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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th March 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: One member of the public was present.

In attendance. W&F Councillor Dan Edwards.

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

Planning application, County matter, *Completion of work in relation to the bunds and associated landscaping work regarding the working area for Tony Brown Aggregates. Diamond Yard, Lindal.*

It was AGREED that, whilst the site was outside the Parish boundary, this matter could be discussed, under item 11 of the Agenda, Planning applications relating to the Parish

26/25 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

27/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th February 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th February, 2025, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

28/25 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 23/25 The Clerk confirmed that he had approached W&F Council to determine the latest position regarding flooding on Snipe Ghyll. He reported that no further progress had been made in resolving this problem.

NB. In the context of W&F Council attending to highways issues, councillor Waite referred to repairs being undertaken on the Marton to Lindal road, where it would seem that particular attention was being paid to the flooding issues at the Broken Bridge area.

29/25 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

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

30/25 Heritage Programme. Update on current position.

The difficulties being experienced in bringing this project to a conclusion were discussed and it was AGREED that every effort would be made to ensure that the matter was concluded by 30 June 2025.

31/25 Requirement for a Sexual Harassment Policy

Advice had been received from the Cumbria Association of Local Councils, CALC, regarding the need for all councils to have in place a Sexual Harassment Policy, a follow-up to the Equality Act, 2010. CALC had provided a suggested policy document which could be adapted by individual councils as appropriate and, following discussion, it was AGREED that the model provided by CALC should be adopted by the Council.

The Clerk would provide a copy for all members, to include the Council's full title.

32/25 Electric vehicle charging points.

Further information had been received from W&F Council on the subject of EV charging points. The Parish Council's suggestion re sites on Pit Lane had been considered inappropriate because of inadequate power supplies, whilst the use of the layby on the A590, by the west-bound bus stop was yet to be fully considered.

A reassessment of Pit Lane by W&F Council now appeared to confirm that there was, in fact, adequate power and that such sites would be given full consideration.

Other sites had been mentioned by W&F Council ie., outside the Buccleuch Hall and the Railway Inn. However, the Parish Council felt that these were unsuitable and could not be supported.

33/25 Fire, Tytup Smallholdings.

The Tytup Smallholdings site, which had been the subject of a planning application very recently, had experienced a fire on the evening of Saturday, 15th February 2025 which needed the fire brigade to attend. Whilst allegations had been made in the past about possible illegal burning of waste on this site, the W&F planning officer involved with the planning application had been assured that the site had been unoccupied on this particular occasion, with the site owner having no knowledge of the circumstances. As a consequence, the matter had been reported to the Police.

34/25 Planning applications relating to the Parish

See minute 25/25, above. *Completion of work in relation to bunds and associated landscaping work, Tony Brown Aggregates.*

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council offer no objection to this application. Carried unanimously.

36/25 Correspondence.

- 1) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- 2) The Clerk reported on a visit scheduled in May for this area by Mrs Sam Plum, the Chief Executive of W&F Council. Ward councillors Ben Shirley and Dan Edwards would be briefing Mrs Plum on issues affecting the Dalton, Askam and Lindal areas. Reference was made to the disgraceful appearance of the A590, from Lindal to Barrow, in respect of litter, despite many appeals having been made to W&F officers for the matter to be attended to. It was hoped that Mrs Plum would be appraised of local concerns re this matter.
- 3) Emergency Planning workshops. It was noted that an on-line workshop covering the subject of planning for emergencies in local areas would be held on Wednesday, 12th March, at 6.30 pm.
- 4) Parish Council elections. W&F Council had approved changes to the local government electoral cycle to enable W&F Council and all Town and Parish councils to hold their elections at the same time, in the same year. Councils like Lindal and Marton, who were scheduled to have elections in May, 2026, would now have such elections deferred until May, 2027, to coincide with the scheduled elections for W&F Council, with councils due to hold elections in 2028 having these brought forward to 2027.
- 5) Discretionary housing payments and financial support re food and energy bills. Notices regarding both these topics had already been placed on the parish council's notice boards, because of the tight time scale for applications, advising residents of

the availability of financial help from W&F Council for those in receipt of certain benefits. The appropriate telephone number is 0300 373 3300.

37/25 War memorials, Lindal and Marton.

The Clerk confirmed that six plastic plant troughs had now been received as a result of a donation from the BAE work-force. Three would be placed at the Lindal War Memorial and three at the Marton Memorial. The Clerk would write to the organisers to express the Parish Council's thanks for their generosity.

38/25 Finance

- 1) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £169.78- *Reserve* - £7100.34
- 2) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
 - a) Archie Workman, maintenance, £80.
 - b) Cumbria Community Foundation, Winter Warmth Fund, £200.
 - c) Councillor Fleming, spares for Defibrillator, Buccleuch Hall, £105.53.
 - d) Woodhouse Plant Engineers, transport of Christmas Tree to Lindal, £120
 - e) Buccleuch Hall, donation, Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, £300.
 - f) Buccleuch Hall, annual rent for Council meetings, £360.
 - g) "Aspects of Lindal and Marton", donation towards costs, £400.
 - h) J Smith, Clerk, half-year honorarium, £300.
 - i) J Smith, Clerk, petty cash, kiosk expenses, Marton Christmas Tree, £127.
 - j) J Bentley, internal auditor, £50

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

39/25 Any Other Business.

- a) *From the floor*, A local resident drew attention to the problem of speeding vehicles on Pit Lane, in the vicinity of the school, despite there being a 20 mph limit in that area. He asked whether speed humps could be provided in an attempt to slow down such vehicles. After discussion it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that W&F Highways department be approached with a request that such speed humps be installed in that area. Carried unanimously.
From the floor, W&F Councillor Edwards confirmed that he would raise the matter as well.
- b) Councillor Mrs Glover mentioned the forthcoming 80th anniversary of VE Day, (the ending of the Second World War in 1945) and whether the Council should be involved in organising any celebrations. No suggestions were made, the matter being left in abeyance.

40/25 Date and time of next meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 3rd April, 2025, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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