

ARLECDON AND FRIZINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 6.00pm, followed by an ordinary meeting of the council in St Joseph's Community Hall, Frizington

Present: Cllr K Hodgson; Cllr B Hoggarth and Cllr L Cass

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

Members of the public: 4

Meeting start 18:00

Cllr Kevin Hodgson agreed to be Chair for the meeting as Cllr Jones-Bulman and Cllr Felstead were ill.

102/25 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received from Cllrs Jones-Bulman and Felstead.

103/25 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** No items.

104/25 **Declaration of Interest.** To be advised if appropriate on issues.

105/25 **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 3rd June 2025.** One typographical error was noted. The minutes were approved and signed.

106/25 **Co-Option of Councillor to be considered.** This item was moved to October.

107/25 **Public Participation.**

- A member of the public asked about the new noticeboard. As this is the first meeting since July there has been no movement on this. The MOP had sent through links to the Clerk, these will be looked at. The maximum size we can have is 1.8x1.2. The local joiner no longer makes noticeboards so this would have to be purchased somewhere else.
- A member of the public spoke about a rumour that the Youth Club is closing. This could not be substantiated. Cllr Cass confirmed that the Youth Club was focusing on Cleator Moor and staffing problems were exacerbating this.
- Nothing has been heard from the mediator regarding the Youth Club, it has been stated that she will be closing the case, however, residents on St Paul's Avenue haven't been questioned by her.
- Problems are still going on with noise and mess from the Youth Club.
- Cllr Hoggarth spoke about a post of Facebook about reporting antisocial behaviour to the police, members of the public confirmed that they had seen that. The Clerk confirmed that the police can now link video doorbells to their monitoring.
- A member of the public spoke about the Citizen's Advice using the library weekly for sessions and why the Youth Club building wasn't being used? It was generally thought that this is because the library is more central and easier for everyone to go to.
- There has been theft of slate slabs from the back of the old council chambers.
- There have been reports of a white van behaving suspiciously in the area.

108/25 **Reports from Cumberland Council and any others invited.** Cllr Jones-Bulman was ill and hadn't managed to send an update.

109/25 **Clerk's Report.**

- An email was received from Sam Pagett at Arborscape to say they had accidentally broken a window on a telephone box and they will repair it.
- A Code of Conduct letter and slide show was received from Cumberland Council, this had gone to all parishes.
- An email was received about permissions for Christmas lights, this is for crossing the highways, however, the lights in Frizington do not cross the road.
- The ICO Data Protection cover is now due, this is £52.00 this year.
- The payroll administrator is changing the website used.
- The pay rise for Clerks has come through early this year, councillors were in agreement that this could be accepted, backdated to April 2025.

110/25 **Mill Street Field**

- There has been interest in renting the Mill Street Field, which was vacated in June. All councillors were in agreement that this was acceptable, on the same terms as previously, £100 every six months in rent. The Clerk will draft up an agreement.

111/25 **Changing Rooms.**

- The solicitors are working through what needs done before auction.
- The fire alarm safety check is due this month.

112/25 **Remembrance Sunday.**

- Last year there was talk about changing the time of the service, however, changing the time would mean that we would not be able to get anyone to do the service. It was agreed to keep it at 1.30pm this year.
- The Clerk to contact Methodist Minister to check they can attend.
- The Clerk to look into making a new booklet for the service.
- The Clerk to check with the headteachers at the schools.
- Cllr Felstead is sorting the wreaths out.
- It was agreed to ask Mr Lamb to play piano at the service again.
- Clerk to find out if bugler was available.

113/25 **Financial.** The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
TBC	British Gas (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	99.61
TBC	Eon (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	52.51
TBC	Water Plus (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	68.39
TBC	DM Payroll Services	Payroll	60.00
TBC	ICO	Data Protection Fee	52.00
TBC	J Nicholson	Playpark Duties (July/Aug)	208.40
TBC	Susan Stuart	Home Working Allowance	50.00
TBC	Susan Stuart	Postage Costs	13.60
TBC	Susan Stuart	Travel Expenses 24x2x0.45=21.6 7x2x0.45=6.3 22x2x0.45=19.80	47.70
			652.21

The changes to the bank account have gone through, the Clerk will attempt electronic payments.

114/25 **Planning Applications.**

- 4/25/2275/0N1 - Prior Approval Application for an Agricultural Steel Portal Building With Concrete Panels on a Concrete Base Land To The East Of Frizington Road, Frizington – there have been comments from residents about a static caravan that has not had related planning permission.

115/25 **Councillor's Questions/Remarks**

- A bench at the top of Steel Brow was broken, Cllr Hodgson has removed this.
- There will need to be a few benches purchased, as a few are in a poor state of repair or have been removed. The Clerk suggested that recycled plastic benches might be a good idea, as they last longer than wood.
- St Joseph's graveyard, the hearses are having to drive onto the grass because there are trees obstructing the road. We need to look at grass cutting at St Joseph's. as this is paid separately by St Joseph's as well. The Clerk had previously queried this with the school office, but hadn't heard back.
- Cllr Hodgson had spoken to the Community Payback Team about getting some jobs done. He hasn't heard anything back yet, but Cllr Hodgson thought that Cllr Jones-Bulman had also contacted someone regarding this. Cllr Hodgson is also trying to get Home Group to clear out some areas that they are responsible.
- Cllr Cass spoke about Bill Morley, who has organised defibrillators in the area after the death of his son. The parish council expressed their thanks for his work on this. There would also be free defibrillator training this Sunday at St Joseph's.

116/25 **Councillor Matters** - None

117/25 **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 7th October 2025 at 6.00pm.

Meeting Ends 18:59

Chair

Date