

Minutes of a meeting of Lupton Parish Council held at Kittridding Tea Rooms on Thursday 25th March 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Stewart Lambert (Chairman), Alan Lambert, Simon Nutter and Derek Wightman, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Vicky Hughes.

26/10 Public participation: None.

26/11 Requests for Dispensations: None.

26/12 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

26/13 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2026, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/14 Finance: None.

26/15 'Assertion 10 – Digital & Data Compliance':

The Clerk said that this is proceeding according to plan and Councillors should receive their new email addresses soon. More photographs for the website are required and these should be sent to A2A in Milnthorpe:
andrew@a2a.co.uk

26/16 Planning:

The following applications were considered:

2026/0338/0339/LBC Listed Building Consent. Mill Cottage Lupton. Listed Building Consent for the demolition of the modern garage and lean-to, dismantling and rebuilding the cottage to its original appearance, adding a single-storey extension, constructing a new garage with storage and plant space for shared parking, land-management storage, and a ground-source heat pump for both properties, along with alterations to the driveway access. The Council is concerned about the narrowness of the bridge, which is a Listed Building, and rumours circulating that it may be widened. Only recently, vehicles have been stuck here as the bridge is not wide enough to pass. Previously, permission has been refused for the bridge to be widened at all.

2026/0376/HOU Tosca Cottage, Lupton. Proposed single story extension between the existing stone cottage and outbuilding and conversion of an existing single story outbuilding into a utility room and sitting room. Approval recommended.

26/17 Report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor: None.

26/18 Parish defibrillator:

The Chairman has obtained two estimates for this and awaits a third, whereupon he will make a grant application.

26/19 Proposed footway from Box Tree to The Plough:

There is nothing further to report as yet.

26/20 Open Forum:

- a. Potholes from Lupton Hall to Caringwa will be reported again.
- b. Introduction to Hophouse Solar Farm and Invitation to Consultation – this has been received and there was a public meeting on the previous evening. A report on the outcome of this meeting is awaited.

26/21 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 6th May 2026 at 7.30pm at Kittridding Tea Rooms
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:

Dated: