

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th August 2026 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mrs C Stringer; N Fleming.

Apologies:- . Councillor Mrs Kelly

Also present: One member of the public was present.

In attendance. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Dan Edwards:
PC Chloe Dixon and PC Wray, Cumbria Constabulary.

Apologies N/A

90/26 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

Planning application – B2//2026/0262 *Silver Lea, Pennington Lane Lindal.*

It was agreed that this item be considered under Agenda item 7 “Planning applications relating to the Parish”

91/26 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

92/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd July, 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd July 2026, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

93/26 Matters arising from those minutes.

None.

94/26 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PC Chloe Dixon reported that there had been the following incidents reported during July. 3 separate neighbour disputes. 1 vehicle causing obstruction.

The discussions were interrupted by the need for PC Dixon and her colleague to leave the premises to attend to an emergency call.

95/26 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B21/2026/0262 Silver Lea, Pennington Lane, Lindal Demolition of existing single storey side extension: construction of new front, side and rear 1.5 storey pitched roof extensions; construction of single storey rear flat roof extension; construction of new domestic storage outbuilding, new boundary walls, retaining walls and associated landscaping works to create widened driveway, parking and turning area (part retrospective).*

After appropriate discussions and assessment of the limited drawings provided it was then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council offer no objections. Carried unanimously.

- b) *BPA4/2026/0291 Tytup Smallholdings; application to determine if prior approval is required for a roof over an existing midden.* The Clerk reported that further information from the planning department suggested that the application should not have been forwarded for the Parish Council's observations, with the development being considered to be "permitted development". Such consultation would not occur unless there were queries over matters such as siting, design and external appearance. It was AGREED that comment from the Parish Council was unnecessary.

- c) *B21/2026/0291, Marton Hall, Marton; Installation of 120m² solar panels ground mounted array with section of replacement stone wall.* After due consideration and an assessment of the supporting documents it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that the Parish Council offer no objection to the application. Carried unanimously.

96/26 Heritage programme, update on progress

Councillor Mrs Glover reported on the purchase of a display cabinet to be placed in St Peter's Church to house further items of historical memorabilia. This has been funded from the balance of the special allocation from W&F Council to the Parish Council in January 2024 which funded the recent purchases of similar items.

97/26 Lindal village green. Flagpole difficulties

Westmorland and Furness Council confirmed that it is happy with the Parish Council arranging for the replacement of the broken flagpole sited on Lindal village green. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Stringer and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Clerk seek to purchase a new flagpole together with a new flag if necessary. Carried unanimously.

98/26 Westmorland and Furness Council Local Plan

W&F Council is in the process of putting together its plan for the district's future development. Comments need to be submitted by 11 August 2026 and during discussions, it was apparent that principal concern of members revolved around housing developments within the parish and the consequential effects these would have.

W&F Council had issued a "Call for Sites" some 18 months ago and whilst the Parish Council did not feel it appropriate to make suggestions as to where additional houses might be built, certain areas within the parish were put forward by other persons, nominating a few sites for consideration. These had still to be assessed by W&F Council.

Two or three are adjacent to Pit Lane, in Lindal and Marton, and the Parish Council would wish to emphasise the inadequacy of Pit Lane insofar as additional traffic is concerned. It is a very narrow and constricted road which has the additional hazard of the local primary school situated on this highway. Consideration of further housing estates in the vicinity of Pit Lane should be accompanied by an assessment of the need to radically improve what is currently a country lane.

A further housing development was mooted for a site on Pennington Lane, facing the existing properties on Pennington Lane, such highway opening onto the A590 at the eastern end as it passes through Lindal.

This latter proposal should be seen in conjunction with the long-standing problems associated with the main crossroads on the A590 in Lindal, an issue relating to the difficulties in traffic from Lindal village gaining access to the main road in the absence of traffic lights. The prospect of additional traffic from these potential sites is such that nothing should be approved without consideration being given to appropriate traffic signals and the like.

There is also concern about the mining history of the area, with the knowledge that it is riddled with the remnants of iron ore mines which have occasionally caused problems for existing buildings with varying degrees of subsidence. Detailed investigations should take place well before any major developments are approved.

