

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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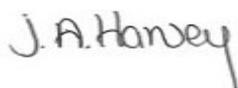
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30th December 2025

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to attend a meeting of Beetham Parish Council to be held on 5th January 2026 in Storth Village 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 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 1st December 2025

To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held on 1st December 2025

4. Councillor vacancies

- 4.1 To review the application received to become a co-opted councillor for the East ward. (Documents circulated)
- 4.2 To consider the appointment of a Vice Chair

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. 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

8. Financial matters (Appendix B)

- 8.1 To approve payments detailed
- 8.2 To approve the monthly payment of Scribe and the clerk by Standing Order
- 8.3 To receive and note detailed bank receipts and balances to 30th December 2025
- 8.4 To note the cash book reconciled to the bank statements
- 8.5 To consider the updated risk assessment for approval (circulated)
- 8.6 To agree a precept request of £27,890

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9. Progress reports (Appendix C)

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

- 9.1 Cllr Gardner – Parish Pollination Zones (Report circulated)
- 9.2 Cllr Duff - Community Resilience Plan

10. Parish Land Working Group

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

11. New matters for consideration (Appendix D)

- 11.1 To consider the updated Standing Orders for approval (circulated)
- 11.2 To consider the need for an expenses policy for councillors
- 11.3 To discuss dates and possible venues for the upcoming year's meetings
- 11.4 To discuss the arrangements for the Parish Assembly in March (report circulated)
- 11.5 To discuss parish wide concerns regarding vehicle speeds, road signage etc.
- 11.6 To discuss Sandside Cutting Usage (report circulated)
- 11.7 To review Parish Land, leases and Wayleaves (report circulated)
- 11.8 To authorise the signing of the legal agreement transferring ownership of lighting assets back to WAF as agreed last meeting (circulated).

12. Clerk's report (Appendix E)

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.

13. Personnel Matters

To receive any updates since the last meeting

14. Agenda for the next meeting

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

15. Date of the next meeting

To confirm that the date of the next meeting is Monday 2nd February at Beetham School

Appendix A

Planning decisions Dec 2025

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
2025/1889/HOU	1A Hillcrest Drive Slackhead Beetham LA7 7BB	Re-roof garage with pitched roof rather than flat, and installation of inset solar panels	Approved with conditions	25/11/25

Planning applications Dec 2025

WFC Ref	Address	Development	Type	Decision
2025/2394/TCA	Whinscar Cottage 30 Leighton Beck Road Slackhead LA7 7AX	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.	Tree in Conservation area	None

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

56	CALC – CLERK FINANCE TRAINING	17/12/25	20.00	0.00	20.00
57	J. HARVEY – SALARY	30/12/25	742.48	0.00	742.48
58	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY	24/12/25	31.00	6.20	37.20

Unity Trust Bank @ 30th December Current: £16,941.60, Savings: £20,038.77

Bank receipts to 30th December: Ground rent £8.34

Electricity NW Wayleave cheque to pay in £81.89(Remittance Circulated)

Appendix C

9.2

Extract from Storth Village Hall Committee meeting

“Lynda Duff, Beetham Parish Councillor addressed the meeting to talk about the possibility of the Village Hall acting as a Community Hub during an incident or emergency.eg Prolonged power outage, Flood, Digital switch.

The committee unanimously agreed in principle to using the hall.

Questions were asked regarding the number of hubs, the amount of kit to store, the involvement of Westmorland & Furness Council and any costs associated with hosting such an event.

Beetham Parish Council would lead on setting up a committee /working party and that the village hall as well as other community groups would provide a representative.”

Appendix D

11.3

Dates currently booked:

2nd Feb 2026	Beetham School
2nd March 2026	Storth Village Church
11th May 2026	Storth Village Church
6th July 2026	Storth Village Church
5th October 2026	Storth Village Church
7th December 2026	Storth Village Church
1st February 2027	Storth Village Church

11.4

Thursday 12th March 2026 (8pm) Heron Hall, Storth

11.5

- Can the small 20mph hour signs not be made bigger?
- There is no visible road sign for Carr Bank - can we have one?
- Could there be a road sign indicating pedestrians in the road (as there is no footpath)?
- Speeding on Carr Bank Road
- Speed on the A6. Any way to encourage the W&FC to do the 40mph speed limit before the houses in Milnthorpe are built. Can we find out what Milnthorpe PC think? Joint effort to get the speed reduced, noting Crooklands is now 40mph.

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- Crossing the A6 at Beetham Garden Centre/Beetham Hall. Could there be signage of warning people are crossing/dedicate space marked with red paint for example to show the safest place to cross.
- A6 pavement is too narrow. There is room to make this wider or even apply to the Active Travel Fund (W&FC) for a multi user pavement (by foot, wheel and hoof) from Beetham to Milnthorpe to make a safe space for all. This could go all the way from Hale too making it safe to bike to school. HG has witnessed a person on a mobility scooter fall off near the paper mill as very uneven narrow area.
- Slackhead speed - although this is 20mph people drive too fast - better signage and I think locals would even consider bumps as so bad.

Appendix E

Clerk's Report to the meeting held on Monday 5th January 2026

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	COMPLETED (?)
Oct 12.5	To update with the land registry and obtain maps showing boundaries	Maps obtained but need approval for updating at land registry
Nov Finance 2	To purchase a hard drive for backing up council documents	All documents stored on Onedrive
Dec 8.6	To upload Financial Regulations to the website	On website
Dec 8.7	To appoint the Internal Auditor	Auditor approached and agreed to work with BPC, engagement letter to follow later
Dec 11	To upload the approved policies to the website	On website
Dec 13.3	Contact CBDC regarding registration of Orchid Triangle	CBDC will look into it and get back in the New Year.
Dec 13.4	To complete the Community Governance Review questionnaire	Forwarded to W+F Council
Dec 13.5	Inform W+F Council of the transfer of ownership of Parish lighting to W+F Council	Replied to W+F Council, agreement awaiting signature

Other actions

- Attended training courses by CALC and Scribe on Finance, VAT and reserves
- Set up additional signatories on new bank account, currently backlogged but now a priority.
- Tidying up various pages on the website