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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, 3rd January 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present:- 1 member of the public.

In attendance:-

PC Tony Howson and PC Laura Sowerby, Cumbria Constabulary.

1/08 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None

2/08 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

3/08 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st November, 2007.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 6th December, 2007 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly . Carried unanimously.

4/08 Matters arising.

- a) 151/07 Councillor Lord asked whether arrangements had been made for “Aspects” to carry an article about highways maintenance. The Clerk confirmed that this was in hand, reminding the Council that the next edition of “Aspects” was not until the end of January.
- b) 152/07 Councillor Lord enquired as to whether the officers from Cumbria Constabulary had any knowledge of PC Karen Harris’ involvement in discussions on the Keswick – Barrow Walk. The officers had no information but indicated that they

would email PC Harris, pointing out that the Council would appreciate any information as to progress.

- c) 150/07 Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether a formal request for a 20 mph speed limit had been forwarded to the County Council's agents (Capita). The Clerk confirmed that this had been done.

5/08 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There were no particular problems for discussion.

6/08 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

7/08 Lindal Village Green.

There was nothing further to report on the remaining part of the approved development, ie., the renewal of kerbs. Reference was made to the failure of the Christmas Tree lights and the temporary repairs which had been effected to maintain a service over the Christmas period. The Clerk reported that he had been advised that there had been damage to the underground cable which fed the Tree, allegedly sustained when the concrete bases were being installed for the new benches and that this was the subject of discussions between Barrow Borough Council and the contractor responsible for the railings and benches.

8/08 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

None

9/08 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Supported Lodgings Scheme. It was NOTED that within Cumbria there were about 50 young people each year who left the care system and who very often had difficulties in coping with the responsibilities of independent living, as few have families capable of supporting them. As a consequence, the Council is looking to recruit households which might have a spare room and an interest in giving a young person a measure of stability whilst they develop the skills required to live independently. Training, support and financial allowances are available for householders joining this scheme and anyone who might have an interest should contact Sally Mottram on 01900 325383 .
- c) Highways Agency. Planned roadworks – northwest England. NOTED.

10/08 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1350.94
- b) Reference was made to the budget estimate for 2008/09, (a copy of which having previously been forwarded to each member) and it was NOTED that the projected expenditure for 2008/09 was broadly in line with the estimated out-turn for 2007/08. Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the precept to be recommended to Barrow Borough Council should remain the same for 2008/09 as 2007/08 ie., £2,500. Such amount would mean an addition to the council tax in 2008/09 of between eight and nine pounds per year, ie., around 16 pence per week, the same as this year, 2007/08. The proposal was carried unanimously.

11/08 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to problems with traffic in the vicinity of her hair dressing salon at The Green, Lindal, with vehicles turning off the main road frequently causing problems whenever other vehicles were attempting to reverse into the side passage next to her salon. It was AGREED that this traffic difficulty be referred to Gary Thomas, of Capita, for his attention and advice.
- b) Councillor Waite drew attention to a lack of grit in some of the roadside grit bins in Marton and wondered whether the filling-up of such bins had been overlooked or was otherwise incomplete. The Clerk undertook to check this with Gary Thomas.
- c) Councillor Ms Rainbow expressed the thanks of St Peter's Church for the work by Councillors Howarth and Mrs Kelly in decorating the Church windows during the Christmas period.

12/08 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 7th February 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.