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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 3rd September 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- R Lord.

Also present: - 2 members of the public.

In attendance:- PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Mrs Glover, previously Ms Rainbow, on her recent marriage.

90/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

91/09 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

92/09 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11th August 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11th August 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth

SECONDED:- Councillor Waite. Carried unanimously.

93/09 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

94/09 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Louise Perry, from Cumbria Constabulary, was in attendance. Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether anything was known about a recent act of vandalism to a car (a broken window) parked near to her hair-dressing salon. PCSO Perry reported that no progress had been made in identifying the culprit.

95/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

96/09 BT telephone kiosk, The Green, Lindal.

It was confirmed that, at long last, the telephone kiosk at The Green, Lindal had been repainted (by BT).

The Clerk reported that Barrow Council had advised that, should the Parish Council wish to “adopt” the kiosks at Marton and Lindal (*vide minute 82/09, August 09*), the Parish Council would be responsible for any maintenance etc. Planning permission would be required if the Lindal kiosk was to be transferred to the courtyard in front of the Buccleuch Hall but this was not thought to be a problem.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that

- the Parish Council seek to adopt both kiosks, with a view to them being used as mini information booths;
- no further action be taken regarding the possible transfer of the Lindal kiosk to the courtyard of the Buccleuch Hall;
- the Clerk seek clarification from BT regarding the power supplies to the kiosks in relation to the interior lights;
- discussions as to the way in which the kiosks might be used once they have been adopted be deferred until the transfers have been completed.

Carried unanimously.

97/09 Barrow Council. Review of gambling policy.

It was AGREED that no comment was required from the Council. (*Vide minute 83/09, August 2009*).

98/09 Cumbria County Council. Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

The Clerk reported that the information in relation to the Barrow Borough Council area was still not available. (*Vide minute 84/09, August 2009*.)

99/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B13/2009/1355. Residential development of 1 terrace of 4 three-storey/three-bedroom houses and 1 terrace of 3 two-storey/three-bedroom houses. (outline application) The Anchor Inn, Lindal.

A widespread discussion took place, *including the floor*, over the proposal to demolish the closed-down Anchor public house and for a total of seven houses to be erected in its place. All concerned accepted the economic realities of the situation leading to the pub’s closure and it was noted that there still remained in Lindal village one other pub together with licensed premises at the cricket and bowling clubs. However, there was concern over the numbers and potential height of the houses suggested for the site and the consequential parking and road-safety considerations, as well as privacy requirements for existing properties.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Parish Council should

- *express its dismay at the prospect of a permanent loss of such a substantial and handsome building (noting that it was not a listed building);*
- *accept with reluctance the loss of yet another village amenity (a pub) whilst recognizing the economic problems leading to this situation;*
- *support the application in principle as a practical way of increasing the supply of what could be reasonably-priced (relatively speaking) new houses;*
- *decline to support the proposal to provide seven houses in total, on the basis that this would be an over-intensive development of the site, with some houses being of an excessive height, dominating the adjacent properties; off-road parking would be probably be inadequate, despite the applicant's claims, leading to more parking problems on an already-congested main highway; and road safety would be compromised by the number of vehicles which would need to manoeuvre on and off the very busy trunk road. (The applicant's reference to a potential reduction in such traffic as compared to the amount generated by the pub was misleading, given that the pub had not generated traffic in any measurable sense for many years.)*
- *recommend that Barrow Borough Council take all necessary steps to ensure that one or more of any new houses are categorized as "low-cost" houses, suitable for first-time buyers.*

Carried unanimously.

NB Councillor Howarth left the meeting at this point.

100/09 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) South Lakeland District Council. Local Development Framework. NOTED.
- c) Cumbria County Council. Newsletter. NOTED.

101/09 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £3088.29.
- b) The Clerk requested payment of the first part of his honorarium, in the sum of £300. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that such payment be approved and a cheque duly signed. Carried unanimously.

102/09 Any Other Business.

Councillor Mrs Glover drew attention to the organ concert which was scheduled for 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Lindal, on Saturday, 5th September.

103/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 1st October 2009, 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.)