

ARLECDON AND FRIZINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 6.00pm, in Frizington Veterans Club, Frizington

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

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

Members of the public: 1

Meeting start 18:00

033/26 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received by Cllrs Hoggarth and Felstead.

034/26 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** No items.

035/26 **Declaration of Interest.** To be advised if appropriate on issues.

036/26 **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 3rd March 2026.** The minutes were approved and signed.

037/26 **Public Participation.**

- A member of the public spoke about the Frizington Pensioners Bus Trip, which the parish council donated to last year. It was agreed because of rising costs the parish council would donate more this year. A figure of £400 was agreed by all councillors.

038/26 **Reports from Cumberland Council and any others invited.**

- Cllr Jones-Bulman read out an email received from the local PCSO about the second playpark in Frizington. The email commented that the playpark needed to be upgraded so families could use the park. Cllr Jones-Bulman responded with an update to what the parish council are doing to try and move this forward and copied in Home Group. The park had just had a litter pick.
- Cllr Cass spoke about two houses where the fences had fallen down, as well as a property that had an open door, which seemed to be empty. Cllr Jones-Bulman will look into these, she believes they will be the responsibility of Home Group.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman received a letter from a member of the public who was objecting to the planning application for the new shop in Frizington. This is something that had already been objected to by the parish council, the period to raise objections with Planning has now passed.
- There had been a post on Facebook about Frizington residents having to pay for transport to the Catholic High School and Workington College, when the travel should be subsidised. The Clerk had also received an email from a member of public about this. Cllr Jones-Bulman will look into this further and try to get it sorted.
- There is a drainage issue outside the Phoenix Youth Club which needs to be dealt with.

039/26 **Clerk's Report**

- An email was received previously about the flower tubs in Asby. They are now looking for a donation of £300. This was agreed by all councillors.
- An email was received about the corner of Dub Brow. This had been received previously and was advised at the time that this was private property so there is nothing that the parish

council can do. Cllr Cass commented that improvements had been made already. Cllr Hodgson commented that work is being done on the farm.

- A request for funding support from Arlecdon School had been received, they are looking for a portable stage. The Clerk will query with them how much money they are looking for.
- Regarding a noticeboard at Arlecdon, the school would be happy to put a noticeboard there, however, it would need to be installed on poles and concreted in.
- The CALC renewal has been received at £610.93. All councillors in agreement to continue this.
- The Clerk had been contacted about a change of street name in the village by Cumberland Council; however, the council had no objections to what it was going to be called.

040/26 **Changing Rooms**

- The clerk requested photos of ID from councillors so these could be taken to the solicitors for release of the deeds. The letter to go to the solicitors was signed at the meeting.
- The insurance for the changing rooms has been renewed at £658.00 for the year.
- The fire alarm check has been carried out at the changing rooms for another year. The protective cover at the rear of the building needs replaced, however, the fire alarm still works so it isn't worth repairing when the building is being put up for sale.

041/26 **Internal Auditor**

- It was agreed to find a new internal auditor this year, all councillors in agreement. Clerk to reach out to CALC for their list of internal auditors.

042/26 **Financial.** The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
BT	British Gas (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	47.42
BT	Eon (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	31.21
BT	Water Plus (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	109.65
BT	J Nicholson	Playpark Duties	104.20
BT	Susan Stuart	Home Working Allowance	25.00
BT	Susan Stuart	Salary (Jan/Feb)	229.60
BT	HMRC	PAYE (Jan/Feb)	86.10
BT	Susan Stuart	Printer Ink/Paper	53.99
BT	Frizington Veterans Club	Room Hire	10.00
BT	Beacon Fire Protection	Alarm Service	114.00
BT	CALC	Membership renewal	610.93
BT	Frizington Pensioners	Donation for trip	400.00
BT	Asby	Flower tubs donation	300.00
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043/26 **Planning Applications.**

- Ref 4/23/2387/0F1 - ARLECDON HILL FARM, ARLECDON. There is an appeal for this planning application taking place on the 18th of March. There is a link in the email about the appeal, if councillors want to look at it.

044/26 **Councillor's Questions/Remarks**

- Cllr Hodgson asked about benches. Clerk will contact Arborscape to get the Rowrah bench put in place. The invoice for the bench needs to be sent to Edgars also so they can pay for the bench as they were donating the bench.

- The Clerk has not ordered benches or bins since the last meeting, it was agreed to get a list put together and move forward with this. Cllr Jones-Bulman to check where the bins should be purchased from.
- The bin that was to be moved in Arlecdon has now been moved.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman asked about removal of concrete posts that are sticking out of the ground. These will need to be cut out.
- Dilapidated buildings continue to be an issue in the village, this will be pushed with Cumberland Council again by Councillor Jones-Bulman; as well as empty houses which are in a state of disrepair.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman spoke about van parked at the doctor's surgery, with a lot of litter in the area. No one knows who this belongs to. Work is scheduled to start in the area and cars and vans have already been notified that they need to move the vehicles for this happening.

045/26 **Councillor Matters.** None

046/25 **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 5th May 2026 at 6.00pm.

Meeting Ends 19.21

Chair

Date