

ARLECDON AND FRIZINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 6.00pm, followed by an ordinary meeting of the council in St Joseph's Community Hall, Frizington

Present: Cllr L Jones-Bulman; Cllr W Felstead; Cllr K Hodgson; Cllr B Hoggarth and Cllr L Cass

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

Members of the public: 8

Meeting start 18:00

118/25 **Apologies for Absence.** None.

119/25 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** No items.

120/25 **Declaration of Interest.** To be advised if appropriate on issues.

121/25 **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 2nd September 2025.** The minutes were approved and signed.

122/25 **Co-Option of Councillor to be considered.** This item was moved to November.

123/25 **Public Participation.**

- A member of the public reported the manhole cover on Church Street, this is the responsibility of United Utilities and has now been marked for work.
- A member of the public spoke about Coronation Drive, there have been a lot of accidents in recent months. Cllr Jones-Bulman had previously asked Karl Melville from Cumberland to come and see the situation firsthand. The parish council continues to raise these issues with Cumberland.
- A member of the public spoke about Jubilee Gardens, it is overgrown and covered in dog mess. The bin for dog waste is missing. Cllr Hodgson will try to arrange a wood chipper to deal with the overgrown shrubbery. Home Group have been contacted about this in the past, however, they have never responded.
- A member of the public asked if there were proposed changes to parking on the Main Street. Cllr Jones-Bulman confirmed that it has been raised with Highways before but they will not change the existing parking structure. Parking continues to be an issue on Main Street.
- Members of the public spoke about the empty buildings on the Main Street. Unfortunately these are privately owned and there is nothing the parish council can do about them, although they are repeatedly reported.
- The sign on the Derwent Railway building is flapping off, which could potentially be dangerous in high winds.

124/25 **Reports from Cumberland Council and any others invited.** Cllr Jones-Bulman reported on the following:

- Cumberland Council didn't allow councillors to vote on the devolution bill, the bill has now gone through.

- Highways – Cllr Jones-Bulman has now re-opened issues that Highways will now be looking at again. Work that has been re-reported, railings outside school, drop kerbs, broken pathways and the raised roundabout.
- The road closure on the Main Street, Frizington, Cllr Jones-Bulman queried the details of the job. This work might now be delayed and when it goes ahead it will be quite different and not as stated in the original message from Cumberland. There is no definite outcome at the moment, but it will be re-communicated before the work starts.
- Nine people are now signed up for the camera speed club, Cllr Jones-Bulman asked anyone else who was interested to contact her.
- There is a possibility of two SID devices, one for Parkside. Highways have requested more data before they will put down speed strips and other investigations into speeding in the area. Nothing will happen without more data.

125/25 **Clerk's Report**

- An email was received from a member of the public about speeding, this was already covered in the meeting. There was nothing on the email that wasn't already being dealt with.
- Our external audit was received back for the accounts, they drew our attention to the Notice of Public Rights form wasn't received on the correct date and that the internal auditor had accidentally provided a yes response where it should have been a no. These were noted by the parish council.
- Youth Club – in the previous meeting it had been discussed that the mediator had not been in touch. This is still the case, Paul Rowe also had not heard from the mediator. Residents in St Paul's Avenue continue have the same issues with the youth club.

126/25 **Changing Rooms**

- The solicitor contacted the Clerk looking for the title deeds from when the building was purchased. Cllr Hodgson has looked through documents in the changing rooms and the Clerk has checked with the previous Clerk as well as legal services at Cumberland. It was agreed that the clerk might have to request the solicitor try to locate the deeds and the parish council would have to pay for this.
- The deeds may never have been done with Land Registry as a search only brings up the land next door to the changing rooms. This is also something the solicitors might have to deal with.
- The fire alarm test was done at the changing rooms and it has passed for another year.

