

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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:-** Westmorland and Furness Councillor, Dan Edwards.  
PC Chloe Dixon, Cumbria Constabulary.

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

**In attendance.** N/A

## **101/25 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

## **102/25 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **103/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7 August, 2025**

*NB The meeting scheduled for Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled due to the indisposition of the Clerk.*

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7 August 2025, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

#### **104/25 Matters arising from those minutes.**

99/25 (a) Councillor Waite commented on the lack of attention to the hedge around the War Memorial in Marton which W&F Councillor Edwards had said he would follow up. The Clerk would contact Councillor Edwards.

#### **105/25 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

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

August: - *"2 x concern with manner of driving on A590.*

*1 x concern for welfare regarding a visitor to the village.*

*1 x neighbour dispute/harassment which was investigated but no substantial evidence was found for a conviction.*

*2 x RTC (Road Traffic Collision) on Ulverston Road no injuries."*

September: - *"2 x female prosecuted for driving without insurance.*

*1 x notification to Police of a minor road traffic collision.*

*1 x theft of pedal cycle.*

*1 x road traffic collision one vehicle following medical episode."*

#### **106/25 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

*B28/2025/0386. Reduce 4 Sycamore trees, subject to Tree Preservation Order, by less than 30%. Church Cottage, Lindal.*

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

#### **107/25 Meeting held on 20 August with local MP, Michelle Scrogam**

The Clerk reported on a meeting held with the local MP, Michelle Scrogam, in the Buccleuch Hall on Wednesday, 20 August 2025, at the behest of Mrs Scrogam, with Councillors Mrs Stringer and Mrs Glover attending with the Clerk. The meeting was intended to be an open one with members of the public but due to security concerns which had interfered with publicising the event, no other persons were in attendance.

A varied discussion took place and Mrs Scrogam touched upon a wide range of issues, both local and national in which she was involved.

#### **108/25 Heritage programme, update on progress**

Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that steady progress was being made in creating the historical exhibition in St Peter's Church, based on the existing model of an iron ore pit-head. Reference was made to the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Church, in 2026, when it was anticipated that the extended exhibition would also be fully completed.

**109/25 CALC. Digital and Data Compliance. (Email management: website compliance: data protection: IT policy)**

Advice had been received from CALC, Cumbria Association of Local Councils, regarding the need to ensure that local councils were in full compliance with a range of requirements which would apply to the Annual Governance and Accountability returns (ie., the Annual Accounts) for the financial year ending 31 March 2026.

- a) Email addresses used by the council, its staff and councillors, for all council business must be of the “gov.uk” style and personal email addresses should not be used.
- b) The council must have its own dedicated website instead of using the village website.
- c) The council must be registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office and have a data protection policy.
- d) The council must have an Information Technology policy.

The Clerk reported on an approach from a not-for-profit organisation, to all town and parish councils, whereby that organisation would take on responsibility for items (a) and (b) above at a cost much cheaper than normal commercial concerns. After detailed discussion it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that such offer be accepted, the Clerk to make arrangements as appropriate. Carried unanimously.

**110/25 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) W&F Council, Warm Home discount. A reminder from W&F Council that households in receipt of means-tested benefits are eligible for a discount of £150 off energy bills. Applicants should contact their energy supplier.

**111/25 Finance**

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £170.74 *Reserve* - £11229.18
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
  - 1) Archie Workman, completion of bus-stops renovation, £181.99
  - 2) J Smith, Clerk, half-yearly honorarium, £300
  - 3) J Smith, Clerk, petty cash £53.27.

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

### **112/25 Any Other Business.**

- a) Councillor Waite commented on the outstanding need for white lines, following the recent resurfacing of Pit Lane. The Clerk undertook to follow this up.
- b) Councillor Waite reported on concerns expressed by the Marton resident responsible for looking after the library kiosk in that a considerable number of books appear to have been removed, with a suspicion that they might be offered for sale via the internet. The matter was noted, with the hope that more information might be forthcoming in the future.
- c) Councillor Mrs Stringer referred to the annual Pensioners' Christmas Party, organised by local volunteers, and her concerns regarding escalating costs. Reassurances were given that the Parish Council would continue to subsidise the event, as in previous years.
- d) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to developments which appeared to be taking place on land in the Whinfield area. It was confirmed that such land was not within the Parish boundary and details of any planning application etc would be referred to Pennington Parish for consideration.
- e) A news release from W&F Council indicated that the Council intended to create a Tenant Engagement Strategy for liaising with its council house tenants in respect of repairs, maintenance etc and any changes in policies. Details can be sought by contacting 07929 850 262 or [housing@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:housing@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk) Comments must be returned by Friday, 10 October.
- f) The Clerk commented on the continual difficulties with his printer, as evidenced by previously approved repair costs, indicating the probability that this would need to be replaced. Such concerns were noted, with the Clerk left to make appropriate decisions.

### **113/25 Date and time of next meeting.**

The date and time of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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