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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, 4th December 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: No members of the public were present.

In attendance. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Dan Edwards. PC Chloe Dixon; PCSO Robbie Nevinson.

129/25 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None

130/25 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

131/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th November, 2025

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

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

Carried unanimously.

132/25 Matters arising from those minutes.

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133/25 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PC Chloe Dixon supplied details of the following issues affecting the parish: -

- a) A missing child, subsequently found. No problems.
- b) Common assault. No action.

134/25 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B18/2025, Tytup Smallholdings, Tytup. construction of a crop clamp/midden store for agricultural use.*

Councillors expressed their concerns over the construction of further buildings on this site, bearing in mind the history of alleged unauthorised developments in recent years and the distress and inconvenience this has caused for neighbours. It was suggested that there was a danger that the site could become overdeveloped when taking into account that it was in a quiet rural area and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Parish Council refrain from making any recommendation regarding this application. Westmorland and Furness Council's planning officers could then use their professional judgement as to the merits of the application. Carried unanimously.

- b) *B28/2025/0463, Land adjacent to Maidenlands Tarn Cattery, Tarn Flatt, Marton. Removal of less than 6m of hedgerow to facilitate work to overhead powerline.*

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

135/25 Heritage programme, update on progress

Councillor Mrs Glover indicated that, whilst steady progress was being made, there was nothing specific to be reported at this stage.

136/25 . Digital and Data Compliance. (Email management: website compliance: data protection: IT policy)

Councillor Fleming reported on his contacts with Parish On-line, the organisation currently involved in creating the revised Council web-site and email addresses. He was intending to brief Council members on the practical implications of using the new systems but was not yet in a position to do so. It was hoped that this could be done at the next meeting.

136/25 Emergency Community Hubs

The Clerk referred to information from Cumbria Local Resilience Forum regarding the suggestion that councils might wish to consider the establishment of an Emergency Hub within their areas. Such Hubs would be a building which would serve as an emergency shelter where members of the community could gather in the event of an incident. During discussion, it was felt that there were too many unanswered questions as to how this

would work and that there could be financial implications. It was, therefore, decided that the matter should be left in abeyance until further information and advice was received.

137/25 Correspondence.

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

138/25 Finance

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £171.17 *Reserve* - £10600.45
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
 - 1) Mr D Stringer, repairs to notice board, Marton, £126.77
 - 2) Mr J Smith, Clerk, petty cash, £80.46, (kiosk payments, printer paper and inks.)
 - 3) Information Commissioner Registration fee, (via direct debit) £47.
NB This direct debit was reported as being charged to the Council in October but it failed due to technical problems.

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

139/25 Any Other Business.

- a) Information had been received from the candle factory, Wax Lyrical, to the effect that the company had installed a defibrillator which was accessible and available for use by the general community. The Clerk had conveyed the Council's appreciation for this development.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to a query from a local resident as to whether the annual Christmas Tree, sited in the middle of Lindal village green, could be re-sited to be nearer the War Memorial. It was thought that this was impractical.
- c) The Clerk reported on information from a resident of property in The Plantation, off Pit Lane, Lindal, who was intent on giving attention to his section of the woodland, removing trees which had problems such as Ash dieback and generally tidying up unwanted undergrowth. He was doing this in conjunction with the Forestry Commission/
Councillor Fleming, who was also a resident in The Plantation, confirmed his agreement with the proposals. It was also pointed out that the trees all had Tree Preservation Orders and that any intention to remove them would be subject to a planning application which would come to the Parish Council for comment.

140/25 Date and time of next meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting, was AGREED as **Thursday, 8th January, 2026, in St Peter's Church, Lindal. 7.30 pm.**

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