

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

### **Present:-**

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

**Apologies.** Councillor D Howarth.

**Also present:-** 5 member of the public.

**In attendance:-** PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.  
(apologies from Borough Councillor Jill Heath)

### **95/10 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **96/10 Disclosure of interests.**

Councillor Mrs Kelly declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 (d) in that she and her husband were the owners of the property in question. (*vide minute 101/10 (d)*)

### **97/10 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly. Carried unanimously.

### **98/10 Matters arising.**

- a) 85/10 Councillor Lord requested clarification on the issues raised at the meeting in August, namely 1) Parish Paths Initiative. The Clerk was able to confirm that the maps for each of the paths had been finalised but there were still one or two outstanding issues relating to the layout of the text. These were being resolved. 2) Proposed Chicken Farm. There was no further information.

- b) 93/10 Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether there was any information regarding the removal of weeds. The Clerk confirmed that both he and Borough Councillor Doughty had raised the matter with the Borough Council who indicated that Lindal and Marton were scheduled for attention in the near future.

#### **99/10 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

Councillor Lord referred to the inconsiderate parking (*vide minute 86/10, August 2010*) and confirmed that the vehicle was now being parked in a more appropriate position.

PCSO Perry indicated that she would be approaching the school to discuss speeding problems (*vide minute 86/10*) with the suggestion that all parents be reminded yet again about the parking and speeding problems in the vicinity of the school.

Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether there was any more information about the rumour that the Dalton police station might close. PCSO Perry had no further information.

*From the floor*, a resident of Pennington Lane drew attention to the speeding problems on that road and suggested that this was exacerbated by an overgrown hedge on the cricket field side of the road. The Clerk indicated that this would be referred to the County Council for their attention.

PCSO Perry said that the next meeting of the Dalton North police advisory committee would take place at Dalton Town Hall on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, at 6.45 pm.

#### **100/10 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.**

There were no minutes for consideration.

#### **101/10 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

- a) B18/2010/1004. addition of 1<sup>st</sup> floor to existing retail facility, Wild Animal Park.
- b) B18/2010/1005. replacement of entrance building, Wild Animal Park.
- c) B18/2010/1018. additional chain-link fencing, Wild Animal Park.

The Clerk referred to the agreement with Barrow Borough Council whereby Lindal and Marton Parish Council would be consulted in respect of the Wild Animal Park's application to expand up to the Parish boundary, by Melton Terrace. (*vide minute 77/10 (d), 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010*). The three latest applications, as listed above, appeared to have no direct bearing on the expansion proposals but had been referred to the Parish Council in keeping with the spirit of that agreement.

Applications 1004 and 1005 in particular, were concerned with alterations to existing buildings within the Park and, under normal circumstances, the Parish Council would have no say in determining the outcome. (However, it was pointed out the proposals seemed to contradict the plans for expansion, given that a completely new entrance building was proposed near to the Melton Terrace entrance as part of the expansion.)

Application 1018 was different in that it concerned the installation of an animal-proof fence, as part of the planned expansion. However, apart from along the north and westerly side of the Park, the line of the fence would not be along the boundary of the proposed additional areas of the Park and would not, therefore, run along the line of the road at Melton Terrace.

Instead, it was planned to run roughly north to south, along the boundary of the proposed additional animal enclosures, with all of the Park's animal enclosures then being on the western side of the fence, and all other – non-animal – areas (including the land not owned by the Park), plus the new car parks, entrance buildings, administration areas etc., to the eastern side. In reality, the fence would be several hundred yards from the residents of Melton Terrace.

Correspondence from the Park suggested that funding was available for the installation of the fence but that this had to be spent by April 2012. The application was being submitted at this time so as not to compromise the availability of funding whilst at the same time it allowed for the main application for expansion to be properly assessed. It was assumed (by the Parish Council) that the building of the fence would have no bearing on the eventual decision as to whether the Park should be allowed to expand.

It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Council express “no comment” on the three aforesaid applications, 1004, 1005 and 1018. Carried unanimously.

- d) *B21/2010.0996. Alterations to garage/store, 36 The Green, Lindal.* (Councillor Mrs Kelly took no part in the discussions, or vote, on this subject). It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- e) *B18/2010/1110. 1<sup>st</sup> floor extensions to provide administration area, Duerden’s Abattoir, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

#### **102/10 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Minutes 14/07/10 and AGM 11/11/10. NOTED.
- c) “No need for nuclear”. Early Day Motion 557, House of Commons. NOTED. Also for circulation and to be placed on the agenda for the October meeting.
- d) “Walking Drawings”, Morecambe Bay and Duddon Sands. NOTED.

#### **103/10 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances:- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2218.86.
- b) Annual Audit. The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Audit Return (*vide minute 66/10 (c) 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010*) had been returned by the Auditors. There was a requirement that the Council formally accept the return of the document and that action be taken on any issues highlighted by the Auditors. On this occasion there were no such issues and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that such be NOTED and that the audit fee (£50 + vat £8.75) be authorised and paid. Carried unanimously.

#### **104/10 Any Other Business.**

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether she should pursue the question of whether the school should have its pupils take an interest in the Information Points, the ex-BT phone kiosks. (*vide minute 62/10 (6) 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010*). It was AGREED that this would be acceptable and that the matter be an agenda item for October.
- b) *From the floor* there was a reminder that the materials, letters, photographs etc., celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Peter’s Church were still on display in the Church, on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- c) *From the floor*, it was suggested that Lindal Cricket Club had plans for a major redevelopment of their pavilion. Whilst the site was outside the Parish, the Parish Council expected to be consulted regarding any planning application because of the close proximity of the existing club house to the parish boundary and the residential area of Pennington Lane and the Clerk confirmed that he had heard nothing about any such development. NB Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk learnt that no application had yet been submitted to South Lakeland District Council but that, once this happened, the Parish Council would be formally consulted.

**105/10 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 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.)*