

# BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Beetham Parish Council on Monday 3 March 2025 at Beetham School.

Present were – Cllrs Meakin (Chair), Greifenberg, Knowles, Marsden, Phelan and Phillips. Also, a member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Yates

2.0 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the meeting 3 February 2025, previously circulated, were approved by the meeting and signed by Cllr Meakin as a correct record.

3. Declarations of interest by members present in respect of items on this agenda – none.

4.0 Announcements by the Chair – An announcement will be made under a Part II agenda.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 3 February 2025 and not included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1.BPC member vacancies – Lynda Duff was confirmed as a co-opted member of the council.

5.2.Beetham village traffic speeds – A letter has been received from an ex-parish councillor reporting issues of caravans using Leighton Beck Road and speeding traffic. A meeting date with Highways & WFC date remains to be confirmed. Action – M Phillips, WFC Cllr Audland

5.3.Code of Conduct – Brian Meakin had incorporated suggested amendments. WFC Cllr Audland is still endeavouring to make progress with the Monitoring officer relating to the breaches of the code at the February 2023 meeting.

5.4.BPC data Storage – this item to be discussed as a Part II item.

5.5.BPC boundary walls/fences - 3 Rose Hill Grove. Cllr Marsden to respond to the complaint concerning boundary overgrowth.

5.6.Sandside proposed information panel – Cllr Phelan is progressing this with a local printer.

5.7.Storth Green Information Panel – Flexiglass needs replacing. IT WAS AGREED Cllr Phelan to action at a cost of £37.14

5.8. Clerk's Termination of Office – this item to be discussed as a Part II item.

5.9.Beetham Annual Assembly – John Scargill has laminated posters and will deliver these to Cllr Knowles for distribution.

6. Public Participation

6.1.Police matters – A request has been made for 2 councillors to represent the parish at bi-annual virtual meetings relating to the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge. Cllrs Duff and Phillips were nominated.

6.2.WFC Cllr Audland reported that Council tax would rise by 4.99% in the next financial year.

6.3.

7. New Matters for Consideration

7.1.Devolution Priority Programme and consultation on a Mayor for Cumbria. Whilst a range of views were discussed, WFC Cllr Audland noted that this should simplify funding processes and extract new funding opportunities for local government in Cumbria.

8. BPC Land & Trees – It was noted that the annual tree cutting programme in the Cutting was complete.

9. Beetham Flooding (inc Leighton Beck Rd) – No further developments.
10. Planning Matters - No contentious planning issues.
11. Financial Matters – A statement was received as circulated by email.
12. Parish Steward Updates – No update as the growing season has yet to commence.
13. No reports from outside bodies.
14. Matters from around the parish - councillors' reports - None.
15. General Correspondence - None.
16. Reading Matter received - None.
17. To receive notice of items to be included on the agenda of the next PC meeting (in addition to those referred to above).
18. Date of next meetings - Annual Assembly, Thurs 13 Mar 2025 at Heron Theatre, Beetham  
- BPC meeting – Mon 7 April 2025 at Storth Village Church.
19. The Part I Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

