

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd June 2004, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors T Weall, (Chairman); R Hickey; R Lord; A Waite.

Apologies:- Mrs D Morgan.

Also present:- 16 members of the public.

43/04 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 6th May 2004.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 6th May 2004, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite.

SECONDED:- Councillor Hickey.

Carried unanimously.

44/04 Matters arising.

34/04 Councillor Lord commented on the figures quoted by PC Howson regarding the speed of traffic on the A590, pointing out that averages could disguise the fact that some vehicles passed through the village at speeds well in excess of the allowed maximum of 40 mph. It was AGREED that the Clerk would get in touch with PC Howson for more information.

45/04 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There was no officer in attendance.

46/04 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March were NOTED.

47/04 Cumbria Local Transport Plan 2006 – 2012.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would respond with a request that

- a) Consideration be given to implementing a 20 mph speed limit in Lindal, as a continuation of the limit which already applies to Marton, so that it continues down Pit Lane, past the school, and to the A590.
- b) An approach be made to the Stagecoach bus company with a request that their express service routinely stop in Lindal.

48/04 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman explained that there had been a few developments since the last meeting.

- Discussions had taken place with Barrow Council planning officers and Highways officials and advice was taken over what elements of the planning application were likely to be recommended for refusal.
- As a consequence, it was thought that the existing application should be withdrawn and an amended one submitted.
- A traffic survey would take place to assess the speed of traffic around the Green. The results would have a bearing on whether or not any additional gates were provided but could also mean that traffic-calming measures were provided irrespective of whether any development took place.
- The landscape architect was in the process of drawing up an amended plan .
- Barrow Council had been requested to organise the Parish-wide consultation before the amended plan was submitted to the planning committee. The format of the consultation was not yet known but it would include having on display the amended plans together with samples of paving and pathway materials.
- Whatever was approved via the parish consultation would form the basis of the planning application.

NOTED.

From the floor came a suggestion that any traffic survey would benefit by having an analysis of traffic as it came down Pit Lane past the playground. The Clerk undertook to pursue this suggestion with the Highways officers.

Councillor Hickey pointed out that 5 of the newly-planted trees within the Green had died, seemingly because of the dry conditions during the summer of 2003. The Parks Department would be planting replacements when the time was appropriate and it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to remind them of this requirement.

49/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. Minutes re 1. 4. 04 NOTED.
- c) “Childline” newsletter. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria Association of Councils for Voluntary Service, survey. NOTED.

50/04 Finance.

a)The Clerk reported the cash balances as follows:-

Current account £430.78
Reserve account £1584.86

b) Audit requirements. The Clerk reported that the annual audit had been completed by the internal auditor and that the returns had to be forwarded to the District Auditor. The Parish Council needed to formally approve the accounts and confirm the "Statement of Assurance". Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the accounts be approved and the Statement of Assurance be completed. Carried unanimously.

c) The Clerk submitted a petty cash requirement in the sum of £30.73.

d) The Clerk reported that the producers of the Parish Newsletter, "Aspects", were requesting the usual financial support, in the sum of £150.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that items (c) and (d) above be approved and that cheques be duly authorised and signed. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Lord also made reference to the volunteers who were involved in the production and distribution of "Aspects". It was AGREED that all concerned should be complimented on their efforts.

e) The Clerk and Chairman commented on difficulties which had been experienced when trying to transfer funds from the reserve account to the current account. It was thought that the Parish Council should make use of the bank's Businessline service, whereby nominated officers could initiate transactions via the telephone. It was also suggested that the Clerk be added to the nominated signatories list and that the Chairman and Clerk be the officers with the facility to access the accounts via the telephone. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the above suggestions be supported. Carried unanimously.

51/04 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Hickey reported that replacement village name signs had been installed on Moor Rd and Pit Lane.
- b) *From the floor* it was mentioned that dog fouling was still a problem in Marton. The Chairman indicated that he would raise the question of additional warning signs at the next liaison meeting with Barrow Borough officials.
- c) *From the floor* came a suggestion that there was still a need for additional litter bins. This would also be mentioned at the liaison meeting.
- d) The Clerk referred to the outstanding requirement for wheelie bins for green waste. Only part of the Parish appeared to have been supplied with them and this would also be raised at the liaison meeting.
- e) The Clerk commented on the proposed cycle route from Walney to Wearside which would pass through the Parish. An exhibition giving full details was proposed for Tuesday, 8th June 2004, in the Dock Museum, at 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.
- f) The Clerk reported that the final recommendations had been received from the Boundary Commission regarding the proposed revisions to Local Government in the North West. NOTED.

52/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 1st July 2004. at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.