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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd November, 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present:- 10 members of the public.

In attendance:- WPC Karen Harris, Cumbria Constabulary.

124/06 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

125/06 Urgent business. Items received too late for the agenda.

The Chairman decreed that the following items could be debated and discussed (under agenda item 12 – minute 135/06), as additional items on the agenda, on the grounds that urgent decisions were required. (Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972)

- a) a request from “Aspects of Lindal and Marton” for financial assistance in respect of publication costs..
- b) a request from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee for financial assistance towards the “Elderberries” (Senior Citizens) Christmas Party.

126/06 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th October, 2006.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th October, 2006 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor. Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor Ms Richards

Carried unanimously.

127/06 Matters arising.

- a) 122/06 (b) The Clerk reported that a response had been received on the subject of dog-fouling and the provision of litter-bins. The dog warden apparently visited Lindal and Marton 3 times per week for general patrolling and responding to specific complaints. The Streetcare Team will visit the villages shortly to assess the provision of bins although there are limited resources for providing new bins. It was AGREED that (1) no action be taken until such time as the result of the Streetcare Team's visit was known and (2) the dog warden's telephone number be publicised – **474450** - within the minutes (and thence in "Aspects") for the benefit of the public.
- b) 122/06 (a) Councillor Ms Rainbow reported that she had been in touch with Stagecoach regarding the Express Bus Service and was waiting to hear from them.
- c) 122/06 (c) Councillor Ms Rainbow indicated that St Peter's Church was still hopeful that the Council would be able to participate in the arrangements for the Christingle and Carol Service.
- d) 114/06 (a) Councillor Lord asked whether there was any further information regarding the road junction at Snipe Ghyll. The Clerk confirmed that there was nothing to report. *From the floor* it was suggested that the wind-farm operators, whilst they might be discussing the purchase of the corner of the field, did not intend to make good the land with tarmac, the implication being that the County Council would need to accept this responsibility.

128/06 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

WPC Karen Harris reported that she was aware of some concern within Lindal at development of some relatively minor youth disorder. This was echoed *by the floor* when reference was made to knocking on doors and bell-ringing, often late at night, with windows in the telephone box being broken and road signs being vandalised. Several names of local young persons were mentioned and WPC Harris confirmed that the problems identified would be followed-up. She also emphasised the importance of local residents telephoning the police immediately if they were concerned about anything which might be happening in the villages. The telephone number, for non-emergency use, is **0845 3300247**.

129/06 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for discussion.

130/06 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that attempts to secure additional funding for the railings scheme, to make up the short-fall between the amount promised by Barrow Borough Council and the lowest tender, were making little progress. However, he had been in discussions with a local small engineering firm specialising in fencing and railings and he was hopeful that they could provide a quotation for the work in keeping with the amount of money available. He was waiting for confirmation from Barrow Borough Council that this approach would be supported before taking the matter further.

131/06 Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC).

In the absence of Councillor Howarth it was still unclear as to when the Buccleuch Hall might be available for the suggested "Roadshow" to be provided by CALC. However, it was AGREED that Councillor Lord would contact CALC again to establish exactly when they might be able to visit the Council, at which time the Council would assess the availability of a suitable venue.

132/06 CCC. Draft Wind Energy planning document.

Reference was made to the lack of any documentation on this subject other than a reference to the County Council's web-site where it was clear that there was a comprehensive – 300-page-plus – summary of all matters relating to the issues surrounding the requirement for alternative sources of energy and the need to protect the community generally from unnecessary developments. It was AGREED that no comment was required from the Council at this time.

133/06 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

6/06/1263. amendments to 6/05/1698 re additional buildings to proposed development at Poaka Beck Treatment Works. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Richards that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

134/06 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Morecambe Bay Partnership. AGM and conference, 2/11/06. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Borough Council minutes, 25/07/06 to 4/10/06. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria County Council. De-trunking of A595 (part) NOTED.
- e) Highways Agency. Newsletter. NOTED.

135/06 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1122.93
- b) The Clerk submitted requests from “Aspects of Lindal and Marton”, and the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee, for financial assistance in respect of printing costs of the parish magazine and the “Elderberries” Christmas Party, respectively. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that a sum of £200 be approved in respect of “Aspects” This was carried unanimously. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that a sum of £200 be approved in respect of the Christmas party. Carried unanimously.

136/06 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Lord suggested that, in the interests of better communication, future meetings of the Council should have the tables used by the Council set out in more of a horse-shoe shape, and that the seats for the audience should be slightly nearer to the Council. This was AGREED.
- b) Councillor Lord asked whether there were any difficulties with the arrangements for the circulation of documents. It was AGREED that, as and when councillors received the circulation file, they should pass it on with the minimum of delay.
- c) The Chairman referred to a gift of fireworks to the residents of Marton, from the contractor working on the water-main renewal – Murphy's – and it was AGREED that the Clerk should send a letter of appreciation.
- d) The Chairman referred to correspondence from the Monitoring Officer for the Standards Committee of Barrow Borough Council and his suggestion that training for councillors was required to ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct and “disclosure of interests”. (*Vide* minute 99/06, 7th September, 2006.) The Clerk would coordinate arrangements for such training, to include the Chairman, together with Councillors Ms Richards and Howarth.
- e) The Clerk introduced papers relating to the next meeting of the Duddon Estuary Partnership. NOTED.

- f) The Clerk referred to the Remembrance Sunday ceremonies, to take place on Sunday, 12th November 2006, and it was AGREED that the Chairman would attend the Marton ceremony, and Councillor Ms Rainbow (or, perhaps, Councillor Howarth) would attend the one at Lindal.

137/06 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 7th December, 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal