

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

**Present**:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly; Mrs C Stringer; N Fleming.

**Apologies**:- N/A

**Also present**: No members of the public were present.

**In attendance**. W&F Councillor Dan Edwards.

PC Chloe Dixon, PCSO Michelle Jones, Cumbria Constabulary.

## **87/25 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

## **88/25 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **89/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED: - Councillor Fleming. SECONDED: - Councillor Mrs Stringer.

Carried unanimously.

## **90/25 Matters arising from those minutes.**

None.

### **91/25 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

PC Chloe Dixon reported the following issues affecting the parish:-

Pedestrians on the A590, potentially dangerous: not to be found when police investigated.  
Neighbour dispute; no action needed. Suspected drug/alcohol driving; no action needed.  
Vehicle colliding with telephone pole; no action needed. House fire, Lindal; no action needed.  
Car theft, Lindal; no progress. Care fire, Lindal; no progress.

### **92/25 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

*B28/2025/0306, Removal of 6m of hedge to facilitate entry to field, Tarn Flatt, Marton,*  
It was noted that this small section of hedge was adjacent to an existing gate into a field in which overhead power lines were sited. The proposal would double the size of the gate, making entry of maintenance equipment easier. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly hat the Council make no objection to this application. Carried unanimously.

### **93/25 National Association of Local Councils, NALC, Survey on flooding issues.**

Reference was made to a survey instigated by NALC to assess the concerns which local authorities might have regarding the potential for flooding in their areas. This would enable better planning to be put in place to cope with future issues, given that more extreme weather is likely as a result of climate change. Councillor Fleming had completed the survey in which he had emphasised the importance of appropriate information and advice for residents and landowners regarding the maintenance of drains, culverts etc on individual properties, together with the need for regular maintenance of public drainage facilities by the Westmorland and Furness Council.

It was noted that Mr D Haughian, (see minute 97/25) had taken note of some drains which were blocked and in need of attention.

### **94/25 Heritage programme, update on progress**

Councillor Mrs Glover indicated that progress was being made in loading the computer tablet with historical pictures, together with appropriate titles and descriptions. This would be placed in the Church, alongside the model of the iron-ore mine.

### **95/25 Barrow Town Council, Georgia Stanway's England football success.**

An invitation had been received from Barrow Town Council to join with them, and other local councils, in forming a Working Group to consider what might be a suitable way of recognising the achievement of local resident, Georgia Stanway, in being part of England's Ladies Football team, the recent winners of the European Championship.

The Parish Council was invited to send, perhaps, up to two councillors to participate in discussions and Councillor Fleming offered to represent the council in this regard.

### **96/25 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) W&F Council, support available to help young people travel for education, learning and training. Young people under 19 years of age on 1 September, 2024, and who come from a low-income family and who are in full-time education could qualify for financial assistance with travel costs. W&F Council website gives more details.

### **97/25 St Peter's Church gala. Feedback from W&F Council.**

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Chief Executive of W&F Council regarding the Parish Council's concerns about W&F Council's policy in managing its land. This was specifically in connection with the annual gala held by St Peter's Church on Lindal village green in July when, for the first time, the Church was faced with an involved questionnaire in order to gain a licence for the event, together with certain fees.

As a result, an officer from W&F Council, David Haughian, had recently met the Clerk and Councillors Mrs Glover and Mrs Stringer. He explained the importance of regularising the different systems of land management which W&F Council inherited from the previous councils, emphasising the need to ensure that any activities on W&F's land were conducted safely, so as to avoid the risk of litigation.

However, bearing in mind that a completely new system had been introduced, he recognised that the way this had been handled had caused the Church officials unnecessary stress and confusion in completing the licence application documents. As a result, he would be looking to make the requirements much easier to follow. Hopefully, this would mean simpler forms to be completed, together with the possibility that organisations such as the Church, with a regular activity such as the gala, could be given a five-year licence. In addition, whilst the Church had paid one fee of £35, the outstanding fee of £73 would be cancelled for this year's gala.

### **98/25 Finance**

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £170.60- *Reserve* - £11986.47
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
  - 1) Archie Workman, completion of bus-stop renovation, £72.95.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such payment be duly authorised. Carried unanimously.

### **99/25 Any Other Business.**

- a) Councillor Waite mentioned the following: -
- 1) The hedge around the War Memorial in Marton needed attention. *from the floor*; W&F Councillor Edwards said he would follow this up.
  - 2) The directional signs relating to public footpaths in the parish appear to have been renewed. It was not known which body had been responsible for this work
  - 3) Further road disruption was expected over the coming weekend: it was assumed that this was to complete road markings after recent re-dressing of road surfaces
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly raised the following: -
- 1) There was a problem with the proliferation of weeds in gutters etc throughout the villages: pavements in areas such as adjacent to the Church, were cluttered with fallen twigs and leaves from trees. *from the floor*; W&F Councillor Edwards reported that there was a programme for dealing with weeds and tree debris and he would discuss the matter with the appropriate officers.
  - 2) There were problems in some areas with overgrown hedges from private properties spilling over onto pavements, causing difficulties for pedestrians. Residents need to be aware of their responsibilities in this regard.
  - 3) A drainage grill on the pavement by the crossroads on the A590 is totally blocked. The Clerk would raise this with Highways.
  - 4) There were concerns re advertisements in the parish magazine “Aspects”, with one client cancelling their arrangement. The fees for such adverts form an important part of the income needed to produce “Aspects” and it was recognised that there was a need to encourage traders etc to advertise their companies and products in the magazine.
- c) The Clerk referred to the on-going problem of installing a Speed Indicator Device – SID – adjacent to LAMPS, the school on Pit Lane. The latest information regarding this requirement was that Highways was still working on a safety scheme outside the school which would need to be completed before any SID could be installed.
- d) The Clerk confirmed that, after pressure from local W&F officers, information had finally been received from the W&F department dealing with the problem of flooding on Snipe Ghyll. It would seem that *“the issues on the site are complex and involve several factors that are interlinked at several levels.*  
The officer concerned is still investigating the matter, taking into account current regulations and the views of the local residents who are immediately concerned.

### **86/25 Date and time of next meeting.**

The date and time of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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