Minutes of Beaumont Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2026 held in Monkhill Chapel at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs J Irving (Chair), Mr D Betts, Mr P Dry, Mr T Grainger, Mrs Y Palmer, Mr T Allison (Ward Councillor), Mrs I Davidson (Clerk)
Mrs Irving opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

		Action
25/26	**Election of Chairperson and signing of Declaration of Office.** Mrs Irving (Vice Chair) Acting as Chair in Mr Greenwood's absence, proposed Mr Greenwood for Chair, seconded by Mr Dry. Mr Greenwood accepted by a telephone call as ill. Clerk and Mr Greenwood to sign the declaration of office when Mr Greenwood recovers.	**ID/TG**
26/26	**Election of Vice Chair and signing of Declaration of Office.** Mr Grainger proposed Mrs Irving for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr Betts. Mrs Irving accepted and signed the declaration of office.	
27/26	**Apologies for Absence –** Apologies received from Mr Greenwood (ill), Mr Cleminson, (work commitments).	
28/26	**Approval of Risk Register** – The risk register was circulated. It was agreed to add to the next agenda for further discussion and approval.	
29/26	**Approval of Asset Register** –To add to the next Agenda for further discussion and approval. Mrs Davidson to circulate a list from CALC re how to record assets.	**ID**
30/26	**Approval and signing of Certificate of Exemption 2025/26** - All approved the Certificate of Exemption which was duly signed by Mrs Irving and Mrs Davidson. Mrs Davidson to email to the External Auditor before 30th June 2026. The Internal Audit for 2025/26 was carried out by the internal auditor on 13th May. Mrs Davidson to arrange for the Cert of Exemption and Audit report to be published on the website.	**ID**
31/26	**Approval and signing of Annual Governance Statement 2025/26** - All approved the Annual Governance Statement which was duly signed by Mrs Irving and Mrs Davidson. Mrs Davidson to arrange for the signed statement to be published on the website.	**ID**
32/26	**Approval and signing of Accounting Statements 2025/26.** All approved the Accounting Statements which was duly signed by Mrs Irving and Mrs Davidson. Mrs Davidson to arrange for the signed form to be published on the website. Mrs Davidson to circulate the Agar forms to all Councillors, before the meeting in future.	**ID**
33/26	**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2025.** The minutes were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 9th July 2025.	
34/26	The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 15h April 2026 were approved and signed by Mrs Irving.	
35/26	**Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest.	

36/26	**Public Participation** - No members of the public present.	
37/26	**Ward Councillor's Report** **Beaumont PC's Traffic Regulation's Submission**. Mr Allison confirmed he has submitted Mr Cleminson's updated submission TRO to Abigail Dods, for consideration, as Sophie Wilkinson was not available. He subsequently added his own comments to support the application. Mr Allison is hoping to receive feedback from Abigail by the PC's next meeting in July. **Number Plate Speed Indicator Device** Mr Allison recommended the number plate speed indicator device and suggested the PC purchase a new one to replace the Speed Device in Monkhill. Mr Allison confirmed he would fund 50% of the cost. Mr Allison asked the PC if they could decide by the PC's next meeting in July if this is something they wish to do, so he can assign the funding. Mr Allison to ask for feedback from PCs who have the new device and Mrs Davidson to contact Thurstonfield PC to ask for their feedback.	**TA** **TA/ID**
38/26	**Matters arising from previous meetings.** **16/26 Traffic Regulation Orders Review –** Actioned in Ward Councillor's Report (37/26). CLOSED **110/25 Parish Council Website** update - Mr Cleminson provided the following update, by email, on progress of the website. 'The website is running well with almost 2000 page views to date. Beaumont Parish Hall have subsequently developed their own website and all their information has been transferred. However, they wish to retain the ability to post news and events via the PC website which will ultimately redirect people to the relevant section on their website'. All Councillors agreed to support this. CLOSED. **112/25 Community Governance Review update** - The final proposal submitted by Cumberland Council for Parliamentary approval has been delivered. Disappointingly it did not put forward our proposal. CLOSED	
39/26	**New Matters arising** **18/26 Replacement Gates and Stiles** –ONGOING. **18/26 Approve quotes for new noticeboard for Beaumont** – Mr Cleminson emailed Clerk to suggest keeping the current noticeboard and he will take on the project of replacing the window, unless someone else wants to take this on. He will subsequently ensure it is periodically cleaned. All agreed on this option and decided to keep the noticeboard on its current site. CLOSED **18/26 PC Branding update and approve new noticeboards signs.** Mr Cleminson has designed the new noticeboard sign which includes the logo, a barcode, website and email addresses and reference to our Facebook and Instagram sites. All agreed for Mr Cleminson to go ahead with getting the noticeboard headers printed. Mrs Davidson to contact the Parish Hall Committee to confirm they are still happy for the PC to direct walkers to their new outside toilet. ONGOING	**TG** **AC** **ID**

40/26	CPD – No CPD carried out since last meeting.	
41/26	**Accounts** • The Beaumont Parish Hall Revenue Grant application for hire of a skip and mini digger was approved at £450.00. Beaumont Parish Hall have now received their maximum revenue grant for the current year. • The remittance advice for the precept of £9100 has been received. • All Cllrs agreed to purchase a gift voucher for £30 as a thank you to Mr Thomlinson for carrying out the audit of the PC's books. The following Cheques were raised and approved as follows: 000374 Beaumont Parish Hall Grant Application £450.00 000375 Mrs I Davidson home allow Jan- Mar £ 45.00 000376 Monkhill Methodist Church Room Hire £ 25.00 000377 I Davidson, Salary £333.60	**TG**
42/26	**Clerk Pay Review** – Mrs Irving communicated with all Councillors prior to the meeting regarding the Clerk's pay review. It was agreed that Mrs Davidson should be moved to SCP14 on pay scale, backdated to Dec 2025. CLOSED.	**JI**
43/26	**Rural Funtime** – The playscheme will run on Tues 4th August, Tues 11th August, Tues 18th August and Tues 25th August. Mrs Davidson to contact Burgh by Sands PC for a donation. The daily rate has been reduced to £350 from £420 plus the daily rate for the hall hire. Clerk to confirm with Abbie what the daily charge is. All agreed to keep the cost per day at £10 as advertised on the poster. Mrs Palmer agreed to source funding for the 2027 playscheme.	**ID** **YP**
44/26	**Planning and Decisions.** **<u>Planning Applications</u>** **Proposal:** Erection Of Detached Agriculture Storage Building **Location:** Land Adj Crestfield House, Grinsdale Bridge, CA5 6DR **Appn Ref: 26/0095 .** **The Parish Council made no comments.** **Proposal:** Erection Of Single Storey Side Extension To Provide 2no. Bedrooms & Double Garage **Location**: Croft View, Hosket Hill, CA5 6DN **Appn Ref: 26/0240.** **The Parish Council made no comments.**	
45/26	**Cllrs Reports/Concerns** • Mr Betts reported an incident to Cumberland Council and Hadrian's Wall, where someone defecated in the grounds of St. Mary's Church, Beaumont. • Mr Betts to report that the bin on Beaumont village green is overfilled, to Cumberland Council and will monitor. • Mr Betts confirmed the drain near Manor House has now been cleared by Cumberland Council.	**DB**

	• Mr Dry confirmed that Highways have been out to check where the water on the road is coming from in Monkhill, and they don't think it is coming from a septic tank.	
45/26	**Correspondence** as circulated.	
46/26	**Date of Next Meeting** • The next parish council meeting will be on Wednesday 8th July at 7pm in Beaumont Parish Hall.	

Meeting Closed at 8.11