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, 2nd October 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-

Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillors Ms S Rainbow and D Howarth.

Also present: - 5 members of the public.

In attendance:-

Apologies from PC Steve Johnston, Cumbria Constabulary.

104/08 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

105/08 Disclosure of Interests.

Councillor Mrs Kelly declared an interest in agenda item 10, minute 112/08, in that she lived in the conservation area within which the tree was situated.

106/08 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th September, 2008.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th September, 2008 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord

SECONDED:- Councillor. Mrs Kelly Carried unanimously.

107/08 Matters arising.

a) 93/08 Councillor Lord asked whether there was any progress regarding the telephone kiosk at The Green. The Clerk replied that he had sent a reminder to BT very recently but that no response had been received.

b) 94/08 Councillor Lord asked whether there had been any progress regarding the speed-warning device for London Road. The Clerk replied that nothing had been heard but the matter would be followed up.

108/08 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Johnston had called before the meeting but was unable to stay because of work commitments.

109/08 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes - if any.

The minutes of the governors' meeting of 16th June were NOTED. A letter was received from the clerk to governors enquiring about road markings outside the school and the 20 mph speed limit. The Clerk confirmed that both matters were in hand and it was AGREED that he would write back accordingly.

110/08 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that Barrow Borough Council had now formally placed an order with Cumbria County Council for the installation of kerbs around the western edge of Lindal's village green, the work to be completed during the current financial year.

111/08 Prospective Wind Farm, Standish Cote.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Infinergy as agreed in minute 97/08 (October) but that no reply had as yet been received.

The Chairman indicated that he had attended the exhibition at Ulverston and had been told by Infinergy that discussions had taken place with Barrow Borough Council planning officials about the route to be used to gain access to the site. The Clerk confirmed that he had been trying to obtain a reply from the Borough about the possibility of Parish Councils being involved in any discussions about routes and transport issues generally but all that he could learn was that the Parish Council would be consulted in due course.

The next meeting of the liaison group was scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 although there had been no formal notification to liaison group members.

112/08 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B28/08/1260 Felling of sycamore tree subject to Tree Preservation Order, 1 The Green, Lindal.

It was NOTED that this was a re-submission of application 6/08/564 which had been considered by the Parish Council at its June meeting (minute 69/08 (a)). That application had included an arboricultural report commissioned by the applicant suggesting that the tree posed a danger to the adjacent property. The Council was aware at that time that the Borough's planning department were recommending that the tree have a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) placed upon it and the Council's decision was to support a TPO "unless there were proven dangers necessitating the removal of the tree". The Borough Council's Planning Committee went on to approve the recommendation regarding the TPO.

It was NOTED that the current application to remove the tree again referred to the arboricultural report to justify its removal and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the decision embodied in minute 69/08 (a) be reiterated in that the tree should be preserved until such time as the Borough Council was satisfied that there were sufficient dangers so as to warrant the tree's removal. However, given that there was a professional report suggesting that the tree was potentially dangerous,

the Parish Council would urge the Borough Council to commission its own report in order to clarify whether or not the tree posed problems. Carried unanimously.

113/08 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Minutes of meeting. NOTED.

114/08 Finance.

- a) Cash balances: Current account £50 Reserve account: £2503.24
- b) In view of Councillor Howarth's absence, consideration of the internal audit arrangements was deferred until the November meeting.

115/08 Any Other Business.

- a) Information had been provided by Councillor Ms Rainbow regarding the Remembrance Sunday arrangements for this year, with a service being held at the Lindal War Memorial at 10.15 am and one at Marton at 2.00 pm, on Sunday 9th November. Consideration as to who might be able to attend was deferred until the November meeting.
- b) Councillor Waite reported that he would be unable to attend the November meeting, due to holidays. (and possibly the December meeting).
- c) Councillor Waite referred to correspondence he had received regarding the Borough Council's Christmas Ball. He would not be attending and the correspondence was passed to Councillor Mrs Kelly for attention.

116/08 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 6th November 2008, 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.)