

Beetham Parish Council

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Land matters have demanded much attention from the Parish Council over the past year. South Lakeland District Council published its Core Strategy and Land Development Framework documents which required detailed consideration and formal response, involving public meetings, research and analysis. This issue is still in its early stages and is likely to require an increasing amount of time as it develops over the next year or so. Alongside this, the Parish Council has been unable to make much progress with the registration of the several small pockets of land mentioned previously, for most of which an owner has now been identified. However, their protection and preservation, which was the objective of registration, seems to be reasonably assured.

Our Parish Steward has become established as an important contributor to the task of keeping the parish clean, tidy and generally well cared for. Specialist training has extended his range of skills and he provided valuable assistance to the community with gritting during the extended period of bad weather this winter. The separate Highway Steward system, which concentrates on minor highways problems, continues to prove useful.

A new bus shelter, funded by Cumbria County Council, is in process of installation along the B5282 near Carr Bank. This is intended to improve safety of parish residents using the Arnside – Milnthorpe service. Elsewhere in the parish, a project to erect a public information board in Hale is underway, involving members of the community and children from a local primary school.

Our ambition to achieve Quality Parish status for Beetham moved one step nearer with the qualification of our Parish Clerk. A small number of other criteria remain to be satisfied and it is hoped to complete these in the coming year.

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