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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 3rd August 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor D Howarth

Also present:- 5 members of the public.

In attendance:- PC Sean Conway, Cumbria Constabulary.
Mr Mike Brockbank, Furness Enterprise.

83/06 Disclosure of Interests.

None

84/06 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th July, 2006.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 6th July, 2006 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms S Rainbow

SECONDED:- Councillor R Lord

Carried unanimously.

85/06 Matters arising.

- a) 81/06 (f) The Clerk confirmed that the problems of weeds on pavements had been passed to the appropriate body who hoped to be inspecting the area shortly. The Chairman reported that he had seen, in Marton, what appeared to be a quad-bike, fitted with spraying equipment
- b) 81/06 (g) The Clerk reported that he had discussed the question of being able to use the power supply which was in place on the village green for the Christmas lights with the officer responsible but had been advised that health and safety considerations precluded the apparatus from being used by others.
- c) .81/06 (e) Councillor Lord enquired as to the leakage of water adjacent to Bank Terrace, Lindal. There was no evidence of any continuing leak.

- d) 81/06 (b) Councillor Lord enquired as to whether the Transport Plan had been circulated to councillors. The Chairman confirmed that this had been passed to Councillor Ms Richards.

86/06 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Sean Conway was in attendance. *From the floor* it was suggested that it would be useful if, as and when police patrol cars were passing through the villages, they could stop to talk to any children who might be playing in the area. It was thought that this would emphasise the presence of the police and might help to build bridges between the police and young people, with some of them (albeit a minority) occasionally getting involved in minor vandalism such as throwing stones at the windows of the Buccleuch Hall. PC Conway indicated that he would see whether this could be arranged.

87/06 Social Enterprise Schemes.

Mr Mike Brockbank, from Furness Enterprise, attended in order to explain the availability of funds for small enterprises within the community. He explained that, where there were social enterprise businesses – those which served the community and where profits were ploughed back into the enterprise – grants could be applied for, either to assist in starting up or for expansion. There could also be grants for feasibility studies where organisations were considering starting such enterprises. Grants in the region of £10,000 to £20,000 were mentioned. Mr Brockbank could be contacted on 01229 820611 by anyone looking for more information.

88/06 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes to consider.

89/06 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman reported on a meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 19th July 2006, when he and the Clerk, together with the Chairman and Secretary of the Residents association, Mr D Barr and Mrs S Thompson, had met Steve Warbrick, the Director of Regeneration of Barrow Borough Council, along with Des Metcalfe of the design team, in order to discuss the developments for the village green.

Mr Warbrick indicated that the money available from the Borough Council for the development scheme was limited to £40,000 and given that the single quotation for the abridged scheme (for replacement railings, including drainage, gates etc, but without the dwarf wall) was around £70,000, it was agreed that the Parish Council and the Residents Association would explore alternative sources of funding to make up the short-fall.

The Clerk confirmed that he had made a preliminary approach to the National Lottery Heritage Fund and was waiting to hear from them

From the floor, the Chairman of the Residents Association confirmed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of his committee.

90/06 Gambling Act, 2005.

The Draft Statement regarding Barrow Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy was NOTED.

91/06 Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC).

Councillor Lord reported on his discussions with Tom McMullen from CALC and suggested that it might be helpful to accept the offer of the “Roadshow” if for no other reason than it might assist the council in identifying how effective it was in influencing others to get things done. However, it would appear that a pre-requisite for CALC to visit with the “Roadshow” is a commitment from every councillor that they would attend the event once it had been arranged. It was, therefore, AGREED that the matter be placed on the agenda for the September meeting when it was anticipated that all councillors would be present. (with the exception of Councillor Ms S Rainbow, who confirmed her willingness to attend such an event.)

92/06. Westmorland General Hospital. Proposals re the down-grading of facilities.

Discussions took place regarding the proposals for radical changes to the Westmorland General Hospital, Kendal, incorporating a reduction in the level of service at that hospital. It was apparent that such reduction would be accompanied by an enhancement of the facilities at both the Furness General Hospital and the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, resulting in an increased level of health-care for residents of the parish, as opposed to a reduction for residents in the Kendal area. As a consequence, it was thought that it would be inappropriate to pass comment on the proposals and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the council NOTE the proposals and that no response be made. Carried unanimously.

It was further noted that individual councillors were at liberty to make their own views known to the hospital authorities if they so desired.

93/06 Furness Partnership. Community Plan

The Community Plan, as produced by Furness Partnership, was NOTED.

94/06 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *6/06/0910 Listed Building consent. Provision of conservatory, rear of Church Farm House, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that the Council express no objection to this proposal. Carried unanimously.
- b) *6/06/0951 Vehicular access details re approved application 06/513 – The Old Chapel, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that the Council express no objection to this proposal. Carried unanimously.
- c) *6/06/0686 Erection of first-floor bedroom extension over existing garage, 24, Railway Terrace, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that the Council express no objection to this proposal, with the proviso that the Clerk enquire from the planning department the appropriateness of the applicant wishing to build the extension right up to the boundary line with the next-door neighbour. Carried unanimously.

95/06 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Borough Council minutes. 22/5/06 to 20/7/06. NOTED.

96/06 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £63.25 Reserve account:- £1563.37
- b) The Clerk requested payment of the invoice from the Audit Commission, in the sum of £58.75, in respect of the fee for this year's audit, together with a cheque for petty cash, in the sum of £19.86. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that this expenditure be approved and cheques signed accordingly. Carried unanimously.

97/06 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that he had only just received a planning application relating to the Parish, too late for the agenda. As a consequence, the Chairman decreed that, because of the need for an urgent reply, and in accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the matter could be discussed and a decision reached, viz., *6/2006/0992 First floor extension to form replacement bathroom and additional bedroom, 57, Tarn Flat, Marton*. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Council express no objections to this development. Carried unanimously.
- b) The Clerk reported that Capita Symonds, acting on behalf of the County Council, was proposing to carry out improvements to the footpaths within the Parish, during the current financial year. Details of the proposals were passed to councillor Lord for perusal, to be forwarded to the Chairman in due course

98/06 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

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