

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

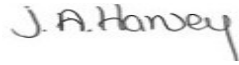
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12th August 2026

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to attend the meeting of Beetham Parish Council to be held on 19th August 2026 in Storth Village Church at 7:15pm 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 6th July 2026

To authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held on 6th July 2026

4. Public Participation/Open Session

The Chair 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.

W+F 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).

5. 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

6. Financial matters (Appendix A)

6.1 To approve payments detailed

6.2 To note that the cashbook reconciles to the bank statements

6.3 To receive and note detailed bank receipts and balances to 31st July 2026

6.4 To note the Conclusion of Audit received from the External Auditors (circulated)

7. Applications for Development (Appendix B)

7.1 To examine applications for development

7.2 To ratify any observations submitted by the clerk since the last meeting

7.3 To note any decisions of the statutory planning authority about recent applications

8. Progress reports (Appendix C)

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

8.1 Stand at Beetham Sports

8.2 Bins on A6 laybys

8.3 Local Plan Scoping Consultation

8.4 Newsletter

9. Parish Assets group (Appendix D)

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

9.1 Tree causing wall damage at the Ship Inn car park

9.2 Storth Map Board

9.3 Annual tree survey

9.4 Carr Bank Noticeboard

9.5 Book swap box

9.6 Bus related signage response to send to W+F (circulated)

10. Biodiversity Committee

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

10.1 Cumbria Geoconservation (circulated)

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11. New matters for consideration (Appendix E)

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

11.1 Tour de France activities/events in the Parish along A6 next year.

11.2 To note the completed Civility and Respect Governance checklist (circulated).

11.3 To note the CALC Governance checklist and missing suggested policies (circulated)

11.4 To note the Arnside and Silverdale National Landscapes report for Beetham Parish (circulated), review annual donation and propose a meeting.

11.5 To discuss a maintenance plan for Beetham War memorial

11.6 To address concerns about dogs being walked off the lead on roads around the parish. (Information on dog control orders circulated)

11.7 To note the new signs on the A6 and request sight of the current traffic survey results

12. Policy review

To review and approve the following policies (circulated): Procurement (new), Gifts + Hospitality (new), Public Participation (new), Editorial (new) and Dignity at work (updated)

13. Clerk's report (Appendix G)

To receive a summary of work undertaken by the clerk since the last meeting, issues outstanding, any correspondence, with an opportunity for councillors to raise questions.

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 scheduled meeting is Monday 5th October at Beetham School

Appendix A

34	CALC TRAINING – JHARVEY AGENDAS+MINUTES	30/06/26	40.00	0.00	40.00
35	MOORE – EXTERNAL AUDITORS	21/07/26	210.00	26.25	283.50
36	JHARVEY – WAGES (SO)	31/07/26	1312.06	0.00	1312.06
37	JHARVEY – OS MAPS	09/07/26	21.99	0.00	21.99
38	JHARVEY – WFHA = POSTAGE	31/07/26	27.80	9.00	27.80
39	HMRC- PAYE/NI (DD)		358.67	0.00	368.67
40	UNITY TRUST BANK (SO)	31/07/26	7.00	0.00	7.00
41	GREENBARNES LTD – NOTICEBOARD	29/07/26	1,686.92	337.39	2,024.31
42	CLLR DUFF – BOOKSWAP BOX PARTS	16/07/26	26.07	0.00	26.07
43	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY (SO)	31/07/26	31.00	6.20	37.20
44	JHARVEY- BOOKSWAP BOX GLASS	10/08/26	39.06	7.81	46.87
45	RGARDEN – GRASS CUTTING ETC.	11/08/26	970.00	0.00	970.00
46	THWAITES TREE CARE	12/08/26	260.00	52.00	312.00

Unity Trust Bank @ 31st July Current: £1,822.02 Savings: £30,183.36
Bank receipts to 31st July: Ground rent £358.34

Due to space restrictions in the noticeboards, further appendices can only be viewed with the agenda on the website

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Appendix B

Planning decisions July 2026

WFC Ref	Address	Development	WFC Decision	Date made
2026/0924/LDPR	HIGH TREES LEIGHTON DRIVE SLACKHEAD MILNTHORPE LA7 7BE	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed flat roof rear extension	Refused	29th June 2026

Planning applications July 2026

WFC Ref	Address	Development	Type	Decision
2026/1442/DISC	THE JOINERS SHOP 1 LEIGHTON BECK ROAD SLACK HEAD MILNTHORPE LA7 7AX	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5b & 5c (contamination) and 6 (construction method statement) attached to planning permission 2024/2210/FPA	Approval of Details Reserved by Condition(s)	No decision
2026/1461/PAPP	ELLERS FARM FARLETON CARNFORTH LA6 1PD	Prior approval for a general-purpose agricultural building under Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A	Prior Approval	No decision

Appendix C

8.1 Cllrs Duff, Clark, Phelan and Ritchie had a very productive day at Beetham Sports Day at the end of July – BPC newsletter was well received, we were asked for a bundle for Beetham Church. A number of the leaflets from W&FC re the Local Plan Consultation were taken too. We had a fantastic response to the wildflower seeds/planting, mostly from young people who also asked searching questions!

The Book Swap Box was on display and attracted many positive comments

Links were made with the editor of the Gateway magazine (Beetham Parish Church), committee members of the sports club and the partner of the lady, Margaret, who was commemorated on the bench next to the stocks.

Beetham Sports is interested in contributing to the cost of a new bench, Margaret was a committee member for 30 years. Her partner was very happy with our suggestion that we could replace the bench which is in a bad state of repair.

