

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Councillors:- A Waite (462922) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mrs S Kelly (465343) Mrs C Stringer (464781) N Fleming (466040)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd July 2025 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly

Also present: Two members of the public were present.

In attendance. W&F Councillor Dan Edwards. Apologies from Cumbria Constabulary.

76/25 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

77/25 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

78/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th June, 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th June 2025, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

79/25 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 70/25 (c) The Clerk pointed out that the reference to the Candle Factory being within Pennington parish was wrong, this facility being within the Lindal and Marton parish

- b) 70/25 (c) *From the floor*, a local resident expressed concern about the suggestions for housing developments within the parish. In reply, the Clerk emphasised that meaningful discussions at the present time would be irrelevant because, as had been stated, the list of sites was simply a summary of the suggestions put forward some months ago by the community at large at the request of W&F Council. Such Council was NOT looking for any comments at this juncture but will complete a comprehensive assessment of the proposals over the coming months and those thought to be viable will be put to the public for consideration. Final decisions regarding suitable sites will be made by W&F Council in accordance with current regulations.

80/25 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

No officers were in attendance: the following information had been received.

2 x road traffic collisions.

1 x vehicle break-in. (parked on the A590, in the bus lay-by opposite Anchor Gardens)

1 x domestic incident

81/25 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

82/25 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.

- b) Correspondence had been received from Westmorland and Furness Council advising that W&F Council was looking for comments from the general public as to how it should develop its parking policy in future, ensuring that there was one policy as opposed to the three variable policies inherited from the predecessor councils of Barrow, South Lakeland and Eden.

W&F Council had no responsibility for any parking areas within Lindal and Marton and there was neither available space nor a specific demand for any such parking provision. No action or comment was proposed by the Parish Council.

The consultation period is open until 18 July 2025 and residents can make their views known by contacting www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

83/25 Finance

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £170.28- *Reserve* - £11987.72

NB. £632.58 received as VAT refund (mainly Heritage project expenditure)

- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.

None

84/ 25 Heritage programme. Update on progress.

Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that steady progress was being made in completing this project.

85/25 Any Other Business.

- 1) The Clerk reported on a notification from the Highways Department that surface dressing works involving Pit Lane in Lindal/Marton were scheduled to commence on Sunday (sic) 13th July. It was hoped that appropriate advice etc re car parking would be made available to residents beforehand.
- 2) Reference was made to a resident of Kirkby having been traced as being responsible for fly-tipping on Pencil Lane, Marton. He was issued with a standard penalty charge of £250.
- 3) Councillor Mrs Glover commented on the recent gala organised by St Peter's Church, Lindal, which took place on Lindal village green. Whilst this had been a successful event, she expressed the concerns of the Parochial Church Council regarding the burdens placed upon such voluntary bodies in having to deal with the bureaucratic requirements, and financial demands, from the body responsible for the green, W&F Council. It was agreed that W&F Council be advised of the Parish Council's disquiet over the use of a basic parish amenity being suddenly subject to over-the-top administrative requirements.
- 4) Councillor Mrs Stringer reported on the cost of producing the parish newsletter, Aspects of Lindal and Marton. This was currently £120 per month, for 10 months of the year, and covered every household in the parish. It was funded by income from advertisements, together a grant from the parish council, currently some £400 per annum. It was agreed that such arrangements should continue.

86/25 Date and time of next meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday 7th August, 2025, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

(Council meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes can be supplied by email to any resident on request and similarly, they can be seen, along with other documents, on the community website, www.lindal-in-furness.co.uk)