127/25 **Remembrance Sunday**

- The bugler has now confirmed that she will be able to attend the Frizington service.
- Mr Lamb has been confirmed to play the piano for the service.
- Cllr Felstead has sent updated service sheet to the clerk to be printed off.
- There may be the possibility of a piper to play as we cross the road.
- The methodist minister has confirmed that she will take the service this year.
- There will be children from local schools doing readings at the service.
- The school are going to open and close for the service and tea and coffee has been set up at the Veterans Club. A donation to the veterans club for this was agreed by all councillors.
- Councillors will start selling poppies/collecting for Remembrance.
- Wreaths have been ordered with Dave Farrell.

128/25 **Noticeboard**

- The clerk sent a link to everyone for the proposed noticeboard. The company is Earth Anchors, this is 18 A4 sheets and with a parish council sign above.
- It was agreed that this would be delivered to a member of the public's house as she had space to store it.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman spoke about a bench that was previously agreed to be purchased for Arlecdon, for which we have received a donation. Invoice required for donation, agreed that parish council will purchase bench then claim money back for the donation. It was agreed to check with Edgars if they would take delivery of that. A concrete fixing kit will also be required.

129/25 **Asby Tubs.** The clerk received an email from the Asby Community Group, wanting to check that the parish council would be happy to donate £200 for the planting of flowers, as had been done historically. All members of the council in agreement.

130/25 **Financial.** The following payments were approved:

Ref	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
BT	Eon (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	52.52
BT	Water Plus (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	36.81
BT	Arborscape	Grounds Maintenance Q2	5306.40
BT	J Nicholson	Playpark Duties (Sept)	104.20
BT	Beacon Fire Protection	Fire Alarm Check	114.00
BT	Susan Stuart	Salary	709.80
BT	HMRC	PAYE	177.60
BT	Moores	External Audit Invoice	283.50
BT	Susan Stuart	Home Working Allowance	(25.00)
		Travel Expenses:	
		Wigton-Maryport x2	(22.11)
		Land Registry Search	(7.00)
			54.11
BT	Asby Community Group	Flower Tubs	200.00
-	Burnetts	Legal Costs	(PAID 930.00)
			7038.94

There will also be a charge for the noticeboard and bench in the next month, these have been agreed by all members of the council.

131/25 **Planning Applications.**

- 4/25/2341/0N1 - PRIOR APPROVAL TO REMOVE EXISTING POLYTUNNEL AND ERECT NEW POLYTUNNEL TO BE USED TO STORE AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY - YEATHOUSE FARM, YEATHOUSE ROAD, FRIZINGTON – No objections
- 4/25/2323/DOC - DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 3, 4 AND 5 OF PLANNING APPLICATION
4/24/2252/0F1 - LAND BETWEEN GRIFFIN CLOSE & GREENVALE COURT, FRIZINGTON – No objections

132/25 **Councillor's Questions/Remarks**

- Cllr Hodgson looked at the Mill Street Field with the new tenant. The field is in a very poor state and the new tenant will have to spend a considerable amount of time and money

getting it up to a reasonable standard. All councillors agreed to give the new tenant a long lease on the tenancy, as well as no charge for renting the field in the first year of tenancy.

- Planning permission for the work at the car wash was discussed, it does not appear to have come through. This has been reported this to Nick Hayhurst and planning members will come out to inspect it. A member of the public said that the workers were not adhering to health and safety conditions, this was also noted.
- There was discussion about a caravan placed on a site that had now been there for over six months, it does not appear to have planning permission.

116/25 **Councillor Matters**

- There is a problem with antisocial behaviour in the village
- There is also an issue with dog fouling in the village, this is an ongoing problem with no clear cut solution. These are being reported to Cumberland, the clerk advised contacting Enforcement.
- A bench in the playpark was set on fire, the fire service had come out to put this out. Cllr Hodgson commented that the fire service had attended fires caused by antisocial behaviour five times in the past month.

117/25 **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 4th November 2025 at 6.00pm. Cllr Hodgson advised that he would not be able to attend this meeting.

Meeting Ends 19.13

Chair

Date