

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present :- Councillors A Waite, (Chairman); R Lord; Mrs D Morgan.

Also present:- 15 members of the public.

In attendance:- PC D Mogford, Cumbria Constabulary.

55/05 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday, 5/5/05

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday 5th May 2005, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Morgan.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

56/05 Matters arising.

- a) 43/05 The Clerk reported that three nominations had been received in respect of the two vacancies for parish councillor and that an election would, therefore, be held on Thursday, June 23rd. NOTED.
- b) 36/05 The Clerk referred to a reference at the April meeting to the use of radar speed guns in the village and indicated that the police representative, Roger Mallett, had since suggested that a sum of about £1500 would be required for all equipment needs. He was reluctant to give a presentation unless the Parish Council were certain that such a sum could be found if and when they decided to go ahead with any scheme. *From the floor* there were suggestions that the use of the speed gun in Broughton was not without its difficulties and it was PROPOSED by the Chairman and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that no further action be taken at the present time. Carried unanimously.

57/05 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Mogford confirmed that the vandalism which had occurred in Marton was still being investigated. *From the floor* came several expressions of concern about recent incidents in the Parish and PC Mogford agreed to advise his colleague, WPC Harris,

who was the responsible officer, that local residents were still expecting the matters to be followed through.

58/05 Report of School Governors.

The minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting, held on Monday, 18th April 2005, in order to discuss the school's budget, were submitted and NOTED.

59/05 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that nothing further had been heard from Barrow Council regarding the Village Green development. He had emailed the planning department and was awaiting a reply.

60/05 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) 6/05/645 and b) 6/05/646 Conversion of barn and listed building consent, Gate Farm, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Council offer no objections to these applications. Carried unanimously.
- b) 6/05/647 Requirement to fell three ash trees, 28, The Green, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by the Chairman and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Council offer no objection to this application. Carried unanimously.

61/05 Correspondence

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Minerals and Waste Disposal – consultation document. The Chairman undertook to study the document and offer any comments, if necessary.
- c) Offshore windfarm development. Presentation and exhibition. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria County Council. National census data. It was agreed that such data could be publicised via “Aspects”.
- e) Barrow Borough Council. Standards Committee representative. It was noted that there was a vacancy on the Borough Council's Committee as a consequence of the resignation of Mr Weall. The substitute member was a councillor from Askam and Ireleth and the Clerk confirmed that he had agreed with that council that they should fill the vacancy.
- f) Highways Agency. Information leaflet. NOTED.

62/05 Finance.

- a) The Clerk reported that the cash balances were
 - Current account:- £331.71
 - Reserve account:- £1906.33.
- b) The Clerk submitted a request from “Childline” for a donation towards their services and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by the Chairman that a sum of £38 be donated, being the standard cost of a counselling session for a child. Carried unanimously.

63/05 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk submitted a request from “Aspects of Lindal and Marton” for a donation in respect of their running costs, in line with previous years. The Chairman decreed that, as the matter was urgent, a discussion could take place and a decision reached. Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that a sum of £180 be granted for this purpose. Carried unanimously.
- b) The minutes of the Residents’ Association’s recent Annual General Meeting were tabled.
- c) The Clerk reported that notification had been received from BT regarding the future of payphones within the Parish. It was being suggested that the payphone in Marton would not be removed but would change to being a cashless phone. It would no longer accept cash but would retain the ability to make emergency calls, operator-controlled calls, reverse-charge calls, credit-card and charge-card calls. However, OFCOM (The Office of Communications – the government regulatory body) was currently reviewing the payphone service nationally and their recommendations were not expected for some time. BT was still intent on reviewing the service whilst awaiting OFCOM’s recommendations and consequently the Parish Council was invited to comment on the proposals for Marton before 3rd August 2005. It was AGREED that this should be placed on the Agenda for the July meeting.
- d) The minutes of Barrow Borough Council for the period 26/4/05 to 9/5/05 were tabled..
- e) Reference was made to the installation of the new gates at Marton park, although no comment had been forthcoming from United Utilities regarding any hand-over etc. It was also noted that the waste bin had been removed and the Clerk undertook to find out why. It was also pointed out that no attempts appear to have been made to screen the new works with bushes etc and the Clerk confirmed that this would be followed up.
- g) *From the floor* reference was made to the appearance of the grass verges on the A590 when newly-cut grass was not removed. It was pointed out that Barrow Council had assumed responsibility for this task, as opposed to the Highways Agency, and as they were almost “doing the Parish a favour” in cutting the verges far more frequently than the Highways Agency, it might be inappropriate to complain at this time

64/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 7th July 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.