

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

**Present:-** Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; Ms S Rainbow; Ms M Richards; D Howarth.

**Also present:-** 7 members of the public.

**In attendance:-** PC D Knotts and SC T McGeown, Cumbria Constabulary.

**14/07 Apologies** None.

**15/07 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda.**

None.

**16/07 Disclosure of Interests.**

None.

**17/07 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

**18/07 Matters arising.**

- a) 5/07/(a) Councillor Ms Richards reported on the current situation regarding the corner of the road at Snipe Ghyll. It appeared that the piece of land which used to be the corner of the field had now been covered with tarmac and an arc of fencing had been placed in front. This was removable so that large vehicles could utilise the enlarged corner when using Snipe Ghyll. At the rear of the tarmac a sandstone wall had been constructed and there was also provision for some hedging. It was also understood

that the tarmac area was now owned by the wind-turbine company. However, the fence was still making it difficult for vehicles trying to come out of Snipe Ghyll onto the main street in Marton and it was, therefore, AGREED that the Clerk should get in touch with the Highways Department with a request that such department explore the possibility of purchasing the land in question, thus making the expanded corner part of the highway without any need for any fence.

Reference was also made to the fact that a vehicle parked on the main street opposite Snipe Ghyll often exacerbated the situation and PC Knotts confirmed that he would ask WPC Harris to look into the situation .

- b) 5/07/(c) Councillor Lord enquired as to the latest position regarding the correspondence about the proposed development of 4 houses in Marton. The Clerk indicated that a further reply had been received from the Assistant Director of Regeneration, Barrow Borough Council, to the effect that he still felt unable to offer anything in the way of “feedback” on the Parish Council’s submissions on planning applications. During the ensuing discussion, which also involved *the floor* it was clear that there were concerns about the whole process of determining planning applications, both from the neighbours’ point of view as well as the Parish Council. However, it was also suggested that the Parish Council was unrealistic in expecting any such feedback. It was then AGREED that further discussion on the subject be deferred for the time being.
- c) 5/07/(b) Councillor Ms Rainbow confirmed that the arrangements for road sweeping seemed to have worked satisfactorily, although time would tell whether the 5-weekly cycle would be adhered to. It was AGREED that the Clerk should pass details of the cleaning days to “Aspects” in order that as many residents as possible could plan to move their vehicles on the days in question.

#### **19/07 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

PC Knotts was attending in place of WPC Harris. There were no particular issues relating to the Parish but he asked, on behalf of Askam Parish Council, for information regarding the flashing “20 mph” signs recently installed in Marton. It was pointed out that the Council had no knowledge about these items except that they may have been associated with a recent planning application for houses at Marton and that PC Knotts could approach the appropriate planning officer.

#### **20/07 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

The minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006 were tabled.

#### **21/07 Lindal Village Green.**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting at the Town Hall that afternoon when the railings scheme had been discussed. There had been reassurances from Steve Warbrick, the Director of Regeneration, that the £40,000 allocated for the scheme was still available and could be spent up to its entirety. There were two quotations within the amount available but one was for a slightly different specification and the particular contractor would be asked to revise his quote. A further meeting was scheduled for four weeks when it was hoped that a final decision could be taken regarding placing an order for the work to be done.

#### **22/07. Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

6/2007/0009. 2-storey rear extension, 10 London Road, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Richards that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

### **23/07 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes. 10/10/06 to 17/01/07. NOTED.
- c) Furness Partnership. Minutes and agenda. NOTED. (for circulation)
- d) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Minutes. NOTED. (for circulation)
- e) Cumbria County Council. School Organisation newsletter. NOTED. (for circulation)
- f) Cumbria CC. Local Government Reorganisation. NOTED. (for circulation)

### **24/07 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £658.05.
- b) The Clerk requested payment of the balance of his annual remuneration (£275); petty cash (£19.15) and the Internal Auditor's honorarium (£35). It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that these payments be approved and cheques duly authorised and signed. Carried unanimously

### **25/07 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Chairman referred to the CALC "Roadshow" held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. It was AGREED that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. The Clerk circulated a summary of those points highlighted at the event.
- b) The Clerk reported that he had received a request from a local resident for the Parish Council to make representations to Royal Mail about the change of collection times from 3.30 pm to 9.30 am., this latter time being inconvenient for same-day replies to correspondence. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Royal Mail to see whether such changes could be reversed..
- c) *From the floor* came comments on the condition of the trees on the Green, in relation to the recent gales and the collapse of one tree. Reference was made to an arboricultural report which had been commissioned by Barrow Borough Council and the Clerk undertook to secure a copy of the report insofar as it relates to the Green.

### **26/07 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal