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Councillors:-
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 4th January, 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present:- 4 members of the public.

In attendance:- PC Tony Howson, Cumbria Constabulary.
(offered apologies: could not stay.)

1/07 Apologies None.

2/07 Urgent business. Items received too late for the agenda.

None.

3/07 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

4/07 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th December 2006.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th December, 2006 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor. Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

5/07 Matters arising.

- a) 142/06 (c) Councillor Ms Richards reported that the corner of the road at the foot of Snipe Ghyll was in the process of being re-instated, with the boundary hedge/wall being built diagonally across the corner of the field so as to leave a larger turning area for vehicles using Snipe Ghyll. The Clerk undertook to establish whether the County Council were intending to assume responsibility for this piece of land and whether it would be incorporated into the road proper.

- b) 150/06 (b) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the gully and road-side verges problems and he had been assured that remedial work would take place. Councillor Ms Richards indicated that the work done so far was not particularly effective, with mud being left on the roads and little effort going into cutting back the verges. The Clerk undertook to raise the matter again with the appropriate officials. Reference was also made to the difficulties experienced by the road-sweeping vehicle when it attended the villages because residents were not advised in advance to enable them to get their cars out of the way. The Clerk confirmed that he would pursue this issue.
- c) 147/06 (c) Councillor Waite referred to the proposal to build 4 houses to the rear of Marton Hall, suggesting that approval had been given, although there was no official knowledge of this. The Clerk referred to previous correspondence on this matter, particularly regarding the seeming lack of information from the planning department. He was still awaiting further comment from that department

6/07 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Howson attended the meeting but was called away on urgent business.

7/07 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

8/07 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk confirmed that tenders had been received (by Des Metcalfe) from the three contractors who had been approached and that two appeared to be within the budget. The Director of Development for Barrow Borough Council (Steve Warbrick) would be assessing the situation on his return from leave.

9/07. Planning applications relating to the Parish.

None.

10/07 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Joint Structure Plan. NOTED..

11/07 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £685.05.
- b) The Clerk referred to the proposed budget summary for 2007/08 which had been previously circulated, together with the need for the council to recommend a precept for 2007/08. It was pointed out that the 4-yearly parish council elections would take place in May, 2007, which would create some unavoidable expenses. (determined by the Borough Council). However, there would be elections at the same time for district councillors and consequently, the expenses would be shared with the Borough Council. Reference was also made to the fact that the current year's precept (£2000) created an annual addition to the local residents' council tax of £6.81 and that a precept of £2500 would be about £8.50. After discussion, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the precept for 2007/08 be recommended to the Borough Council at a sum of £2,500. Carried unanimously.

12/07 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillors were reminded that a meeting would take place in the Buccleuch Hall on Thursday, 11th January 2007, at 6.30 pm, to enable the Borough Council's Monitoring Officer to give advice regarding The Code of Conduct and the Disclosure of Interests. Councillor Ms Richards and Councillor Howarth would be attending, together with the Chairman. In addition, the whole council would be attending the Cricket Club premises on Tuesday, 30th January 2007, at 7.00 pm, to enable CALC (The Cumbria Association of Local Councils) to give their "Road Show"
- b) The Chairman referred to the by-election for a district councillor scheduled for 18th January, 2007, in the Buccleuch Hall, to fill a vacancy on the Borough Council. NOTED.

13/07 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 1st February 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal