

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on
Monday 6th July 2026 at Storth Church

Present: Cllrs Duff (Chair), Phelan, Greifenberg, Low, Gardner, Ritchie, Clark
Cllr Audland Clerk: Jessica Harvey

(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 19th August 2026)

1. Apologies

All councillors were PRESENT

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 1st June 2026

The minutes were APPROVED and SIGNED

4. Councillor vacancies

It was NOTED that any co-option must occur by October, 6 months prior to the elections next year.

5. Public Participation/Open Session

Cllr Audland INFORMED councillors:

- of the huge budget deficit at W+F due to central government cutbacks.
- that the drainage works at the bottom of Storth Road were coming in well under budget.
- the imminent surface dressing of the B5282 between Milnthorpe and Arnside should be completed in a day.
- that he would put forward an October meeting for councillors with a representative from highways.
- 13.1 he would put the request for official 20 mph signs at Slackhead to highways

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 or press present

7. Financial matters (Appendix A)

7.1 The payments were APPROVED

7.2 It was NOTED that the cashbook reconciled to the bank statements

7.3 Detailed bank receipts and balances to 1st July 2026 were NOTED

7.4 The Q1 financial report was NOTED

7.5 The updated terms of reference for the finance group were APPROVED

7.6 1. The reserves policy was APPROVED, clerk to post on website.

2. It was DECIDED that the CIL funding be spent on 2 bins on the A6 laybys, Cllr Phelan to investigate cost and feasibility with W+F

3. The proposed budget movements were AGREED

8. Applications for Development

8.1 Applications were NOTED

8.2 No observations had been SUBMITTED by the clerk

8.3 Decisions were NOTED

9. Progress reports

9.1 Further distribution points for the newsletter were AGREED

9.2 In the light of the feedback from the police it was DECIDED that the areas where parking has been a problem will be monitored for the time being

9.3 It was AGREED that the stall setup at Storth Fete be replicated at Beetham Sports

9.4 It was NOTED that the Community Emergency Planning Scenarios would be added to the Beetham Sports stall

10. Parish Assets group

10.1 New terms of reference for the parish assets group were APPROVED

10.2 It was AGREED that the wood preserver needed for assets be purchased

10.3 The quote for the felling of the tree was ACCEPTED, clerk to contact the contractor. The price for the planting of Hazel, Hawthorn and Field Maple whips was ACCEPTED

10.4 It was DECIDED to leave the walling repairs for now and AGREED that the clerk should contact the dry-stone walling volunteers for future project suitability.

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10.5 It was AGREED that a replacement map should be purchased, clerk to action.

10.6 The replacement of the convex mirror on Hale Green was NOTED

11. Biodiversity Committee

11.1 It was NOTED that 2 people wished to join the committee, still waiting to hear back from a third

11.2 Wed August 19th, 6:30 pm @ Storth Church was AGREED for the next committee meeting

12. Policy review

The Data Protection and Social Media policies were APPROVED, clerk to put on website.

13. New matters for consideration

13.1 Covered by Cllr Audland in item 5

13.2 It was AGREED that the Chair contact W+F expressing councillors concerns regarding the Local Plan Scoping Consultation

14. Website "Contact us" form (Appendix F)

Contact form enquiries #2 and #3 and responses were NOTED. The concern raised by #4 was NOTED and it was AGREED that Cllr Phelan speak with the parish steward to cut a border around the wildflower area on Hale Green.

15. Staffing group

The recommendations made by the staffing group regarding changes to the clerk's contract, holiday pay arrangements and scale point were all APPROVED.

16. Clerk's report

Cllrs RECEIVED a summary of work undertaken by the clerk since the last meeting, no questions were asked.

14. Agenda for the next meeting

Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting: the bus pilot scheme

15. Date of the next meeting

15.1 It was DECIDED that the extra meeting be on Wed August 19th, 7:15pm @ Storth Church

15.2 It was CONFIRMED that the date of the next scheduled meeting is Monday 5th October at Beetham School

Appendix A

23	RGARDEN	27/05/26	550.00	0.00	550.00
24	CALC TRAINING CLLR DUFF EDI	02/06/26	40.00	0.00	40.00
25	SOLOPRESS – NEWSLETTER	09/06/26	56.77	0.00	56.77
26	RGARDEN	09/06/26	750.00	0.00	750.00
27	CALC TRAINING CLLR DUFF CHAIRPERSON	17/06/02	40.00	0.00	40.00
28	DISCOUNT DISPLAYS	17/06/26	284.90	56.98	341.88
29	J. HARVEY – WAGES	30/06/26	737.08	0.00	737.08
30	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS MONTHLY	30/06/26	31.00	6.20	37.20
31	HMRC- PAYE/NI	30/06/26	54.22	0.00	54.22
32	JHARVEY – POSTAGE	03/06/26	3.30	0.00	3.30
33	CLLR J. CLARK – SEED SUPPLIES	23/06/26	84.29	0.00	84.29

Meeting closed at 8:55pm