It was also pointed out that certain areas are prone to flooding at times of severe weather, particularly within Lindal village and places such as Snipe Ghyll, Marton. Major developments would have the potential for disturbing existing water courses, exacerbating already delicate drainage areas, adding to flood risks. Special attention to this issue would be needed before any consideration was given to additional housing estates.

It was then agreed that the Clerk would respond to W&F Council outlining the Parish Council's concerns

99/26 Parish boundary changes.

It was reported that W&F Council had assessed the plans for amendments to parish boundaries on 30 July 2026. Whilst no formal information had been received as to the outcome it was understood that the original proposals had been approved whereby the boundary between Lindal and Marton parish and the adjoining parish of Pennington would be amended.

The boundary, which currently runs down the middle of East View in Lindal, would be moved behind the properties on the eastern side of East View, meaning that all such properties would become part of Lindal and Marton parish.

In addition, the changes would incorporate the properties in Bank Terrace, on the A590, together with properties such as the Bowling and Cricket clubs, similarly transferring from Pennington parish to Lindal and Marton.

100/26 Correspondence

- a) Planning applications, all of the former Barrow Borough area, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) W&F Council reported the introduction of a rural bus service to link the country villages within the Council's area. It is a government-funded initiative named "Digital Demand Responsive Transport" and locally is being referred to as "The Extra Mile". In the Furness area the system is based in Ulverston and will incorporate transportation between Roa Island, Roose, Stank, Newton, Askam, Kirkby, Foxfield, Duddon bridge, Broughton Mills, Torver, Satterthwaite, Thwaite Head, Witherslack, Meathop, Grange and Flookburgh. Potential customers can select where they would like to be collected from, where they are going and at what time, and whether a return journey is required. Maximum fare is £5.

It will operate between 7 am and 7 pm every day except Sunday – 10 am to 4 pm. Passengers can phone (0333 2406965 option 2 then option 4, between 9am and 3pm, Mon to Fri). An app is also available – www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/parking-streets-and-transport/extra-mile

- c) W&F Council has announced a newly-created award (from the Lord Lieutenant), The Queen's Reading Room Medal, to recognise those who have gone "*above and beyond to inspire a love of reading within their communities*". The notification also goes on to state that the Medal "*celebrates individuals who champion books, literature and*

storytelling within their communities and have made a demonstrable impact through encouraging reading and improving lives.

For more information and to submit a nomination visit-

<https://thequeensreadingroom.co.uk/the-queens-reading-room-medal>

d) **101/26 Finance**

a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £172.20 *Reserve* - £11390.49

b) Payments recently made by the Clerk, for formal authorisation.

1) Councillor Mrs Stringer; printing costs for “Aspects”. £400

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

c) Councillor Mrs Stringer, the councillor responsible for the parish magazine, “Aspects”, together with the Clerk, had recently assessed the funding of the magazine in the context of the cost of publication and the finances available. In the last 12 months the printing costs were £1335 whilst income from the advertisements was £1120 and subsidy from the Council was £400.

However, future costs were likely to increase and income from advertisers was “shaky”, creating an air of uncertainty for the magazine’s future. However, members reaffirmed that it was a valuable asset for the community, linking the Council to every household in the Parish.

Councillor Mrs Glover then PROPOSED and Councillor Waite SECONDED that the Council take note of the potential for cost escalation but nevertheless continue to support the publication of this magazine. Carried unanimously.

102/26 Any Other Business

a) *From the floor*; a local resident drew attention to the state of Marton park, with bushes etc in need of attention. *From the floor*, W&F Edwards undertook to refer this to the appropriate department of W&F Council.

b) W&F Council reported that no. 9 The Green, Lindal, had been granted “*Listed Building consent for removal of conservatory and replacement with a porch to rear elevation*” Noted.

c) W&F Council wished to remind all interested parties of the need to ensure that businesses involving animals were appropriately licensed. Fines of up to £5,000 can be imposed for contraventions. Concerns should be addressed to W&F Council’s Public Protection Team.

103/26 Date and time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3rd September 2026, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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