

ARLECDON AND FRIZINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 6.00pm, in Frizington Veterans Club, Frizington

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

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

Members of the public: 8

Meeting start 18:05

Cllr Jones-Bulman was held up, so the meeting was chaired by Cllr Felstead.

001/26 **Apologies for Absence.** Received from Cllr Hoggarth.

002/26 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** No items.

003/26 **Declaration of Interest.** To be advised if appropriate on issues.

004/26 **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 2nd December 2025.** The minutes were approved and signed.

005/26 **Public Participation.**

- A member of the public informed the council that a lamppost was knocked down at the chicane on Mill Street. The lamppost has been put back in place, but there is no light currently. This needs to be reported to Highways.
- There is a bin bag full of rubbish at the bus terminal. Cllr Jones-Bulman is still trying to get more bins in the area, but this is an ongoing issue.
- A representative from Spirit of Frizington spoke about the Christmas lights from 2025. Costs were higher than anticipated and a donation was requested for this. The lights were done through a new electrician and were much better this year. The council had budgeted £6,000 for this, all councillors agreed to make this donation to the Spirit of Frizington.
- There was discussion for fund raising for the Christmas lights, however, this could not be done by the parish council and would need to be done by private people.
- There was discussion that this year we would prefer a larger Christmas tree, in 2025 it was decided to test the area for a tree and to see if there was vandalism, however, nothing happened to the tree so we will look at a larger tree this year.

006/26 **Reports from Cumberland Council and any others invited.**

- Cllr Jones-Bulman has not heard anything back about new bins for the area.
- Highways will be prioritising the roundabout on the Main Street with the works to be going ahead.
- There are speed cameras on Trumpet Terrace, so they must have been given the first allocation. SID cameras have been requested for Frizington and Arlecdon but there is no definite date on when we will get these. There is potentially funding for two of these devices.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman was in touch with Cumberland about the Mill Street Field, which has been partially owned by Cumberland Council for many years, with our land being the bottom part of the field. Our tenant has put a fence up which is now being disputed from Cumberland Council. A plan was received showing the land ownership on the field. Cllr Jones-Bulman

commented that the field had not been stock secure previously, however, our tenant has done the work on that already and could it possibly be refunded to our tenant. Their tenant has refused this. This may mean that Arlecdon and Frizington Parish council may have to reimburse our tenant for the fence. The Clerk will summarise this in a letter to Cumberland Council, including asking for permission for our tenant to get into their tenant's field to remove the fencing; the padlock has been changed so he doesn't have access currently.

- Cllr Jones-Bulman spoke about cars parking on the pavements; this has once again been reported to Cumberland Council and the police, but it is in hand.

007/26 **Clerk's Report**

- There was an email received from the treasurer for Asby Flower Tubs group looking for a contribution to their new tubs. They have not stated how much they want, Clerk to contact and ask how much they are looking for.
- A member of the public asked if it would be possible to put a noticeboard up in Arlecdon. Clerk will contact the school to ask if they would take that.
- An email was received regarding the supported house strategy, there is a link in the email if councillors want to take part in this.
- The Charity Commission report on the Jubilee Field has been completed for 2025.

008/26 **Changing Rooms**

- Natwest Bank did not hold the deeds to the changing rooms.
- The Clerk has found a letter from a solicitor that the parish council used in the 1980's, therefore, will contact them to find out if they hold the deeds.
- Our insurers have advised that they no longer do the policy that we require now, so we will have to find a new insurer for cover.

009/26 **Grass Cutting**

- Sam Pagett from Arborscape attended the meeting, he brought copies of the suggested timetable for grass cutting for 2026.
- Sam has suggested that it might be a good idea to have an extra cut in the period, as some people have complained that there is too long between cuts. The suggestion was going from six cuts to a seven cut regime, which would give an extra cut on the cemeteries. The councillors were in agreement with Sam's suggestion.
- Cllr Hodgson asked about St Joseph's, as it is also being cut by someone through the church themselves. Sam has spoken to St Joseph's about this, as has Cllr Hodgson and the Clerk, however, there is never a firm response to these queries. Sam does not charge for visits if he arrives and St Joseph's had already been cut. It was decided not to drop St Joseph's until we could establish the grass cutting situation.
- The first cut will be in April.

010/26 **Mill Street Field – already discussed**

011/26 **Phoenix Youth Club**

- An email was received from Paul Rowe at Phoenix Youth Club asking if the parish council would be making a donation, as had previously been done in other years.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman has previously spoken to Paul about the need to show what is being done with the youth club and the actions that are being taken over issues that are raised with them.

- Cllr Cass spoke about the importance of making sure the money is being spent on the Frizington children, as the Cleator Moor youth club is much more popular.
- It was discussed to get back in touch with the youth club to raise these points.

012/26 **Financial.** The following payments were approved:

Ref	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
BT	British Gas (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	103.00
BT	Eon (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	67.93
BT	Water Plus (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	182.17
BT	J Nicholson	Playpark Duties (Jan/Feb)	208.40
BT	Susan Stuart	Home Working Allowance (Jan/Feb)	50.00
BT	Susan Stuart	Salary (Jan/Feb)	459.20
BT	HMRC	PAYE (Jan/Feb)	172.20
BT	Arborscape	INV 10745	2818.80
BT	Rocket Sites	Domain renewal	174.00
BT	Frizington Veterans Club	Room Hire	10.00
BT	Whitehaven Garden Centre	Christmas Tree	50.00
BT	Spirit of Frizington	Donation	6000.00
BT	Norman Pearce	Plants	54.00

- Money was received from Cllr Hodgson for the wooden poles which have now been sold. The Clerk will put this money into the account.

013/26 **Planning Applications.**

- Reference 4/26/2005/0F1 - proposed single storey classroom extension Frizington Nursery And Pre School, Main Street, Frizington. No objections
- An objection was received from a member of the public regarding the shop that the parish council had also objected to. This was purely for information purposes.

014/26 **Councillor's Questions/Remarks - none**

015/26 **Councillor Matters.**

- Cllr Jones-Bulman spoke about a young girl who has put together a petition for the zipwire to be reinstated on the playground. Cllr Jones-Bulman has been in touch with Cumberland Council about taking on this playpark, however, residents would not be happy with the zipwire being repaired. The girl is meeting with MP Josh MacAlister later in the month about this as well.
- There is a meeting in Frizington Veterans Club for funding.
- There is a meeting for the doctors on the 20th, there is no venue yet, you have to contact Josh MacAlister's office to get access to this meeting.

016/25 **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 3rd March 2026 at 6.00pm.

Meeting Ends 19.09

Chair

Date