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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th August 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; Ms M Richards.

Apologies for absence:- Councillors Mrs D Morgan; Ms S Rainbow.

Also present:- 6 members of the public.

In attendance:- There was no representative from Cumbria Constabulary.

78/05 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

79/05 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th July 2005.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th July 2005, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord.

SECONDED:- Councillor Ms Richards.

Carried unanimously.

80/05 Matters arising.

- a) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Chief Superintendent Horlacher to express the Council's concerns over the apparent lack of interest regarding the petty crime being experienced in the Parish. He had received a reply from Inspector Vernon who had indicated his willingness to attend the September meeting of the Council. NOTED.
- b) 76/05/(c) The Clerk confirmed that he had raised the question of a Christmas Tree for Marton with Barrow Borough Council, pointing out that other parishes appeared to have more than one installation for the various open spaces in their areas. A reply had been received indicating that only one Tree was provided for each of the other parishes and that additional trees would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was AGREED that there should be informal discussions with the Residents Association prior to the subject being placed on the Agenda for the September meeting.

- c) 73/05 The Clerk confirmed that he had informed BT of the Council's reluctance to see the payphone at Marton downgraded and that he had merely received an acknowledgement.
- d) 70/05 Councillor Lord confirmed that the questionnaire regarding rights-of-way had been completed and sent off.

81/05 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There was no representative present.

82/05 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

83/05 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting a response from the Director of Regeneration regarding the establishment of a working party, on which would be representatives of the Parish Council and the Residents Association. *From the floor*, the Chairman of the Association produced a letter from the Director confirming that consultants had been instructed to develop an appropriate scheme, without any mention of a working party. At the same time, there was confirmation that the separate scheme to re-furbish the War Memorial was going ahead.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council await a response from the Director before taking any further action.

84/05 Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Quality development.

The Clerk reported that the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) were willing to address the Council regarding the Government initiative "Quality Parish Development Programme". It was PROPOSED by the Chairman and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Richards that the offer be accepted. The proposal was put to the vote with two members for the proposal and one against (Councillor Lord). The proposal was, therefore, carried.

85/05 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) 6/05/1055 (*resubmission of 05/146*) addition of window to rear elevation, 12, London Rd Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by the Chairman that the Council offer no objection to this proposal. Carried unanimously.
- b) 6/05/1121 *Utility room extension and erection of garage and new vehicular access, 2 Moor Cottages, Pit Lane, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Richards and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council offer no objection to this proposal. Carried unanimously.
- c) 6/05/1136 *Extension to LAMPS school, Pit Lane, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by the Chairman that the Council offer no objection to this proposal. Carried unanimously.
- d) 6/05/1137 *Prior notification of extension to existing farm building, Church Farm, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Richards that the Council offer no objection to the proposal with the proviso that, if possible, such work should

not result in any reduction in the trees which currently screen the buildings in the area in question. Carried unanimously.

86/05 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Road-side verges information. NOTED.
- c) Friends of the Lake District. Burying of overhead wires. NOTED.
- d) Barrow Borough Council minutes. 9/5/05 to 19/7/05. NOTED.

87/05 Finance.

- a) The Clerk reported that the cheque he had sent to CALC in respect of postage costs for handbooks (£1.21) had been returned as such charge was now considered to be inappropriate.
- b) The cash balances were:-

Current account:- £509.09

Reserve account:- £1286.33.

88/05 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit Return had been returned by the Auditors without any queries. However, they had pointed out that "A formal risk assessment has not been carried out". It was AGREED that, as there did not appear to be a statutory requirement for this, and given that the Council's honorary auditor had confirmed his satisfaction with the Council's "adequacy of arrangements" to manage risk, no action be taken.
- b) The Clerk submitted the Annual Progress Report regarding Cumbria County Council's Transport Plan 2001/2006. NOTED.
- c) Councillor Ms Richards reported that the mirror at the foot of Snipe Ghyll, erected to aid traffic, was obscured by hanging baskets. It was AGREED that Councillor Richards would discuss the matter with the householder concerned.
- d) Councillor Ms Richards suggested that there was a problem in relation to the grass verges on Snipe Ghyll with an amount of cut foliage needing to be cleared away. It was AGREED that Councillor Richards would raise the matter with the Highways department.
- e) *From the floor* came a reference to newspaper reports about proposals to extend the Wild Life Park in Dalton and the way this might affect local residents. It was AGREED that the Council await developments.

89/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 1st September 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.