

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Beetham Parish Council held at 7pm on
Monday 11th May 2026 at Storth Church

Present: Cllrs Greifenberg, Duff (Chair), Low, J. Clark, Phelan, Gardner
W+F Cllr Audland 2 members of the public Clerk: Jessica Harvey
(To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 1st June 2026)

1. Chair

Cllr Duff was ELECTED as Chair and SIGNED the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Greifenberg was thanked for his year in office.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received

3. Vice Chair

It was DECIDED that there was currently no need for a vice chair.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 13th April 2026

The minutes were APPROVED and SIGNED

6. Appointment of Representatives:

The following appointments were AGREED:

Position

Beetham Exhibition Trust
ASNL Executive
Burton in Kendal Education Fdn
Finance Group
Biodiversity Committee
Parish Newsletter
Parish Assets Group
Staffing Group
Community Emergency Plan

Currently

Cllrs Greifenberg + Phelan
Cllr Greifenberg
Cllr Phelan
Cllrs Greifenberg, Phelan (Chair) + Duff
Cllrs J. Clark (Chair), Gardner + Low
Cllr Duff
Cllrs Greifenberg + Phelan
Cllrs Phelan + Duff
Cllrs Duff + Phelan

It was DECIDED that all Cllrs will review planning applications irrespective of ward until the Planning Procedure has been updated at the next meeting

7. Councillor vacancies

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

8. Public Participation/Open Session

12.5 Catherine Crossman, Emergency Planning Officer at W+F Council introduced herself and volunteered to help the council move forward with the Community Emergency plan. She has been invited to join the working group

Cllr Audland INFORMED Cllrs that:

- The take up of green waste bins at W+F was steady. It was NOTED that while residents in Hale and Beetham had received notification of the scheme in the post no-one else had.
- The A6 from Beetham to Hale had also had data collected re traffic speeds over a period of time but it did not show sufficient regular excessive speeding for the police to enforce so the current limit will not be changed
- Sections of the pavement along the A6 are scheduled for refurbishment
- The drainage works at the end of Storth Road by the triangle have finally been given the go ahead
- **11.4** The proposed development on Quarry Lane, Sandside cannot go ahead without access rights along the lane which it does not have.

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

No items of business required the exclusion of the press and public

10. Financial matters (Appendix A)

10.1 Detailed payments were APPROVED with one addition:

18	SLCC – CLERK MEMBERSHIP	13/05/26	170.00	0.00	170.00
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10.2 It was NOTED that the cashbook reconciled to the bank statements

10.3 The report received from the Internal Auditor was NOTED and the advised actions AGREED

10.4 The Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 was APPROVED and SIGNED by the Chair

10.5 The Accounting Statements 2025/26 were APPROVED and signed by the chair

10.6 The dates for the Exercise of Public Rights notice (3rd June to 14th July) were AGREED

10.7 The Data Processing Agreement (DPA) made with Scribe was NOTED

10.8 The date for the next Finance Group meeting will be w/c 25th May

10.9 The Financial Regulations were APPROVED

10.10 SLCC membership was AGREED

11. Applications for Development (Appendix B)

11.1 Applications were NOTED

11.2 No observations had been SUBMITTED by the clerk

11.3 Decisions were NOTED

11.4 It was NOTED that the consultation period, although now closed, had been extended and that the council had been consulted

12. Progress reports (Appendix C)

12.1 The Biodiversity Committee agreed a meeting date; agenda will be posted with the next council meeting agenda. Clerk was instructed to source some dry-stone walling contractors.

12.2 Proposed changes to the website were AGREED, clerk to find out price and investigate webmail

12.3 Items for the next newsletter were AGREED; it should be ready for approval at the next meeting

12.4 A parishioner has volunteered to build a book swap box from recycled materials; detailed plans were circulated and Cllrs AGREED for this to go ahead

12.5 Covered in public participation

12.6 It was DECIDED that the clerk should investigate prices for 2 kinds of portable display boards and a flag

12.7 Since not all Cllrs have access to Onedrive it was DECIDED that the clerk should investigate Dropbox as an alternative method for secure online file sharing

12.8 Cllrs were INFORMED that Cllr Audland and Rachel Jepson have arranged a meeting at Storth Village Hall on Wed 20th May to give updates on Burntbarrow plantation

13. Parish Land working group (Appendix D)

13.1 The summary of the year was NOTED

13.2 Cllrs were INFORMED that the new concrete base must set for a couple of weeks before the bench can be attached

13.3 It was DECIDED to replace the current 3 bay noticeboard at Carr Bank with the recommended 2 bay board, clerk to arrange the purchase. It was AGREED that £500 be transferred from parish furniture maintenance to new parish furniture in the budget

13.4 The arboriculturists recommendations were ACCEPTED, in the interest of Biodiversity Cllrs REQUESTED replacement by 3 or 4 smaller trees rather than 1 bigger one

13.5 The Parish Council has attempted to sort out the winter flooding of the Ship car park from the cutting in the past. It was AGREED to forward old minutes referencing the matter to Cllr Audland,

14. Document review

14.1 The Code of Conduct was APPROVED

14.2 The Standing Orders were APPROVED

14.3 The Scheme of Delegation was APPROVED

14.4 The Policy Review Schedule was NOTED

15. Councillor training (Appendix E)

15.1 It was AGREED that the Councillor 360 Appraisal should be carried out by the full council, date to be confirmed

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15.2 It was DECIDED that full council Code of Conduct training should take place before the November meeting, clerk to arrange

15.3 All training requests were APPROVED. It was AGREED to transfer £500 from donations to training in the budget

16. New matters for consideration

It was AGREED that the condition of the board be ascertained before replacing the map.

17. Personnel matters

17.1 The results of the clerk's annual appraisal were NOTED

17.2 It was AGREED that the chair would seek advice from CALC and the clerk advice from SLCC before a meeting of the staffing group is arranged

18. Clerk's report (Appendix G)

The Clerk's report was NOTED. No questions were asked

19. Agenda for the next meeting

Agenda to include Planning procedure and parking

20. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was CONFIRMED as Monday 1st June at Beetham School

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

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