

# *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> March 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.  
PC Chloe Dixon and PC Ryan Martin, Cumbria Constabulary.

## **30/26 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 B21/2026/0068, 2 Vicarage Field, Lindal. It was agreed that this item could be discussed under agenda item 7, “planning applications relating to the Parish”.

## **31/26 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **32/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th February 2026, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

### **33/26 Matters arising from those minutes.**

- 1) 28/26 (a). Further discussion took place regarding the use of a rubber stamp to identify books in the kiosks in Lindal and Marton with doubts about the effectiveness of such a move as a way of dealing with the problem of apparent theft. Councillor Waite reported that Marton's local kiosk-minder would place a notice in the kiosk advising that everybody was expected to use the library responsibly and return books as and when they were finished with. No further action was planned.
- 2) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on the numbers of people she was aware of who were concerned about BT proposals to switch from analogue to digital in respect of telephone landlines. The changes were not due until January 2027 but, in the meantime, Councillor Fleming suggested that he could provide an appropriate notice for "Aspects". The Council would highlight the situation again in September.

### **34/26 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

PC Chloe Dixon reported that letters had been sent to those residents who had been involved in discussions about car-parking and the need to ensure that vehicles did not interfere with matters such as sight-lines for those wishing to leave their premises. During discussion with Council members, the consensus view was that there were no simple solutions to parking difficulties, the key requirements being common-sense and good-will.

PC Dixon reported only two incidents in the last month, one of "harassment", under investigation and one classified as "domestic".

### **35/26 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

- 1) *B13/2025/0481. Outline planning application, 2-storey dormer-style dwelling, Allotments, London Road, Lindal.*

The Clerk reported that this application was impossible to assess because, firstly, the detail was inaccessible when going on-line to Westmorland and Furness Council's website and secondly, when such information was found to be available it was in connection with a different application. Further information was awaited.

- 2) *B21/2026/0068. 2 Vicarage Field, Church Hill, Lindal. Single storey wrap-around extension. Front elevation to include living room, office, cloakroom and extended play-room. Side elevation to comprise of gymnasium with attached store room.*  
After discussion, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that the council confirms that it had no objection to the application. Carried unanimously.

### **36/26 Heritage programme, update on progress**

Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that she had now been able to complete the provision of captions to the photographs which had been assembled for the computer tablet. The tablet would eventually be placed in St Peter's Church as part of the Church's historical memorabilia for visitors to peruse at their leisure.

### **37/26 Digital and Data Compliance. (Email management: introduction of new email addresses and Council website: explanations by Councillor Fleming.**

Councillor Fleming confirmed that Council members would be meeting on Tuesday, 10 March in order to assimilate all the requirements for the utilisation of new email addresses.

### **38/26 Correspondence**

- a) Planning applications, all of the Borough, previously circulated to members, on-line.
- b) W7F Council. Community Governance review.

The Clerk reported that, after further discussions with W&F officers, it had been confirmed that the original suggestions from W&F Council regarding the transfer of areas currently within Pennington Parish to Lindal and Marton Parish were still valid. Information from W&F, discussed at the last meeting, and which had excluded some parts of the original recommendations had been incorrect.

The recommendations to be put to residents by W&F for comment comprise transferring the area of land bounded by Pennington Lane, East View, Moor Lane and the railway line from Pennington Parish to Lindal and Marton Parish. In practice, this would mean that the houses on the east side of East View, plus Bank Terrace, and the cricket and bowling clubs would be formally part of Lindal and Marton Parish.

### **39/26 Finance**

- a) Balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £171.58 *Reserve* - £8199.72
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.

J Smith, Parish Clerk, balance of honorarium, £300

J Bentley, auditor, annual fee, £50

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

### **40/26 Any Other Business**

- a) Councillor Waite reported that, despite the road through Marton having recently been re-surfaced, a large pothole had appeared outside the ex-New Inn building. It was agreed that it might be more appropriate if the owner of the property reported the matter personally to W&F Council. Councillor Waite to liaise with the owner.
- b) *From the floor*, W&F Councillor Dan Edwards mentioned the financial situation of W&F Council, referring to the 4.99% increase in council tax which would apply to the coming financial year. He drew attention to the financial pressures being experienced by W&F Council, hinting at the possibility that, whilst nothing was being planned, in the future some expenditure could be transferred to town and parish councils, a possible example being street lighting costs for individual areas. It was to be hoped that such changes would not come to fruition.

**41/26 Date and time of next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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