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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th August 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillors R Lord and Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 3 members of the public.

In attendance:-

Mr Barry Doughty, Mrs Ann Thurlow and Mr Denis Bell: Borough Councillors, Dalton North Ward.

72/11 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk reported that two planning applications had been received after the Agenda had been completed – a wind-turbine for Lindal Cote Farm, Lindal and an extension for a property in Station Terrace, Lindal. The Chairman confirmed that because a response was required within 21 days the two items could be considered under item 10 of the Agenda, “Planning Applications relating to the Parish” (minute 80/11).

73/11 Disclosure of interests.

None

74/11 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2011.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2011, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. SECONDED:- Councillor Howarth .
Carried unanimously.

75/11 Matters arising.

58/11 (b) Councillor Mrs Glover reported that the stray duck had been “re-homed” to a local small-holding.

76/11 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry had previously submitted apologies for her non-attendance.

77/11. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of Tuesday, 17th May 2011 were NOTED.

78/11 Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, 2012.

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Mrs Taylforth, Barrow's Town Centre and Festivals Manager, that consideration was being given, nationwide, to the question of celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 (5th June) and that an array of beacons throughout the country was favoured. Preliminary suggestions from Cumbria's Lord Lieutenant revolved around each District Council in Cumbria arranging for seven beacons and Mrs Taylforth wondered whether Lindal and Marton Parish Council had any thoughts on the matter.

Further advice was anticipated and it was AGREED that the matter be deferred for the time being, with Mrs Taylforth's correspondence being forwarded to Councillor Howarth for the attention of the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee.

79/11 Joint Rural Committee, 21st July 2011. Report from Chairman.

The Chairman reported that he had been unable to attend the meeting.

80/11 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *6/2011/0375. Front porch and detached double garage, The Old Chapel, Lindal.* It was NOTED that, whilst the date for the Council's response had expired (30th June) a decision on the application had not yet been reached by the Borough Council's planning department. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council express "no comment" on the application. Carried unanimously.
- b) *6/2011/0376 _Conservatory, rear elevation, 8 East View, Lindal.* It was similarly NOTED that the date regarding consultation had expired (30th June) but it was also NOTED that the application had already been approved by the planning department. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council formally record "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) *B18/2011/0490 15mtr high wind turbine, Scale Bank farm, Marton.* The Council took note of the fact that the site of the proposed wind turbine was such that there were no other properties in the immediate vicinity: the whole site was overshadowed by the nearby Askam/Marton windfarm: the site was on falling ground and the turbine would not be on a prominent skyline: the proposal would contribute to the requirement to reduce the nation's carbon emissions: it was, therefore, proposed by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express "no comment". Carried unanimously.
- d) *B18/2011/0505 15mtr high wind turbine, Lindal Cote Farm, Lindal.* The Council noted that there was one house in close proximity to the proposed site and that the owner would be able to object in his own right if he so wished: National Grid high-voltage power lines passed nearby so that the area already suffered from "visual intrusion": the proposal would help reduce carbon emissions. However, it was also noted that there was a public footpath in the vicinity (footpath 602021, running alongside Lindal railway tunnel) and that, whilst the applicant's agent had declared that there were no public footpath implications, the Council were aware that there were apparently unresolved concerns

about the precise route of the footpath. The Council also noted with some surprise that at least one of the maps accompanying the application clearly indicated that the footpath in question ran through the proposed site of the wind turbine. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor WAITE and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council offer no objections to the principle of a turbine, provided that the question of the footpath was suitably resolved. Carried unanimously.

- e) *B21/2011/0497 extension to Spinning Croft, Station Terrace, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

81/11 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
b) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Meeting 13th July 2011. NOTED.
c) Barrow Council minutes, 22/03/11 to 7/07/11. NOTED.
d) Rural Development Programme. Annual Review, 2010/11. NOTED.

82/11 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account - £2717.98
b) The Clerk referred to the request from the Cumbria Playing Fields Association for the Council to continue with its membership, at a cost of £20. This matter had been deferred from the last meeting to allow councillors the opportunity to examine the Association’s annual report. It was AGREED that no action be taken at this time.
c) The Annual Audit Return had now been accepted by the appointed auditors (*vide minute 69/11(c) June 2011*) and the Council was now required to formally accept the completed Return which incorporated the Auditors’ report on any matters giving cause for concern. (on this occasion, none.)
d) The Auditor’s invoice was submitted in the sum of £90.
e) Barrow Council’s fee in respect of expenses incurred regarding the recent Parish Council elections was submitted in the sum of £62.86.
f) The Clerk submitted a request for his petty cash to be reimbursed in the sum of £34.75.
g) The Clerk reported on work undertaken by Councillor Lord regarding the renovation of the ex-BT phone box at Lindal green (*vide minute 70/11 (a) June 2011*) and submitted an invoice in respect of waterproofing materials in the sum of £35.88.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that:-

- The Audit Return be accepted;
- The Audit invoice; Barrow Council’s invoice; the petty cash requirement and Councillor Lord’s expenditure, all be accepted and appropriate cheques signed.

Carried unanimously.

83/11 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Howarth drew attention to the need for the weeding of areas around the Church, particularly gutters. The Clerk undertook to contact Barrow Borough Council with a request that some attention be given to this problem.

b) Councillor Waite commented on interest being shown by the BBC in respect of parishes which had taken over BT phone boxes and, in particular, where they were being used as mini libraries.

c) The Clerk submitted a note from Councillor Lord regarding his efforts to renovate the Information Point (phone box) in Lindal and drawing the Council's attention to the difficulties in ensuring that the box remained in a tidy and presentable condition. He suggested that some thought might have to be given to a small honorarium to anybody who took on the responsibility for such maintenance (although the efforts of the resident of Marton who looked after Marton's box voluntarily was recognized and greatly appreciated) and that the need for routine maintenance (painting, etc) should be catered for. It was AGREED that Councillor Lord be thanked for his efforts in renovating the Lindal box and that the question of maintenance, and honoraria, be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

d) *from the floor*, concerns were expressed about the outstanding planning application to extend the Wild Life Park, with its proposed new entrance being via Melton Terrace. The point was made that motorists leaving the adjacent exit could find themselves travelling along the minor roads via Tytup and Henning Bottom and past the Church into Lindal village, thus increasing congestion and traffic problems generally for residents.

The Clerk explained that despite Barrow Council failing to consult the Parish as promised (the Park is outside the Parish boundary) when the application was originally submitted, the Parish Council did, in fact, consider the matter at its June 2010 meeting (*vide minute 77/10 (b)*) when such potential traffic problems were identified and forwarded to Barrow Council. Similar representations were also made to the planning department before the Planning Committee finally considered the application on 23rd July, 2011, when a decision was deferred.

However, it would appear that the reason why the application was not approved was because of concerns with the turn-off from the A590 into Melton Terrace and not because of any concerns about the minor roads, with the planning officials aware that detailed arrangements would be required to deal with these.

After a lengthy discussion, it was noted that the application would be before the Planning Committee again on 23rd August and it was AGREED that the Clerk should communicate once more with the planning department to reiterate residents' concerns.

84/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday, 1st September 2011, 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.)