

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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Councillors:-  
Mr A Waite (462922); Mr R Lord (464034). Ms S Rainbow (462383.) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

### **Present:-**

Councillors D Howarth (in the Chair); R Lord; Ms S Rainbow; Mrs S Kelly.

**Apologies:-** Councillor A Waite.

**Also present:** - 2 members of the public.

### **In attendance:-**

PCSO Louise Perry from Cumbria Constabulary.

### **32/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **33/09 Disclosure of Interests.**

None.

### **34/09 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor. D Howarth. Carried unanimously.

### **35/09 Matters arising.**

- a) 23/09 Councillor Lord asked whether Gary Thomas had been able to make any progress on the outstanding highways issues. The Clerk replied that no further information was available but Mr Thomas had confirmed his willingness to attend the May meeting.

- b) 30/09 (g) Councillor Howarth asked whether the pot-holes to the side of Hempland Cottages had been repaired. The Clerk replied that he had contacted the Highways Steward and the work had now been completed.
- c) 20/09 The Clerk confirmed that the telephone kiosk was still awaiting refurbishment.

**37/09 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

PCSO Louise Perry commented on reports of a red Transit-type van being seen in the area with suggestions that the occupants had been entering drive-ways, gardens etc, supposedly looking for scrap. Local residents were advised to be alert to any such suspicious behaviour.

**38/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

The minutes of the Governors' meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were NOTED..

**39/09 Lindal Village Green.**

It was confirmed that, finally, the outstanding work on the provision of kerbs on the western side of Lindal village green had been completed. However, it was pointed out that there had been further damage to the railings in the area where the workmen had been using a JCB, the assumption being that this had been caused when the footings were being dug. The Clerk undertook to raise this with Barrow council.

Discussions then took place regarding the appearance on the green of sheep and lambs during the last few weeks. The Parish Council expressed its concern that this appeared to have occurred without permission and *from the floor* there were further concerns about how the proliferation of sheep-droppings would interfere with the free enjoyment of the green by such as children and the play-group. It was noted that dogs were banned from the green because of the risk of faecal contamination, the suggestion being that other animal droppings were equally unacceptable. It was AGREED that the Clerk liaise with the Estates Manager of Barrow Council (the owners of the land) to determine how best this problem could be rectified.

**40/09 Parish Charter. Joint consultation/liaison with Barrow Council.**

The Clerk circulated copies of a letter from Barrow Borough Council regarding the possibility of creating a Parish Charter, a document which would set out the nature and standards of service which each tier of local government should expect in its relationships with each other. It was AGREED that this should be supported and that Barrow Council be informed accordingly.

**41/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

- a) 6/09/0234/118 *Erection of stable block, Snipe Ghyll, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) 6/09/0344/116 *Extension to abattoir, High Henning, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council:-
  - confirm that it had no objection in principle to this extension
  - emphasise that it remained concerned about the amount of existing HGV traffic passing through Lindal village, in contravention of the HGV restriction. (whilst this was minimal, individual HGVs were sufficient to pose a hazard for both pedestrians and other vehicles on the road in question)
  - indicate its unwillingness to see any approval being given to the proposed extension if this meant a net increase in the level of HGV traffic and if no particular steps were

taken to ameliorate the impact of such HGV traffic. (the comment in the applicant's "Design and Access Statement" was noted whereby, in point 3.3, reference is made to "the opportunity for new jobs", suggesting an anticipated increase in the volume of business and consequential traffic.)

Carried unanimously.

#### **42/09 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
  - b) Publicity material, The Dogs' Trust. It was AGREED that the Clerk arrange with the Editor of "Aspects" for a reference to this animal charity to be included in the magazine.
  - c) Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC). It was AGREED that no action be taken on the question of membership of this organisation.
  - d) Cumbria Village of the Year. This competition is about recognising well-balanced, proactive and caring communities which, irrespective of size, have made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for everyone living there. It was AGREED that the Clerk arrange for this to be highlighted in "Aspects" and that anyone interested in pursuing it be encouraged to attend the May meeting of the Parish Council and also to register their interest by contacting Councillor Mrs Kelly at her hairdressing salon, "Kurly's"
- (All the above documents to be circulated for information.)

#### **43/09 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1467.78
- b) Future rental arrangements for the use of the Buccleuch Hall. Further to minute 29/09 (b) (March 2009) Councillor Howarth reported that his committee had considered the point made by Councillor Lord and had decided that, as from September 2009, all regular users of the Hall be required to pay for their routine bookings irrespective of whether the Hall was used by the organisation in question on each and every occasion. The exception would be occasions such as when the Hall was taken over by the Borough Council for election purposes. NOTED.
- c) The Clerk pointed out that the honoraria for him and the internal auditor would normally be assessed at this time, given that it was three years since they were last increased in line with RPI. However, both he and Mr Bentley were of the opinion that no such revision was required at the present time, the position to be reviewed in April 2010. NOTED.

#### **44/09 Any Other Business.**

None.

#### **45/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

It was AGREED that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

*(All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.)*