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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 2nd July 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-

Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; Ms S Rainbow; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: - No members of the public.

In attendance:-

District Councillor W Bleasdale, ward councillor for Dalton North, introduced himself to the Parish Council but was unable to stay for the meeting.

There was no representative from Cumbria Constabulary.

62/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

63/09 Disclosure of Interests.

Councillor Howarth declared an interest in agenda item 12 (b) (*minute 72/09 (b)*) in that he was a participant in the Keswick-to-Barrow Walk.

64/09 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 7th May 2009.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 7th May 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor R Lord.

SECONDED:- Councillor. D Howarth. Carried unanimously.

65/09 Matters arising.

- a) 52/09 Councillor Lord enquired as to whether anything further had been heard about the need to introduce traffic-calming measures outside Lindal school. The Clerk confirmed that there was no further information.

- b) 60/09 Councillor Lord reported that he had not yet been able to conclude the work of having the road sign for Guards Road affixed to the wall.
- c) 60/09 Councillor Howarth asked whether there was any further information regarding what appeared to be illicit dumping of spoil on the roadside between Henning and Tytup. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been reported to the Borough Council.
- d) 51/09 Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether there had been any developments following the report of problems within the children's play area. Nothing had been heard and it was agreed that this be referred to the police as and when they were next able to attend the meeting.
- e) 50/09 The Clerk mentioned yet again that the telephone kiosk still required cleaning (on the outside) and repainting. BT were completely disinterested, despite being made aware on several occasions over the last 12 months of the disgracefully shabby appearance of their kiosk and despite it being made very clear that the area of Lindal village green was a conservation area. The Clerk had now contacted the "Action Desk" of the Evening Mail, who had been responsible for shaming BT into replacing the kiosk's missing door, and their response was awaited. It was AGREED that, if there was still no progress by the time of the next meeting (6th August), consideration be given to approaching BT with a request that the parish council be allowed to arrange themselves for the cleaning and repainting of the kiosk.

66/09 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

No officer was present.

67/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of meetings held on 9th March and 11th May, 2009 were NOTED.

68/09 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that the repairs to the railings around the village green were in hand. It was also confirmed that the Borough Council had now placed notices on the gates indicating that the grazing of livestock was not permitted.

69/09 Cumbria County Council. Minerals extraction and waste disposal. Suggested sites.

The Clerk referred to the County Council's latest proposals and possible sites in relation to mineral extraction (mines and quarries) and waste disposal (landfill, recycling etc) in the county. The only new suggestion affecting the parish was in connection with the site of the old railway sidings on the outskirts of Lindal which was outside the parish boundary but near enough to the village as to warrant careful consideration.

It appeared that a suggestion had been made to the County Council that this site could be used as a "waste management facility" although there were no precise details as to what this might entail. It was merely a preliminary proposal at this stage, the intention being that the County Council could approve it in principle, if it so minded, and if this were to happen, there would need to be a proper planning application in due course, as for any other suggested development of the site.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the County Council be advised that this site was now considered to be within the countryside proper, despite its industrial history, and that any proposal to re-introduce industry would be a retrograde step. In addition, development would add to the "ribbon effect" in lengthening the built-up area on the A590 between Lindal and Swarthmoor which would be another unfortunate development. Finally, the County Council would be aware of previous

applications for the development of this site, such as for use as a lorry-park, and for housing, all being rejected because of problems in relation to vehicular access from the A590.

Carried unanimously.

70/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *6/09/0730 Removal of planning condition which prohibited vehicles from being parked on drive. Fell View, Marton.* The Clerk advised that the Borough's planning department was recommending that this application be refused by the Planning Committee when it meets on 7th July on the grounds that the sight-lines for vehicles coming off the drive were unsatisfactory and potentially dangerous. Members referred to their own knowledge of the property and questioned the view that the level of potential danger was as high as suggested by the planning department. Examples were given where sight-lines at other properties were even more compromised and that motorists were clearly able to use their judgement and common sense to avoid problems. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the council express its support for the application on the grounds that the council was not convinced by the assertion that parking off the road, with the consequential need to manoeuvre on and off the driveway, was more dangerous than the manoeuvring required by vehicles parking on the road itself. Carried unanimously.
- b) *6/09/0802 Reserved matters re landscaping, appearance etc, for the 4 dwellings already approved for the rear of Marton Hall, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express "no comment" on this proposal. Carried unanimously.
- c) *6/09/1018 Amended design, rear sun-lounge, 24, fair View, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express "no comment" on this proposal. Carried unanimously

71/09 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Duddon Estuary Committee. Minutes re meeting, 10th March 2009. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Borough Council. Details, plans etc of proposed dockland development (the marina etc.) NOTED.
- d) Friends of the Lake District, newsletter. NOTED.
- e) Shanks Waste Disposal. Details of proposed facility, Sowerby Woods, Barrow. NOTED.
- f) Highways Agency. Details of proposed trunk road maintenance. (holiday planner) NOTED.

72/09 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £3214.58.
- b) Councillor Howarth was congratulated on his achievement in completing the 2009 Keswick-to-Barrow Walk and in accordance with minute 60/09 (a), of May 2009, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms S Rainbow that the Parish Council donate the sum of £50 to the organising committee of the Keswick-to-Barrow Walk. Carried unanimously. NB Councillor Howarth took no part in the discussions and abstained from the vote.

60/09 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk submitted a newsletter (received on 1st July) from the Cumbria Community Foundation, a grant-giving body for organisations such as youth groups, play-groups, village halls and other deserving causes. It was noted that the Foundation was intending to celebrate

its 10th anniversary by the establishment of a special £10,000 fund to enable groups to apply for grants from between £500 and £1,000. It was further noted that applications for grants had to be received by 5th June, 2009!

b) Councillor Waite reported that he was aware of work to replace some of the play equipment in Marton park, although the parish council was unaware that anything was planned. There seemed to be some local concerns that there were no facilities for younger, pre-school-age children. The Clerk reported that he had been advised of some such work but that he understood it to be in connection with Lindal playground. He undertook to make appropriate enquiries. NB. Subsequent to the meeting it was learnt that the refurbishment was, correctly, within the Marton park and that it was hoped to provide a swing suitable for toddlers. The existing equipment was at the end of its useful life and not all of it met current standards.

c) Councillor Waite reported an incident in Marton, outside his house, whereby a telegraph pole had been badly damaged by a tractor and that, amongst other things, a street light had been demolished. The Clerk confirmed that he would pursue the question of a replacement lamp.

d) Councillor Waite indicated that Barrow Council was proposing to change the address of properties currently designated as Lane Ends, Marton, to be given addresses in Silver Street, Marton, instead. No approach had been made to the parish council for any representations to be made on behalf of the residents concerned and it was AGREED that no action be taken.

e) Councillor Ms Rainbow reported that there appeared to be an interest from some local residents in the provision of allotments. It was confirmed that, as the council was not a land-owner, it was unable to make any such provision but that it would encourage and support any move made by any other owner of suitable land for the provision of allotment land.

f) Councillor Ms Rainbow reported that during the recent gala on the village green, a small pot-hole had been noticed where the hard-standing by the main gates met the green and that one or more people had stumbled there. The Clerk confirmed that this would be taken up with the installers of the gates and hard-standing.

61/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 6th August 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.)