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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th November 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:- PC Chloe Dixon, Cumbria Constabulary.

Also present: No members of the public were present.

In attendance. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Dan Edwards.

114/25 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. B21/2025/0448. 3 Snipe Gill Cottages, Single story extension.
It was Agreed that this matter could be discussed under item 7 of the Agenda, "Planning applications relating to the Parish".

115/25 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None relating to the Agenda - but see minute no.119/25 (1)

116/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd October 2025, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

117/25 Matters arising from those minutes.

112/25. Councillor Waite reported that white lines had now been provided on the roads.

118/25 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PC Chloe Dixon had submitted her apologies but had also supplied details of the following issue affecting the parish: -

October:- "car parked in a dangerous position and the owner was reported for that offence."

119/25 Planning applications relating to the Parish

1) (See minute 114/25, above) *B18/2025/0425 Land off Pit Lane, Lindal, construction of a 290 sqm agricultural building on a section of land off Pit Lane for agricultural use.*

NB. Councillor Waite declared an interest in that his daughter's house was not far from the proposed site of the agricultural building. He took no part in the discussions.

Members expressed some concern at the impact the development could have on relatively open country in that it would be a substantial industrial-style building standing in isolation separated from anything similar.

In addition, it was felt that any approval of the application should be accompanied by a requirement to create sufficient opening into the field from Pit Lane, a narrow country lane, so as to facilitate the safe movement of any HGV's and other agricultural equipment.

Nevertheless, members recognized the difficulties being experienced by the applicant insofar as her existing buildings in the heart of Lindal village were concerned. It was also noted that the proposal could mean a reduction in HGVs and the like having to negotiate the congested area around Lindal village green.

As a consequence, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that the Council confirm that, whilst it had reservations about the proposed location of the building, it would not object to the application.

The PROPOSAL was CARRIED, with 3 in favour and 1 abstention (plus 1 taking no part)

2) *B21/2025/0448. 3 Snipe Gill Cottages, Marton. Single-story rear extension forming extended kitchen and dining area, study and relocated utility and bathroom, shower and store and raising of outbuilding roof.*

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

120/25 Use of Westmorland and Furness Land. Update on procedural changes.

The Clerk reported on further information from W&F Council regarding the requirements for a licence for events taking place on W&F land. A draft on-line application form is being prepared and Councillor Mrs Glover has agreed to assess this before it is approved for general use.

121/25 W&F Council. Community Governance Review

W&F Council has a duty to conduct an assessment, at regular intervals, of the electoral arrangements involving Town and Parish Councils in its area, a Community Governance Review. This is to ensure that such arrangements reflect any changes within the community regarding population increases and the like which might suggest the need to alter Parish boundaries, numbers of Councillors etc.

Members were aware of the circumstances surrounding the need for rationalisation of electoral areas, not the least being the appreciation that Lindal and Marton only comprised around 700 electors, a very small number in comparison to other councils. Nevertheless, it was a strongly held view that the limited size of the Parish was a distinct advantage in that Councillors felt close to those who they represented and that any absorption into a larger organisation, by merging with one or more adjacent Councils, would be detrimental to their desire to serve the local community.

It was the unanimous feeling that there should be no change to the existing arrangements, with the Clerk making these sentiments known to the appropriate authorities.

122/25 Flooding emergencies.

W&F Council has reminded local Councils of the need to assess the potential for flooding in their areas and whether special precautions are needed. In that context, it has drawn attention to the availability of new-style “sand bags” which are lightweight flood sacks filled with absorbent gel beads, as well as items such as flood gates etc. Further information was awaited regarding the new “sand bags” although there were logistical questions regarding the purchasing and storage of equipment should the Parish Council become involved to any extent

However, it was thought that the potential for substantial flooding was limited within the Parish, the main concerns being centred around blocked drains, and *from the floor*; W&F Councillor Edwards confirmed that he would pursue the question of ensuring appropriate drain cleaning was carried out.

123/25 Heritage programme, update on progress

Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that steady progress was being maintained to have everything completed by mid-2026, to coincide with the Church’s anniversary.

124/25 . Digital and Data Compliance. (Email management: website compliance: data protection: IT policy)

The Clerk reported on the establishment of the Council’s own web-site with steps being taken to create new email addresses for all Councillors, Councillor Fleming indicating his willingness to liaise with Parish On-line, the organisation involved with these developments, to ensure the smooth introduction of the new arrangements.

The Clerk also confirmed that the Council was now re-registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (re-registration due to the latter's failings) and that a Data Protection Registration Certificate had now been issued.

Arrangements were also in hand to up-load various Council policies to the new web-site.

125/25 Correspondence.

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

126/25 Finance

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £171.05 *Reserve* - £10919.30
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
 - 1) J Smith, Clerk, Contribution towards new printer @50% = £160.
 - 2) British Legion, 2 poppy wreaths @£20 = £40.
 - 3) Parish On-line, initial payment re new web-site and email addresses, £312.
 - 4) Information Commissioner Registration fee, (via direct debit) £47.

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

127/25 Any Other Business.

None.

128/25 Date and time of next meeting.

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

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