

# ***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 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 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:-** N/A.

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

**In attendance.** Westmorland and Furness Councillor Dan Edwards.  
PCSO Charlie Tomlinson

**Apologies** None.

## **54/26 Election of Chairperson**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year. Carried unanimously. Councillor Waite duly completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## **55/26 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

## **56/26 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **57/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

## **58/26 Matters arising from those minutes.**

40/26 (the March meeting). Councillor Waite reported on the pot hole in Marton which was still awaiting attention. He would obtain from the complainant the W&F Council reference number in respect of this complaint to enable the Clerk to pursue the matter, specifically to draw attention to the fact that the pot hole had appeared on a stretch of newly re-surfaced road.

## **59/26 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

PCSO Tomlinson supplied the following information re incidents relating to the Parish in April- 2 traffic accidents on the A590, one resulting in minor injuries.

Councillor Mrs Stringer referred to an event scheduled for Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, in the Buccleuch Hall, a fashion show, to which a large HGV would be delivering goods. It was agreed that traffic cones outside the Hall, to facilitate this delivery, would be appropriate and PCSO Tomlinson confirmed that these could be supplied

## **60/26 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

None.

## **61/26 Heritage programme, update on progress**

Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that completion of this project was taking some time but steady progress was being made.

## **62/26 Annual Review of Policy documents**

The Clerk referred to the Council's Policy Documents which need to be assessed annually and either confirmed as appropriate or suitably amended, i.e.,

*Risk Assessment; Standing Orders and Financial Instructions: Sexual harassment Policy: Adult Safeguarding Policy: Child Protection and Safe guarding Policy: Equal Opportunities Statement: The Making of Charitable Grants to Bodies.*

The Clerk reported on a minor change to the document *Risk Assessment and Management, item 10*, "Compliance with Inland Revenue requirements", whereby he had

deleted the references to his remuneration, and the fee to the internal auditor, judging these to be irrelevant in the context of compliance with the policy.

Councillor Fleming then mentioned four other such documents which he had obtained whilst researching the Assertion 10 requirements (to ensure that the Council complied with up-to-date procedural requirements) i.e.,

*1 Digital and Data Compliance .2 Information Technology Policy. 3 Accessibility of website Statement. 4 Information Commissioner's Office, Data Registration.*

All documents were now published on the Council's website.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that all documents should be considered appropriate and satisfactory and formally approved. Carried unanimously.

### **62/26 Correspondence**

- a) Planning applications, all of the old Barrow Borough area, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) Correspondence advertising workshops relating to Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia had been received. Sessions to be held in Dalton Community Church, Monday afternoons, May 11 to June 22<sup>nd</sup> (except 25<sup>th</sup> May), 2 pm to 3.45 pm.  
This information to be placed on noticeboards.

### **63/26 Finance**

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £171.58 *Reserve* - £8199.72
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
  - 1) Cumbria Association of Local Councils CALC, membership fee. £267.20.
  - 2) Zurich Insurance. Annual insurance premium, £241.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor and Mrs Kelly SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that such payments be formally approved. Carried unanimously.

- c) Annual Governance and Accountability Return, AGAR. The Clerk reminded members that by virtue of the Certificate of Exemption, as referred to in the April meeting, the documents which make up the Annual Accounts i.e., Bank reconciliation as at 31.3.26; Annual Governance Statement; Accounting Statements; Internal Audit Report, were not to be submitted to the National Auditors. Once approved by the Parish Council they needed to be posted onto the Council's website. In addition, a Notice setting out voters' rights insofar as examining the accounts was concerned, would be displayed on notice boards for the months of June and July.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that such documents be approved, with the Chairman signing as appropriate. (Carried unanimously.)

#### **64/26 Any Other Business**

- a) The Clerk produced correspondence from a company, Hyperfast Networks, which provides full fibre broadband and which is holding a drop-in information session in Gleaston Village Hall on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. There will be two sessions, at 12pm to 2pm and 4pm to 6pm.

The company has specifically mentioned Marton as having been included in their build programme, suggesting that attendance at their meeting will help explain the implications and opportunities.

- b) *From the floor* W&F Councillor Dan Edwards reported on the latest developments regarding The Forum and Market Hall in Barrow whereby a decision had been taken to demolish the complex without any decision as to any replacements. He also referred to concerns regarding the impending changes to the waste collection arrangements. Information regarding green waste had been widely publicised but details about general waste were not yet ready for distribution.

#### **65/26 Date and time of next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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