

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on
Monday 2nd March 2026 at Storth Church

Present: Cllrs Greifenberg (Chair), Duff, Phelan, Gardner, Meakin, Low
W+F Cllr Audland Clerk: Jessica Harvey

(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 13th April 2026)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Clark. The excuse given for, yet another, nonattendance was NOT ACCEPTED.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chair after agreeing that 9.1 should read “to be cut just annually by the Parish Steward”.

4. Councillor vacancies

Cllrs voted unanimously to APPROVE the co-option of Joseph Clark as Cllr for the West Ward, clerk to invite him to the next meeting.

5. Public Participation/Open Session

Cllr Audland INFORMED Cllrs that:

- There had recently been some worrying cases of aggressive cold calling in the region. Anyone affected should call 101 and mention Crime log 198.
- W+F Council budget has finally been set.
- He has been unable to arrange last month’s proposed Q+A session with Highways; they are currently undergoing one consequence of the new budget.
- There are ongoing discussions about creating a pump track in the area using locality funding.
- 9.5 Farelton Community Governance Review visits are to be arranged for this week.
- 10.1 The Ship at Sandside is not a listed building. Cllr Audland will be meeting with the owners in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Audland then left the meeting.

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

There were no members of the public present

7. Financial matters (Appendix A)

7.1 The detailed payments were APPROVED, including

77	HMRC – PAYE/NI	28/02/26	48.82	0.00	48.82
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7.2 Bank receipts and balances to 28th February 2026 were NOTED.

7.3 It was NOTED that the cash book reconciled to the bank statements.

7.4 The current expenditure against budget was NOTED.

7.5 The closure of the Barclays Bank Savings Account was NOTED.

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

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9. Progress reports (Appendix C)

9.1 It was DECIDED that there should be a Biodiversity Committee. Clerk to produce terms of reference etc. for next meeting when Cllr J. Clark will be in attendance.

9.2 It was AGREED that Beetham Blooms should be an autonomous group.

9.3 It was DECIDED to register the land informally known as Hale Green as a green on the government website, clerk to instigate.

9.4 12th March Parish Assembly arrangements are in hand, refreshments for £50 were AGREED and councillors were allocated leaflets to distribute around the Parish.

9.5 Covered by Cllr Audland

9.6 The Parish Council's response to the draft Community Governance Review was AGREED, clerk to return.

9.7 All recommendations on the Basic Governance Checklist report were ACCEPTED, clerk to action.

10. New matters for consideration (Appendix D)

10.1 Covered by Cllr Audland

10.2 The leachate in the old tip in Slackhead woods was inspected by the Environment Agency in 2021 at the request of the Parish Council with no significant concerns found. It was DECIDED that this should be a matter for the, to be formed, Biodiversity Committee.

10.3 The Councillor training plan was APPROVED.

10.4 Councillors AGREED attendance on various training dates. Clerk was asked to INVESTIGATE secure ways for councillors to share information and training resources

11. Clerk's report (Appendix E)

Jan 11.8 The revised agreement was received the afternoon of the meeting. It was AGREED that the Chair could now sign it on behalf of the council.

Feb 11 Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the assembly and fixing of the 2nd new bench

12. Agenda for the next meeting

Agenda to include formation of Biodiversity Committee

13. Date of the next meeting

To confirm that the date of the next meeting is Monday 13th April at Beetham School

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Appendix A

68	L.DUFF – PARISH ASSEMBLY STATIONARY	28/02/26	23.24	0.00	23.24
69	STORTH VILLAGE HALL ARCHIVE STORAGE	04/02/25	25.00	0.00	25.00
70	BEETHAM SCHOOL – ROOM HIRE	05/02/26	100.00	0.00	100.00
71	CALC - CiLCA TRAINING – J. HARVEY	29/01/26	275.00	0.00	275.00
72	AGA PRINT – PARISH ASSEMBLY ADVERTISING	16/02/26	25.81	0.00	25.81
73	AGA PRINT – PARISH ASSEMBLY ADVERTISING	16/02/26	19.95	0.00	19.95
74	J. HARVEY – SALARY	28/02/26	742.48	0.00	742.48
75	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY	28/02/26	31.00	6.20	37.20
76	ATHENA ACCOUNTANTS – PAYROLL	01/02/26	200.00	0.00	200.00