

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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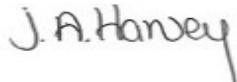
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24th February 2026

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to attend a meeting of Beetham Parish Council to be held on 2nd March 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 2nd February 2026

To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February 2026

4. Councillor vacancies

To review the application received to become a co-opted councillor for the West ward. (Documents circulated)

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 28th February 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 note 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

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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 The formation of subgroups and Beetham Blooms (circulated)

9.2 Cllr Gardner – Beetham Blooms

9.3 The status of Hale Green

9.4 Cllr Duff– 12th March Parish Assembly Arrangements

9.5 Cllr Phelan – Community Governance Review visits

9.6 Parish Council’s response to the draft Community Governance Review (circulated)

9.7 Basic Governance Checklist findings and recommendations (circulated)

10. New matters for consideration (Appendix D)

10.1 To discuss a request for the Parish Council to approach the owners of The Ship for a discussion about its future given the historic nature of the building. (e-mail circulated)

10.2 To discuss concerns raised regarding the old tip in Slackhead woods

10.3 To consider the Councillor training plan for approval (circulated)

10.4 To consider proposed Councillor training dates against budget and the sharing of resources.

11. 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.

12. Agenda for the next meeting

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

13. Date of the next meeting

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

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

Unity Trust Bank @ 24th February Current: £12,523.73 Savings: £67.59
Bank receipts to 24th February: Ground rent £8.34

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 Feb 2026

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
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 CA No objection	13/02/26

Planning applications Feb 2026

WFC Ref	Address	Development	Type	Decision
2026/0197/TCA	10 PARSONAGE FOLD MILNTHORPE LA7 7RJ	T1) Blue Cedar - Fell - In decline with Sirococcus blight	Tree in Conservation Area	No Decision
2026/0229/TCA	YEW TREES BEETHAM MILNTHORPE LA7 7AL	T1 and T2 - Yew Trees - trim by 2 ft to maintain to maintain the shape of the topiary	Tree in Conservation Area	No Decision
2026/0198/TCA	BROCCO BANK BEETHAM MILNTHORPE LA7 7AL	T1-Sycamore - Re-pollard. T2-Birch - remove left side leader growing over neighbouring property	Tree in Conservation Area	No Decision
2026/0309/TCA	ORCHARD COTTAGE 40 LEIGHTON BECK ROAD SLACK HEAD MILNTHORPE LA7 7AX	T1) Lawson Cypress, Fell. Poor form suppressed by surrounding trees, Bark inclusion and liable to failure.	Tree in Conservation Area	No Decision

Appendix C

9.2

Currently there are three new areas of interest to change the verge management to wildflower areas, which need formal approval by the Parish Council.

Area 1 - Beetham Centre at the stocks and bench. Leaving a mow strip for a path to the bench and stocks. Area managed as wildflower meadow, maximum cut twice a year. Funding needed for seed/plug plants. Grant may be available.

Area 2 - Hale Green - Again mowed path left to bench and information board. Area managed as wildflower meadow, maximum cut twice a year. Wildflower seed for this area supplied/sponsored by Envirotech Ecological Consultants.

Area 3 - Working with Beetham Primary school to develop wildflower area on the school field.

Action - Instruct Parish Steward to reduce mowing regime on Area 1 and 2.

Action - Promote new management via 'No Mow May' Campaign -

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

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9.3

1) [Town and village greens: how to register - GOV.UK](#)

Is there evidence that this piece of land has been used for lawful sports and pastimes by local people for at least 20 years?

This is the criteria for registering as a village green

2) Alternatively, the council could try

[Assets of community value and community right to bid | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

Proving that it is used for social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and could do so in the future. (The Localism Act states that 'social interests' include cultural, recreational and sporting interests) could be easier

Appendix D

10.1

Email response received by Cllr Duff:

Thank you for your query. The Ship Inn at Sandside is not a listed building. While it may be considerably older, the earliest record with have for it is the first edition Ordnance Survey of 1859. It is not possible to identify the specific building on Jeffrey's map of 1774. Storth and Arnside do not exist at that time, and there is no road along the coast. Historic England may aspire to have all pre-1700 buildings on the list, but there are probably many that have not been recognised or assessed. Externally, it does not appear to be seventeenth century, but that does not mean to say there is not an earlier structure hidden beneath later alterations.

Anyone can nominate a site for listing. The details can be found at <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/protect-historic-places/apply-for-listing/>. Please note that there would need to be some demonstrable significance for a building to be listed, and a degree of survival of the original fabric and fixtures.

10.2

Article giving background to the concern about the old tip, Slackhead

[Race to find source of carcinogenic Pfas in Cumbria and Lancashire waters | Pfas | The Guardian](#)

10.4

Training	Budget 26/27	500.00
New councillor training x3	13th/20th April	210.00
GDPR	17th March	30.00
Governance	25th March	30.00
Code of Conduct x6	26th May	153.00
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Appendix E

Clerk's actions from previous meetings

MEETING/MINUTE NUMBER	ACTION	OUTCOME
Jan 11.7	To investigating updating contact details with the land registry	Can be updated on one form, FOC but form awaiting completion
Jan 11.8	To request change to wording/street light assets in the legal agreement with W+F	Changes agreed, still awaiting new agreement currently being drafted
Feb 9.1	To investigate the possible legal designation for Hale Green and the forming of sub groups	Reports produced and circulated
Feb 9.6	To finalise the meeting calendar for the coming year	Finalised and posted on website
Feb 10	To post Councillors Expenses Policy on the website	Posted on website
Feb 11	To check insurance regarding works carried out by councillors and working parties	Insured provided there is a risk assessment completed for each project
Feb 12.1	To work through Basic Governance Checklist for "gaps"	Report produced and circulated with recommendations

Other actions

- Attended first CiLCA training
- Terms of Engagement agreed with Internal Auditor