Westlinton Parish Council AGM and Open Meeting held i9n Blackford School on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7pm.

1. Apologies: Fiona Kay and Alex Forbes.
2. Present: David Coulthard, Ian Hewson, Stephen Nicholson, Helen Forester, John Wharton and the clerk
3. Election of Office Bearers: DC was re-elected chair unanimously as was JW as vice-chair.
4. Declarations of Interest: There were none.
5. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: Minutes were agreed. Congestion outside Tuers has not been resolved and the council agreed that the clerk should contact the highways Dept and ask them if they can do something as the PC have tried and people are still complaining. Chair of Governors has been in touch with highways again about controlling the speed past the school and they have said they will look into it again.
6. Accounts: All had copies of the accounts and these were accepted. The AGAR forms were duly filled in and signed. The clerk will send in the Exemption Form. The Financial Risk Policy was reviewed and approved as were the changes that have been recommended for The Financial Regulations by NALC. Cheques were authorized for Zurich Insurance and CALC subscriptions. The clerk has contacted the Easy Websites and hopefully we can get the new website up and running.
7. Wind Farm Grants: Dorothea attended the Beck Burn Meeting. There was one local application for the RDA but the panel wanted more info on who actually would benefit as those living in the 5K are supposed to benefit. The PC will get this year’s allocation. DC said he would have a word with the head teacher about starting looking at a Mugga. Hallburn’s meeting is not till July
8. Highways: Pass on complaints about congestion at Tuer Ltd. Ask again about potholes.
9. Planning: Jock’s Cottage. Clerk spoke to planning officer about the Access. There has to be access across the green to the field but there is no legal access across it to the cottage. The PC felt they should get a solicitor to look into the legal ownership of the land. DC said he would get his solicitor to look into it.
10. Meeting open for comments: No member of the public was present.

Meeting closed at 8pm.