

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st October 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: no members of the public were present.

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

Apologies None

116/26 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

117/26 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

118/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd September, 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd September 2026, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

119/26 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 114/26 (a) The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Mrs Kelly had given further information regarding the necessity for her to resign as a Parish Councillor. This would take effect as at the end of November, 2026. The practical impact would be that, because there would then be less than 6 months until the re-election of all the Councillors, scheduled for early May, 2027, no election to fill Councillor Mrs Kelly's vacancy would be possible at this time.

The Parish Council would therefore need to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy until such time as the aforementioned elections take place. Anyone interested in the vacancy should make themselves known to the Clerk or other members of the Council.

- b) 114/26 (c) Councillor Waite pointed out that the reference to speeding vehicles in Marton was in connection with the suggestion that the 20-mph limit should be emphasised by painting "20 mph" on the road surface. The Clerk confirmed that this request had, in fact, been forwarded to Highways.
- c) 111/26 Councillor Fleming drew attention to the new flagpole which had been erected on Lindal village green. Thanks were due to Dave Stringer for his efforts.

120/96 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PC Dixon reported that there were two incidents relating to the Parish in the last month.

- 1) Alleged harassment, under investigation.
- 2) alleged trespassers at the zoo, nobody found.

Councillor Mrs Stringer reported that there had been an incident of a car being damaged outside the school, LAMPS. PC Dixon undertook to investigate.

121/26 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

122/26 Heritage programme, update on progress

Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that photographic items were still being added to the computer tablet which is based in the Church. Information regarding this historical feature has been frequently mentioned in the Council minutes and similarly, details are to be found in the entrance to the Church.

112/26 Correspondence

Planning applications, relating to all of the former Barrow Borough area, previously circulated to members, on-line.

113/26 Finance

a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £172.31 *Reserve* - £10920.97

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

None

114/26 Any Other Business

- a) The Clerk referred to the recent death of Bob Lord, who had served as Parish Councillor for 17 years, from July, 2002, until October 2019. Bob had been an invaluable member of the Council and his fellow Councillors paid tribute to his wit and wisdom during his time on the Council. They sent their condolences to his wife and family.
- b) The Clerk referred to the informal discussions he had been having with councillors on the subject of the PAYE services rendered by the accountants J F Hornby, such service having been provided *pro bono* i.e. without charge, for the last few years. Whilst the Council had expressed its gratitude regarding such generosity the Clerk had approached the company with the suggestion that a donation towards, say, whatever their staff had in the way of Christmas celebrations, might be acceptable. He had received a reply saying that, whilst the gesture was appreciated, they were happy to continue with the existing arrangements but that a donation to, perhaps, St Mary's Hospice would be appropriate. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that a donation of £100 be made to the Hospice. Carried unanimously.
- c) Correspondence had been received from W&F Council regarding "The King's Award for Voluntary Service", the highest award given to local voluntary organisations in the UK and the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups. Further information can be found at <https://kavs.dcms.gov.uk/> As an example, Cockermouth Scout Group were given this award in 2025.
- d) Councillor Waite mentioned the damaged salt bin on the highway in Marton which needed attention and Councillor Fleming commented on the state of the signage in the area of Lindal village green. *From the floor* W&F Councillor Edwards undertook to raise these matters with the appropriate W&F departments.

115/26 Date and time of next meeting

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

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