Minutes of Westlinton Parish Council held in Blackford School on Tuesday11th March 2025 at 7pm

1. Apologies: Helen Forester, Fiona Kay and John Wharton.
2. Present: David Coulthard, Stephen Nicholson, Alex Forbes, Ian Hewson and the clerk.
3. Declaration of Interest: None.
4. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: Minutes agreed. Still a problem with parking at Tuer’s and increase in traffic on the Longpark single track road including Tuer’s new arctic wagon. Sewerage pipe at Holme Lea that goes under the road has been crushed by the weight of the vehicles. Ask highways about a possible weight limit. Enforcement officer has been notified about Jock’s Cottage and Macallister’s field on the Ross Castle road.
5. Accounts: £25,298.65 in the account but most of that is ring fenced wind farm grant money. Cheques were authorised for the clerks wages, £600 and hire of the school for meetings, £60. John Collier to be asked to do the internal audit of the accounts.
6. Wind Farm grants: Letter of thanks from the PTFBA for the grant for transport.. Application from Blackford W.I.for £300 towards cost of speakers. Agreed. Application from PTFBA and the PCC for a grant towards the Village Summer Fair. Agreed in principal but awaiting actual figures. Limit of £2000 for any one grant.
7. Planning Applications: 2 were discussed. Croft Cottage-happy with that. Jock’s Cottage- not happy with access over what is understood to be council land.
8. Highways: Chair of Governors is going to ask highways to look again at measures to control the speed of traffic past the school. Since the bus shelter was removed do we need a bus stop sign? Congestion still a problem at Tuer Ltd.

Meeting closed at 8pm.