**LINDALE & NEWTON-IN-CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL**

##  MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Held at Lindale Village Hall on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.00 pm

**2156 Apologies: To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllr Winder due to being away on holiday, submitted in writing, noted and accepted.

**2157 Present:** Cllr Squire, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr McClure, Cllr Wright, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Wightman. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Boak. **Public:-** 3  **In attendance-** Clerk Debra Cowperthwaite

 **2158 Review of Minutes of Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2024 -circulated.**

Minutes noted, previously approved at June meeting 2024.

 **2159 Election of Chairman & Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Armstrong was nominated as Chair, proposed Cllr McClure, seconded Cllr Wright. Resolved, unanimous support. Cllr Armstrong duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and chaired the meeting.

**2160 Election of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Wightman self-nominated as Vice Chair, proposed to accept his nomination, Cllr McClure, seconded Cllr Clarke. Resolved, unanimous support. Cllr Wightman duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and accepted the position of Vice.

It is noted that a vote of thanks was given by Chair Cllr Armstrong to thank retiring Vice Chair Cllr Squire for his service this year as Vice Chair and over several years for his service in both Vice and Chair positions.

**2161 Election of Committees:**

1. Planning – All parish councillors.
2. Finance – All parish councillors.

**AGREED:-** Members resolved for all councillors to be members of Planning and Finance Committees. Proposed Cllr Reeve and Seconded Cllr Clarke, all in favour.

**2162 Nominations to external bodies:**

1. Lindale Village Hall – Cllr McClure
2. Newton Village Hall –Cllr Wightman
3. Taylor Newton & Hibbert Charity-

**AGREED:-** Cllr McClure to continue on Trust and Cllr Clarke is also willing to represent Parish Council on Trust, However, we have been asked by Chair of TN&H Trust to nominate Christine Phelps (non-Parish Councillor) to the Trust. It is unclear if this is within our powers, we have had 2 nominations, who for many years were parish councillors Cllr Lynn McClure and Cllr Jill Tattersall, when Cllr Tattersall retired from the Parish Council she continued to be on the Trust. When she stood down the Trust asked us to Nominate John Brierley (non-Parish Councillor) to the Trust, this was carried out on the basis that Jill Tattersall has been on the Trust after she ceased to be a Councillor. We now believe that this should not have taken place and our nominated representatives should be parish councillors. This is no reflection on Christine Phelps, we need to ensure that any previous errors are rectified at this time and not repeated.

**ACTION:-** Clerk to investigate by seeking advice from CALC and Monitoring Officer at W and F Council. In the meantime, we are unable to proceed with nomination of Christine Phelps until we are in receipt of relevant guidance. Cllr Armstrong will advise The Chair of the Trust Geraldine Brierley of the situation.

1. Tree Warden- Bergen Arbotech who act as professional advisors and professional contractors.
2. Highways Liaison - Clerk
3. Parish Council Internal Auditor- Pamela Brown

**AGREED:-** Members resolved for all above appointments to be agreed. Proposed Cllr Wright and Seconded Cllr Wightman, all in favour. With exception of item (c) Taylor Newton and Hibbert Trust which remains unresolved and will be discussed at next parish council meeting on 25th June 2025.

 **2163 Meeting Closed 7.20 pm**

## SUMMARY OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING –

## Held at Lindale Village Hall on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.15 pm

**Introduction and Welcome by Chair 24/25 - Cllr Roger Armstrong**

Chair Cllr Armstrong.

Cllr Armstrong reported on the work of the parish council during 2024/25 and outlined priorities for the coming year. He welcomed Cllr Nicole Wright to the parish and the parish council. We currently still have 1 vacancy for Newton Ward.

**Q & A - Parish Councillors and Westmorland and Furness Councillor**

There was some discussion and questions exchanged between Parish Councillors, District Councillor and public.

**Meeting closed 7.45**

**Following the AGM, refreshments were served and informal discussion enjoyed.**

**Next meeting Wednesday 25th June 2025 Lindale Village Hall at 7pm**

**Appendix A**

1. **Chair’s Annual Report of Parish Council activities for 2024/25.**

To maintain and improve the standard of the open spaces in the parish we have had to increase our Parish Precept by 4.93%, although this increase did not appear as such on your community charge statement. We would have preferred not to do so but the increase is less than £5 per year for a typical village property in council tax band E.

We are very grateful to our contractors Dean Shaw and Emanuel Estevez who continue to take pride in their work having noticeably improved several areas. We are also grateful to the volunteers who do an excellent job of keeping some areas tidy that would otherwise become neglected. We are also grateful to Ian Knowles who continues work maintaining the Wilkinson Monument area and Lishman family for keeping the bus shelters clean and tidy and Andrew Brown who volunteers to maintain verges on Grange road. All our contractors are approachable and flexible in their schedules to accommodate various events particularly at High Newton but please contact us if you have any issues.

Since the last AGM the Parish Council has considered 13 planning applications, notably the Lloyds development which was granted approval this morning.

The Parish Council organised and took part in a litter pick in the parish earlier in the spring. We are grateful to the residents who regularly pick litter around the Parish, and those who joined us on the litter picks as well as a volunteer from local PEAT Organisation.

We are delighted to welcome Nicole Write to the Parish and the Parish Council, for Lindale Ward, we still have a vacancy in the Newton ward. If you feel one of these roles may suit you please speak to me after the meeting.

I’d like to thank my fellow councillors for their support and for the work they do to maintain and improve the environment of our Parish. I’d also like to thank our Clerk, Debbie, for her significant contribution to the work of the Council.

As for the future I feel there are several important issues we hope to address:-

* The proliferation of Holiday cottages in the Parish and associated issues.
* Increased traffic and parking issues.
* Our relationship with the LDNPA
* A general appeal to tidy up and remove bins from verges and public view.
* We would be happy to hear of any other issues and of any way you can aid the Parish Council in its endeavours to make the parish a pleasant place for our residents.

**Roger Armstrong**

**Chair Lindale and Newton Parish Council**

**May 2025**