

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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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, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 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.

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

**In attendance.** Westmorland and Furness Councillor Dan Edwards.

Mark Hammond, W&F Council Highways Department.

Joe Murray, QPM, "Neighbourhood Alert".

Mrs Sue Wareing, Lindal Moor Bowling Club.

NB. Items 11 and 13 (c) of the agenda, (minutes 25/26 and 27/26 (c) ) were considered out of their order to facilitate the earlier departure of Mr Murray and Mrs Wareing.

## **16/26 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None

## **17/26 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **18/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

### **19/26 Matters arising from those minutes.**

6/26. PC Chloe Dixon had contacted the various residents whose cars might have been blocking sight-lines of other residents wishing to access the A590 from their properties. Advice had been given regarding appropriate parking.

### **20/26 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

PC Chloe Dixon was unable to attend the meeting but had supplied the following information regarding incidents during the last month:-

*“1 report of manner of driving. Officers attended and spoke with occupant regarding their manner of driving.*

*1 concern for welfare, located safe and well.*

*1 fraud- under investigation.”*

### **21/26 Attendance of Officer from W&F Highways Department.**

Mark Hammond, Local Area Network Manager, from Westmorland and Furness Council Highways Department, introduced himself and explained that he would occasionally attend local council meetings to keep abreast of any issues which were of concern.

During discussions, the question of litter on the A590 was raised, with Mr Hammond explaining that, whilst responsibility for this road lay with National Highways, the litter-clearing was out-sourced to private contractors and that work was currently underway from the A590's junction with the M6 through to Barrow.

However, such responsibility ended at the Park Road roundabout, with W&F Council responsible for the rest of the road into Barrow. The cleaning of this section was then mentioned, with councillors expressing their concern that it appeared to be still left to a private individual, acting in a voluntary capacity, to litter-pick, with W&F Council apparently happy with this situation. Mr Hammond agreed that this was not satisfactory, this mainly due to staff shortages in the street cleansing department.

Councillor Waite commented on the lack of a grit bin at the Y-junction on Pit Lane, half-way up the hill to Marton, with Mr Hammond confirming that sites for such equipment had to be assessed for matters like hill gradients and that the site in question did not fulfil the criteria. He emphasised that any concerns regarding icing-up etc, should be reported via W&F's website.

Mr Hammond also commented on the outstanding issues associated with Snipe Gill and the problems with flooding, ice, gravel etc., pointing out that discussions with the landowner and other interested bodies were still on-going.

## **22/26 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

*None.*

## **23/26 Heritage programme, update on progress**

Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that further work had been done in completing the outstanding items regarding the Heritage Programme.

## **24/26 Digital and Data Compliance. (Email management: introduction of new email addresses and Council website: explanations by Councillor Fleming.**

Councillor Fleming confirmed that the Council was compliant with the current requirements for policy documents etc to be publicly available on the Council's new website (*lindalmartonparish.gov.uk*). He also referred to the need for all councillors, and the Clerk, to ensure that all email correspondence relating to the Council used the new *gov.uk* email addresses. It was agreed that a separate meeting would be appropriate to enable Councillor Fleming to facilitate the introduction of the new arrangements.

## **25/26 Telephone landlines, changeover to digital. Explanations by "Neighbourhood Alert".**

Mr Joe Murray explained that "Neighbourhood Alert" (also known as Neighbourhood Watch) was working with British Telecom, BT, to ensure all households were aware of BT's plans to change its telephone landline service from analogue to digital, planned to become effective from January 2027. Landlines themselves will remain and nobody will be disconnected.

Information about what households will need to do can be sought from BT's Conversation Starter Pack, using [www.bt.com/about/all-ip/connected-together](http://www.bt.com/about/all-ip/connected-together) or by telephoning 0330 1234 150. Alternatively, if extra support is needed, the landline provider should be contacted.

Mr Murray also mentioned the possible availability of special battery-operated phones for use in an emergency, such as a power cut. Further information was promised.

## **26/26 Correspondence**

- a) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) A Report from Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the Community Governance Review summarised the various recommendations which had been received about the need to reassess council ward boundaries, numbers of councillors etc. This had been discussed by the Parish Council in November, 2025. when it had decided that, insofar as Lindal and Marton's arrangements were concerned, it was

happy with the *status quo*, with W&F Council being advised accordingly. (minute 121/25, November 2025)

It was noted from the Report that Pennington Council had suggested that some minor adjustments should be made regarding the boundary between Lindal and Marton and Pennington parishes. This would involve the properties in both Bank Terrace on the A590 and those on the eastern side of East View in Lindal transferring from Pennington into Lindal parish.

However, further information had been received from W&F listing the suggestions which were now being recommended to W&F's full Council for approval and it was noted that only the properties in East View were being proposed as suitable for transfer.

The suggestion to move the parish boundary, currently running down East View, to the eastern side of the properties, was thought to be logical and was welcomed but surprise was expressed at the removal of Bank Terrace from these proposals. The original recommendations incorporated a plan showing a rough triangle of land bounded by East View, Pennington Lane, Lindal Moor Road and the railway line, such land being transferred from Pennington Parish to Lindal and Marton Parish. In addition to the houses, the land also included Lindal's bowling and cricket clubs which are part of Lindal's social make-up and clearly part of the village.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that, despite there being little, if any, practical implications in these moves, W&F Council be asked to reconsider its proposals so that a more coherent acknowledgement of Lindal village's boundaries be recognised by the inclusion of the land and properties originally recommended in the first consultation issued on 15 January 2026. Carried unanimously.

## **27/26 Finance**

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £171.32 *Reserve* - £8805.90
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
  - 1) Lakeland Thinnings, supply of Christmas Tree, Lindal, £200.
  - 2) Optech Fibres, Lindal Christmas Tree, erection, lighting, disposal etc, £1176.
  - 3) St Peter's Church, use of premises, January parish council meeting, £30.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that such payments be approved. Carried unanimously.

- c) Request for financial assistance re mowing machine, Lindal Bowling Club.  
Mrs Susan Wareing, on behalf of the Club, gave a brief summary of the Club and its activities, together with information about its equipment renewal requirements, in particular, a specialised mowing machine. Whilst the Club was able to fund most of

this item and its accessories, it was finding it difficult to fund one specific accessory, a brushing cassette, priced at £269.99, including vat.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the sum of £269.99 be granted as a donation to the Bowling Club. Carried unanimously.

d) Budget and precept for 2026/27.

Reference was made to the summary of the Council's financial situation, details of which having previously been circulated to members. It was AGREED that, having taken into account the estimated needs for the coming financial year, the cash to be requested via the council tax, the precept, should remain the same as the current year, ie. £5,000

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that W&F Council be so advised. Carried unanimously.

### **28/26 Any Other Business**

a) Councillor Waite reported on what seemed to be another example of books being taken – not borrowed – from the library kiosk in Lindal, the suspicion being that, because they were of almost-new condition, they were being sold elsewhere. It was AGREED that rubber stamps should be sought, for both kiosks, so that quality items could be endorsed “Property of Lindal and Marton Parish Council”

b) Councillor Mrs Stringer commented on the difficulties which were being experienced in ensuring that all properties in the parish, particularly scattered and isolated ones, received their copies of the parish magazine, “Aspects”, because of a shortage of volunteers to make deliveries.

It was accepted that this situation could be on-going and it was, therefore confirmed that “Aspects” would be uploaded to the parish website as an additional form of distribution.

### **29/26 Date and time of next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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