

Beaumont Parish Council

Minutes of Beaumont Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2025 held in Beaumont Parish Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Mr T Greenwood (Chair), Mrs J Irving (Vice Chair), Mr A Cleminson, Mr P Dry, Mr T Grainger, Mrs Y Palmer, Mr T Allison (Ward Councillor), Mrs I Davidson (Clerk)

In attendance Mrs J Ghey and Mrs L Beattie

Mr Greenwood opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

78/25	Apologies for Absence – Apologies received from Mr D Betts, work commitments.	
79/25	Approval of the Parish Council Meeting Minutes - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 th July 2025 were approved and signed by Mr Greenwood.	
80/25	Declarations of Interest - There were no declarations of interest.	
81/25	<p>Public Participation – Mrs Ghey thanked Beaumont PC for their support towards the Burgh & Beaumont Fest held on 18th July 2025 and asked if any Beaumont Cllrs would volunteer to work alongside her to organise the 2026 Fest. Mr Allison commended Mrs Ghey on her organisation of the Fest and suggested both Beaumont PC and Burgh PC apply for a Community Grant for 2026 and suggested opening a bank account to manage funds for the Fest. It was decided to share ideas on the WhatsApp group and hold a meeting on Zoom to start planning for 2026 Fest. Mr Cleminson commented that the new Parish Hall might attract a requirement for a community grant in 2026, something that ought to be borne in mind. Mrs Ghey left the meeting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Mrs Beattie presented the grant application for Kirkandrews and Grinsdale PCC.</p>	All
82/25	<p>Ward Councillor’s Report Mr Allison forwarded his representation at the planning meeting in support of the application for up to 33 dwellings at the old Knockupworth farmstead which included Beaumont PC’s concern about the impact on BBS school. However, school entry numbers have declined reflecting the decline in birthrate. Mr Allison reported the application was passed on a unanimous vote by the panel. Closed</p>	
83/25	Matters Arising from Previous Meetings - Councillors’ Reports.	
11/25	Suggestions to Brighten up the Parish. Mrs Palmer will explore options to enhance the parish in 2026.	YP

67/25	<p>Beaumont Parish Boundary Review. (53/25). Mr Cleminson received a response from Lee Jardine, Senior Specialist – Elections, stating that following the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission (report due December 2025), they will contact all parish councils asking them to submit a request for a community governance review with a view to commencing them in 2026 for changes to be implemented by 2027. Ongoing</p>	AC
72/25	<p>Registration of Common Land and Village Greens in the Parish. The date for submission is no later than 15th March 2027. This action will be taken forward by Mr Greenwood. Ongoing</p>	AC/TG
72/25	<p>Purchase signs for PC Common Land. These will be purchased when more information is available re the registration of Common Land and Village Greens. This action will be merged with 72/25 above. Closed</p>	
73/25	<p>Local Council Award Scheme. To take off the agenda for now to focus on meeting criteria for Assertion 10 – Digital and Data Compliance. Closed until further notice</p>	ID
75/25	<p>Kirkandrews on Eden Waste Bin Emptying and payment. The bin has now been emptied and all seems to be in order. Closed</p>	
75/25	<p>Flytipping at Grinsdale – Mr Betts sent a report to say the new and larger flytipping sign at Grinsdale is a good deterrent. Closed</p>	
75/25	<p>Beaumont Village Green Tree Pruning (118/24). Mr Greenwood has been in touch with Mark Lloyd Trees, in Thurstonfield, who has suggested we have the tree assessed again Spring 2026. Ongoing</p>	TG
75/25	<p>Gas substation in Monkhill – Mr Greenwood has received a response from Cumberland Highways who have confirmed that the barrier has been set at the correct distance from the cabinet to prevent vehicle impact and is set back to the correct distance from the carriageway edge. They will try to ensure that the grass is kept short, and the visibility is maintained as much as is possible and will monitor the issue to see if it requires further investigation, but at this stage no further action is anticipated. All agreed to keep an eye on it and flag up any further issues. Closed</p>	

	75/25	Overgrown footpath at Priory Grange – Mr Betts sent a report to say that the footpath at priory grange is to be cut back by Cumberland Council and he has chased them again. Ongoing	DB
84/25		<p>Cllrs' Concerns - The following concerns were raised: Mr Greenwood has reported a broken gate along the bridleway between Beaumont and Priesthill Wood to Highways. Mr Cleminson to send his concerns to Highways.</p> <p>Mr Greenwood to contact the Parish Hall Committee re removal of the portaloos due to the refurbishment works.</p> <p>Mr Grainger handed out daffodil bulbs donated by Road End Nurseries. Closed</p>	TG/AC TG
85/25		Burgh and Beaumont Fest 2026. Discussed in 81/25 Public Participation. Ongoing	
86/25		Beaumont Parish Hall. All Cllrs are pleased to hear that the refurbishment of the parish hall is to go ahead. The hall will be closed from 1 st October until the Spring of 2026 therefore PC meetings will take place in Monkhill Chapel until further notice. Mrs Irving advised Cllrs to give consideration when setting the 2026/27 budget that as well as the usual community building grants given there may also be additional grant applications in relation to the hall redevelopment as well as support for various community events in the year 2026/27. Ongoing	Jl
87/25		Assertion 10 – Digital & Data Compliance. This is a new requirement introduced in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide for town and parish councils. Assertion 10 will apply to Annual Governance and Accountability Returns for the year beginning 1 April 2026. It was agreed that Mr Cleminson is to take the lead to ensure that the PC is compliant with digital and data protection responsibilities. Mr Cleminson and Mrs Davidson to attend the free webinar from Breakthrough Communications on Tuesday, 7th October at 1pm.	AC ID
88/25		Summer Playscheme Feedback. Numbers over the 6 sessions were: 10/40, 20/40, 20/40, 31/40, 34/40 & 32/40. The sessions were well attended apart from the first session. 85% of the children attending were from CA5, others from CA6/CA2 & CA3. Staff reported that Art & Craft time is always engaging and will be part of the days in the future. Play park appeals to children. All children were well behaved, got on well with each other, made new friends and said they would come back again. It was suggested that earlier advertising is need for subsequent years. Closed.	
89/25		<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve grant application for St Mary's Church grass cutting and the Parish Magazine annual grant. A grant for £1140 was approved. • Payments to be approved and cheques to be signed: 	

