issues that arise because of repairs or non-repairs? We advise councils in such cases to first speak with their insurers to check if works are within the scope of their insurance policies. Another solution may be funding other reputable local bodies to carry out the work"*

**11.2** The site was visited on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

I have had a look at the garages and parking on Plot 4 at Slackhead

I have also taken photos – Pictures circulated separately

I have followed the description identified in the contracts. They are identified as Plot 1 to 7

As you drive down the lane on the left there is a concrete slab parking area to the left (Plot 1) and an adjacent garage to the right (Plot 2)

Slightly further down the lane on the left are the remaining garages and parking areas

There are 3 garages together (separate plots) (Plot 4, Plot 5 and Plot 6)

To the left of the garages is a parking space on gravel base (Plot 3)

To the right of the 3 garages is another parking space (Plot 7)

Plot 7 is also on a gravel base. Unlike other parking spaces this plot can easily accommodate 2 vehicles.

Way forward

Option 1 As all the plots are currently being rented by residents - there are no spare plots available to rent.(Plot 7 although it has 2 parking spaces is identified only as Plot 7)

Option 2 All parking spaces except plot 7 are for a single car parking space. BPC could revisit the "contracts" and reset the Plot 7 to a single car parking space and create a Plot 8 as another single space parking spot.

If this route was taken then I suggest for fairness Plot 8 should first be offered to the renter of Plot 7.

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## Appendix E

**12.2** The last review, written by the Chair, for 2023/24 can be found on the website

## Appendix F

**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
NALC	Various briefings and updates	Circulated

### Clerk's actions from previous meetings

MEETING/MINUTE NUMBER	ACTION	OUTCOME
Jan 4.1	To invite R. Low to attend the next meeting	Unfortunately, away with work but Acceptance of office and Declaration of Interests signed.
Jan 11.2	To draw up an expenses policy for councillors	Submitted for approval
Jan 11.5	To contact neighbouring parishes about concerns regarding A6 traffic speeds	Just one response with no major concerns
Jan 11.7	To investigate updating contact details with the land registry	Can be updated on one form, FOC but still waiting for the form
Jan 11.8	To request change to wording/street light assets in the legal agreement with W+F	Changes agreed, awaiting new agreement currently being drafted

### Other actions

- Risk Assessment and Standing Orders uploaded to website
- Attended training course by Scribe on Preparing for Year End
- Started working towards the CiLCA qualification