

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on
Monday 5th January 2026 at Storth Church

Present: Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Duff, Knowles, Phelan, Gardner, Meakin
One member of the public Clerk: Jessica Harvey

(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 2nd February 2026)

1. Apologies

Cllr Clark's apologies were NOT accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 1st December 2025

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chair.

4. Councillor vacancies

4.1 Cllrs voted unanimously to APPROVE the co-option of Bob Lowe as Cllr for the East Ward, clerk to invite him to the next meeting

4.2 It was DECIDED that there is not the need for a vice chair currently

5. Public Participation/Open Session

Cllr Audland sent his apologies and no members of the public wished to participate

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

It was DECIDED that item 13 required exclusion of the press and public

7. Applications for Development (Appendix A)

7.1 Applications were NOTED

7.2 No observations had been submitted by the clerk

7.3 Decisions were NOTED

8. Financial matters (Appendix B)

8.1 Invoices for payment were circulated and all payments were APPROVED

8.2 Monthly payments to Scribe and the clerk by Standing Order were APPROVED

8.3 Bank receipts and balances to 31st December 2025 were NOTED

8.4 The reconciled cash book to bank statements was circulated and SIGNED

8.5 The updated risk assessment was APPROVED, clerk to put on website

8.6 It was AGREED for the clerk to submit a precept request of £27,890

9. Progress reports

9.1 Cllr Gardner REPORTED little movement regarding Parish Pollination Zones

9.2 Cllr Duff ANNOUNCED an upcoming meeting with W+F Community Development Officer to help with progressing the Community Emergency Plan

10. Parish Land Working Group

No updates were received

11. New matters for consideration

11.1 The updated Standing Orders were APPROVED, clerk to post on the website

11.2 It was DECIDED that there should be an expenses policy for councillors, clerk to draw up

11.3 It was SUGGESTED that the Corn Mill could be a possible venue for council meetings in the East ward, clerk to investigate

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11.4 It was DECIDED that the Parish Assembly in March should be an opportunity for local community groups to get together and showcase their activities via display boards. Cllrs Gardner, Duff and Phelan to spread the word and contact different organisations.

11.5 Since speed and road signs are all problems for highways it was DECIDED that they be invited to attend the March meeting having been sent a detailed list of local concerns. In the meantime, clerk to contact neighbouring parishes along A6 regarding speeding.

11.6 It was AGREED that the first action should be to sort out the access gate on the end of Sandside cutting nearest to the Ship, clerk to contact Arnside and Silverdale National Landscapes as they installed it.

11.7 It was DECIDED that the clerk should investigate the cost implications of changing the names on the Land Registry Documents to c/o Milne Moser Solicitors

11.8 Cllrs AGREED that not all assets had been included in the legal agreement transferring ownership of lighting assets back to WAF and REQUESTED that the wording be changed before signing

12. Clerk's report

The clerk's report was NOTED, no questions asked

13. Personnel Matters

All Cllrs AGREED on the next steps. Clerk to initiate.

14. Agenda for the next meeting

Agenda to include Parish Steward programme of works and Parish Assembly arrangements

15. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was CONFIRMED as 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

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