Decision: Should the council go ahead with replacing the bench now its provenance has been established?

8.2 Cllr Audland believes he can get highways to install the waste bin and also pay for it and organise the "guy in the van" to add it to his rounds

8.3 We received a prompt response to our email re the Local Plan Consultation from Helen Houston, Planning Policy Service Manager W&FC. She acknowledged the short time frame and gave reason for it, mainly a central government planning guidance timetable. It was agreed to send BPC paper copies of posters and leaflets, mainly for Beetham Sports Day. Helen would be interested in hearing from BPC on better engagement methods and ideas for future consultations. There was also willingness to improve communications. I can share the email for those interested in more detail.

8.4 Relatively poor uptake of the bi-annual BPC newsletter, need to reconsider better ways to reach more residents and to be more cost effective. Possibilities:

- 1 side of A4 monthly – on website, on facebook pages, notice boards, community buildings
- Storth newsletter (Village Hall) – piece sent each month, suggest info on grants for Sept edition
- In Gateway magazine

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Appendix D

9.1 The tree has now been felled

9.2 The map has now been purchased and is currently with Cllr Phelan, it is expected to be fully installed into the board before the next meeting.

9.3 The survey was completed by Jon the Arboriculturist on Thursday 30th July. Prior to the survey Cllr Phelan visited a local resident as promised from last year with Jon regarding an issue with a tree from the cutting. Report to follow

9.4 On the August 11th the contractor visited the site at Carr Bank and collected the noticeboard from its stored location. Now waiting for a quote and potential installation date.

9.5 The Book Swap Box is now complete (except for the glass) and was showcased at the Beetham Sports Day. It is hoped an appropriate site can be agreed upon, and it will then be installed by the contractor.

9.6 Extract of email received from W+F: *Westmorland and Furness Transport team are looking for your help! As part of their ongoing work on sustainable transport across the Westmorland & Furness Council footprint, they are keen to hear from local parishes about any bus-related signage, road marking, or bus stop sign requirements that have been identified. This could include, for example:*

- * New or improved bus stop signage*
- * Road markings relating to bus stops or bus routes*
- * Signage needed to support safe access to bus stops (e.g. for pedestrians or those with mobility needs)*
- * Any other highways signage issues connected to bus services in your parish*

Appendix E

11.1 Extract of email received from W+F: *"As you may be aware, the Tour de France will be coming to our area next summer, and planning is already underway for this exciting event.*

As your Community Development Officer, I'm getting in touch to gauge interest from local communities in organising activities or events linked to the Tour de France.

At this stage, we're not looking for detailed plans. We would simply like to understand the level of interest and ambition across our communities so that we can feed this into the wider event planning process and consider what support may be helpful.

Could you please let me know whether your town/parish council or organisation is:

- * Considering organising an event or activity linked to the Tour de France;*
- * Already planning something; or*
- * Aware of any local groups that may be interested in getting involved.*

If plans develop after this date, we'd still like to hear from you, just let me know as things develop".

11.5

Extract of an email received from War Memorials Trust, the national charity dedicated to the protection and conservation of our war memorial heritage.

"War Memorials Trust has recently been contacted about Beetham war memorial see www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/118474/.

The information suggests that the pointing and bronze plaque on the memorial may benefit from some attention.

As a charity the Trust aims to work with custodians to protect and conserve war memorials across the UK. Based on the information available we believe you may be the custodian of the war memorial and so I am contacting you in the first instance to offer our help and ask if there are any plans for repair or conservation work. Or, if there is a management plan and approach the

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community has decided to take if you could share that to help others understand how the community is choosing to manage its war memorial.”

If a formal transfer of ownership at any point in the war memorial’s history cannot be established, then the War Memorials (Local Authorities’ Powers) Act of 1923 and subsequent amendments enable local councils to carry out work to war memorials within their area whether they officially ‘own’ them or not. However, although this Act gives such powers to local authorities it does not give an obligation to do so. It is recommended that the custodians contact the Conservation Officer at their local authority (normally in the conservation or planning departments) for further clarification on their involvement with local war memorials. Some Parish Councils have them on the asset register and thus insurance.

Beetham Parish Council is listed as custodian on the War Memorial Register which is a different body [Beetham Cross | IWM War Memorials Register](#)

Beetham Memorial is mentioned in meeting minutes as far back as 1949 but there is no evidence of there ever being a formal plan for its maintenance and upkeep.

On inspection it was found that the plaque is, indeed, practically illegible, the pointing not good, the wall at the back is crumbling, the planting is dead and nearby trees are overhanging.

Appendix G

Clerk’s actions from previous meetings

MEETING/MINUTE NUMBER	ACTION	OUTCOME
Jan 11.7	To investigate updating contact details with the land registry	Can be updated on one form, FOC but form awaiting completion
May 10.3	To enter the fixed assets individually on Scribe	
July 7.6	Reserves policy to be posted on website	On website
July 10.3	To contact contractors re tree felling and whips	Both contractors contacted
July 10.4	To contact dry stone walling volunteers	Contacted
July 10.5	To purchase map for board in Storth	Purchased
July 12	To put approved updated policies on website	On website

Other actions

- Completed changes to website
- Attended training on “Digital AGAR in action” and “Agendas and Minutes”
- Chasing W+F/National Highways for information on ownership of Orchid triangle
- Website contact #5 re parking at Ashton House, Beetham – directed to W+F planning
- Website contact #6 requesting digital newsletter – emailed copy
- Chased confirmation of ownership of street lighting
- Set up direct debit for HMRC monthly payment
- Website contact #7 requesting funding help towards a brownie expedition- grant policy and application form emailed