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**Minutes of Beckermet with Thornhill (BwT) Parish Council  
Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 20 November 2024 commencing at 19.00hrs  
Venue: Thornhill Social Club**

Present: (TB) Tim Barlow (Chairman), (JN) Julie Nugent (Vice Chairperson), (KC) Kath Cook, (EJ) Eric Jewitt, (MS) Michael Slater, (SC) Steve Caddy and (TC) Tina Church (Clerk).

**1 Apologies**

None

**2 To declare any interest in items on the agenda**

None.

**3 Public Participation**

None

**4 Approve the minutes of the BwT PC meeting held on 18 September 2024.  
Review actions from previous meetings.**

The minutes from the September Parish Council meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

The actions were reviewed, updated, closed out or marked as ongoing, as appropriate.

**5 Finance**

November Finance Report

Report noted and items approved for payment.

Approve Clerk's October and November 2024 salary and allowances

**APPROVED**

Approve invoice for grass cutting

**APPROVED** for payment.

Implement new model Financial Regulations

The new Financial Regulations would be reviewed and re-circulated within the next two weeks for discussion and approval at the December meeting.

**ACTION 1: All councillors to bring comments to December meeting**

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**6 Excessive parking of Sellafield employees' cars in Thornhill**

It was reported that the excessive parking in Thornhill, by Sellafield employees, is causing an issue with access to residential properties.

**ACTION 2: TB to raise concerns at the Local Parish Council Forum**

**ACTION 3: TB to include concerns in his e-mail to the local MP**

**7 Crash damage to railings at main road junction - Thornhill**

A car has crashed into the railings resulting in damage which has not been fixed thereby making the area unsafe.

**ACTION 4: SC to provide W3W location to enable the Clerk to report to Highways**

**8 Overgrown weeds and briars on old Thornhill high road**

The whole length of the old road is very overgrown resulting in the road traffic signs, at main junction, being covered, therefore not visible to motorists. There is a possibility that the overgrown area could result in vermin and danger to the children in the village should they play in the vicinity. The whole area is an eyesore.

**ACTION 5: SC to provide W3W location at the start and end of the area to be cut back and tidied to enable Clerk to report to Highways**

**9 Planning Applications**

4/24/2346/OF1 - Fell View, Beckermat

Beckermat with Thornhill Parish Council (BwTPC) has concerns regarding the access, egress and parking relating to this application and future developments in this area eg camping pods.

4/24/2372/OF1 – Sellafield

There are no objections/concerns.

**ACTION 6: Clerk to relay comments, relating to both applications, to the Planning Department**

**10 Policies to Review**

In addition to the policies already agreed and reviewed a list of additional policies, applicable to the Parish Council, has been identified. To ensure consistency in the format of these policies, NALC templates would be used.

**ACTION 7: Clerk to circulate the list to full council and check the cycle of review**

**11 Parish Boundary**

TB raised the issue of Parish Councils lapsing, due to under-representation for smaller parishes and the amalgamation of Parishes in other parts of the country.

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BwTPC is currently operating within the legal quorate requirements for twelve seats but there is a risk that this may change should current Councillors give up their seat.

**ACTION 8: TB to check if the amalgamation of Parish Councils is under review in Cumberland via the Local Copeland Plan**

**ACTION 9: Clerk to Include this item on future agendas on a quarterly basis**

**12 Nuclear Waste Services Letter**

**ACTION 10: TC to re-circulate letter and include on December meeting agenda**

**13 Reports**

20mph speed limit outside Beckermest School and village

Parish Council Chairman has drafted an e-mail to the local MP re provision of smiley face speed deterrents and the 20 mph speed limit.

**ACTION 11: TB to send e-mail as a reminder to MP to raise this issue with Highways**

Sellafield to Seascale Cycle track

No progress made. The cycle track is almost impassible at the moment.

In addition to completing the survey, received from Cumberland Council via CALC on 20 November, TB to join the Expansion of Cumbria Coastal Route 200 meeting on 26 November at Rosehill.

**ACTION 12: TB to reserve a place at the 26 November event**

NDA Funding Update

Cemetery seating, parking and landscaping to be discussed at February 2025 meeting.

**ACTION 13: SC to prepare a proposal by the end of January 2025**

Photos for new website

Additional photos to be taken in Thornhill. All photos to be sent to the website provider to be uploaded to new website.

**ACTION 14: Clerk to take additional photos and check if website photos can be updated in line with the seasons eg Spring**

.gov.uk e-mail addresses

New e-mail addresses to be active from January 2025. The current e-mail addresses to be used in parallel as a back up until the .gov.uk e-mails are fully operational.

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**14 Clerk's Annual Appraisal**

Closed session. Clerk <sup>was</sup> not present in this part of the meeting.

**ACTION 15: Chairman to feedback to Clerk**

**15 Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of BwT Parish Council/Report Minor Matters**

Meetings attended

- MS gave feedback from the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group meeting.
- JN gave feedback from Beckermat in Bloom meeting.
- TC gave feedback from three sessions attended: website training session, planning session and the Clerk's Forum.
- TB attended the new Chair's training session.

Minor Matters

The drain on Braystones Road is still a problem despite repeated reporting to the responsible authority. Two cyclists had come off their bikes due to this issue.

**ACTION 16: Clerk to report again**

JN proposed an electric point be installed in the centre of Beckermat.

JN proposed new bins be purchased for Beckermat.

**16 Recruitment of additional councillors**

BwT PC hope that additional representatives, particularly from Thornhill, will come forward to join the Parish Council.

**17 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting**

Tuesday, 17 December 2024 at 6pm in The Reading Rooms, Beckermat.

**All business concluded, the meeting closed at 21.00hrs.**