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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8th January 2026 at 7.30 pm. in St Peter's Church, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly; Mrs C Stringer.

Apologies:- Councillor N Fleming.. PC Chloe Dixon.

Also present: Two members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

In attendance. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Dan Edwards.

1/26 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None

2/26 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

3/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th December, 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th December 2025, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

4/26 Matters arising from those minutes.

None

5/26 Any Other Business.

The two members of the public present (local residents) wished to raise a concern. The Chairman agreed to hear their problem in advance of the scheduled time for AOB.

The residents lived on the main road, the A590, and often experienced difficulties in accessing the A590 with their car because of vehicles parked outside their property and hindering their view of oncoming traffic. *From the floor*, W&F Councillor Edwards took details and offered to raise the matter with the appropriate authorities.

The residents then left the meeting.

6/26 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PC Chloe Dixon was unable to attend the meeting but had supplied the following details of issues which had occurred in the parish: -

1 criminal damage (low value) which was dealt with by the control room.

1 manner-of- driving report.

1 domestic related incident (no crimes).

1 road traffic collision. Car drove into parked vehicle.

7/26 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B18/2025/0349 Tytup Smallholdings, Tytup. Erection of a builder's store on an existing builder's yard.

NB. This application was a resubmission of the same application submitted in September, 2025. It was not considered by the Parish Council at that time due to the cancellation of the September Council meeting. However, further information had subsequently been sought from the applicant by the W&F planning department, resulting in a new submission with additional information.

Councillors were mindful of another planning application, for a crop clamp/midden store, which was discussed at the December meeting and when it was decided to refrain from making a decision, leaving it to the planning officials to determine. This was because they were aware of *“the history of alleged unauthorised developments in recent years and the distress and inconvenience this has caused for neighbours. It was thought that “there was a danger that the site could become overdeveloped when taking into account that it was a quiet rural area....”*

The Council's decision to refrain from making any recommendation, would mean that W&F's planning officers would be left to make an appropriate judgement.

Insofar as the current application was concerned, members repeated their original concerns, adding that the proposed new building appeared to be a further example of a building too large for the environment. In addition, doubts were expressed over the scope of the ecological survey, with similar concerns about the welfare standards relating to the

animals generally. There is no evidence of plans for the mitigation of the effects of noise and dust on the livestock in the existing pigpens during construction of the proposed building, or indeed during work related to the clearing of the proposed site for construction.

It was noted that the presence of a similar, recently constructed building at the north end of the site, within sight of Primrose cottages is omitted from the plans submitted. This building is unfinished and unused at present.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Parish Council recommend that the application be refused. Carried unanimously.

7826 Heritage programme, update on progress

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

9/26 Digital and Data Compliance. (Email management: introduction of new email addresses and Council website: explanations by Councillor Fleming.

Reference was made to the requirement for all councils to ensure that all on-line council business was conducted using the government-approved *gov.uk* system, with the same requirement applying to councillors whereby personal email addresses can no longer be used. This has meant the creation of a new website for the posting of council news and information, instead of using the village website, and new email addresses for the Clerk and councillors in respect of Council work.

Unfortunately, Councillor Fleming, who was due to outline how these changes would be implemented, was unable to attend the meeting and further consideration of this matter was deferred until the February meeting.

10/26 Westmorland and Furness Council. “Call for Sites”, eg, for housing. The latest assessment.

The Clerk reminded members that W&F Council had asked all local Councils in August 2024 for any suggestions they might have regarding potential sites for housing, commercial development or waste disposal. *NB The Parish Council made no suggestions (minute 73/24, August 2024)*

Details of what had been suggested were published by W&F Council in June 2025 (minute 70/25) the proposals relating to the Parish, in both Lindal and Marton, having come from landowners or other interested parties.

This latest notification was W&F’s preliminary assessment of the sites which confirmed that the proposed Candle Factory site was suitable for further industrial development whilst land opposite Bank Terrace on the A590 (which is in Pennington Parish) was not considered suitable for housing development.

Further information was awaited regarding other suggested sites in Lindal and Marton.

11/26 Telephone landlines, changeover to digital.

Information had been received from “Neighbourhood Alert” in connection with the proposals from British Telecom regarding the introduction of a digital network instead of the current analogue landline network. This was scheduled to be completed by January, 2027.

A representative of “Neighbourhood Alert” had offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to give further details of the implications of such plans and it was, therefore, AGREED that this take place at the February meeting to which local residents would be able to attend.

12/26 Correspondence

- a) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) Westmorland and Furness Council: invitation to residents to comment on W&F’s budget proposals for 2026/27.

All residents were invited to take the opportunity to assess the budget proposals which included an increase to council tax as well as requests to offer suggestions. The consultation closes on 16 January, 2026.

13/26 Finance

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £171.17 *Reserve* - £10600.45
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
 - 1) Councillor Waite, Marton Christmas Tree, £70.
 - 2) Buccleuch Hall, Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party, £400.

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

14/26 Any Other Business

There were no further items for discussion.

15/26 Date and time of next meeting

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

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