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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th June 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: Two members of the public were present.

In attendance. W&F Councillor Dan Edwards.

64/25 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

65/25 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

66/25 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 1st May, 2025

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 1st May 2025, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

67/25 Matters arising from those minutes.

None.

68/25 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

No officers were in attendance: no information had been received.

69/25 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

70/25 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) Westmorland & Furness Council has launched a consultation on the way in which waste materials should be collected. This is in order to bring the different arrangements currently in place within the old Barrow Borough, South Lakeland and Eden Councils into line so that all residents have the same service. This is clearly a subject for individual householders to consider, with the Parish Council refraining from expressing a view. To that end, W&F Council has made available a survey on-line, www.surveymonkey.com/r/wasteoptions which all residents are invited to complete if they so wish. In addition, there will be drop-in sessions to discuss the issues in Barrow Market on Friday, 13 June, and Ulverston Market on Thursday, 19 June.
- c) W&F Council has now published a list of sites which have been put forward by landowners or other interested parties as suitable for housing development (or for employment use or quarrying/waste disposal), following an appeal for suggestions made last year.

Insofar as this parish is concerned, one field in Marton has been mentioned, opposite Silver Street; fields in Lindal either side of Pit Lane; fields either side of Pennington Lane (NB The field on the Ulverston side of Pennington Lane lies within Pennington Parish.) In addition, a field (in Pennington Parish) opposite Bank Terrace on the A590, between the road and the railway line, has been suggested as suitable for “mixed use” – presumably housing and employment use. Similarly, the Candle Factory (Pennington Parish) shows a suggested a site for “employment use”.

W&F Council will be giving full consideration to the suggestions over the summer and, if and when individual sites are considered to be appropriate, will then be asking for opinions from the parish council and the general public.

Until then, no comments are required.

Details re the maps showing the sites can be found on-line at:-

Westmorland and Furness call for sites 2024.

Housing and employment sites.

(Copies will be on the parish notice boards – space permitting).

- d) W&F Council and “Green Doctor Cumbria” have government funds to help provide advice regarding heating systems, mould and damp problems, etc, together with FREE light bulbs, clothes lines and pegs, radiator foil and carbon monoxide alarms. Details can be found by telephoning 0800 089 2814.

71/25 Finance

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £170.28- *Reserve* - £11355.14
b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
1) Barry Anderson, printer repairs, £35
2) Archie Workman, maintenance, £155.95.

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

72/ 25 Heritage programme. Update on progress.

Councillor Mrs Glover, together with Councillor Fleming, gave a summary of the current situation regarding the Heritage Programme which currently involved collating a considerable number of documents and photographs relating to the Church and the surrounding mining history. This was to enable such material to be displayed on a computer tablet, to be displayed in the Church, with a printed booklet also being part of the development.

It was pointed out that matters had been delayed because of the need to attend to storm damage to the area in the Church where the items would be displayed.

73/25 Lindal Village Green. W&F Council’s ownership and rules of use.

Reference was made to a recent enquiry from the PTA and parents of children at Lindal school, LAMPS, about the availability of the Village Green for an end-of-term fete. The organisers were considering hiring a bouncy castle as part of the entertainment, with this leading to discussions with W&F Council, the formal owners of the Green, as to the appropriateness of such an idea. The outcome has been that the applicants need to complete application forms for W&F Council in order to confirm that all health and safety considerations will be met. There will also be financial burdens relating to fees.

It was noted that the organisers of the annual Church Fete are having to go through the same process as well.

Whilst the Parish Council viewed this as being a rather unfortunate bureaucratic development, it fully understood the concerns about bouncy castles and the like and the - albeit minimal – risk of accidents. It was noted that such considerations apply to all land owned by W&F Council, e.g., the parks in Lindal and Marton. However, there had been reassurances that ordinary play activities on such areas would not be subject to any restrictions or changes in procedures.

74/25 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Stringer referred to the Lindal and Marton parks and the need for grass-cutting. The Clerk confirmed that he had been in touch with the W&F officer concerned who had explained that a change of contractor had created a few temporary difficulties which were in the process of being resolved.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly expressed concern over speeding traffic, with reference to examples on the A590 through Lindal. The question of speeding on Pit Lane, past the school, was also mentioned, with *from the floor*, W&F Councillor Edwards indicating that he would pursue the outstanding matters of 20 mph roundels for the road surface as well as the SID, Speed Indicator Device, planned for that area.
- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked about the previous suggestion of road humps being provide on Pit Lane, in the vicinity of the school, the Clerk confirming the information provided at the May meeting, in that W&F Council would be assessing such a request in due course.

75 /25 Date and time of next meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday 5th June, 2025, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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