

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

### **Present:-**

Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; D Howarth; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly.

**Also present:-** 1 member of the public.

**In attendance:-** Sergeant Stuart Flett, Cumbria Constabulary.  
Barrow Borough Councillor Barry Doughty (Dalton North)

### **82/10 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **83/10 Disclosure of interests.**

Councillor Lord declared an interest in Agenda item 10 (c) in that his wife was a shareholder in the Bay Wind wind farm, part of the proposed new development incorporating Standish Cote and Harlock Hill.

### **84/10 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. Carried unanimously.

### **85/10 Matters arising.**

Councillor Lord asked for the up-to-date position on the following items:-

- a) 74/10 Parish Paths Initiative. The Clerk explained that Cumbria County Council was involved in producing the appropriate maps for each of the seven walks which Mr Roy Mason had devised. This was because of copyright issues with the Ordnance Survey map company. The matter had not yet been completed by the official concerned.

- b) 77/10 (a) Proposed chicken farm. The application for a chicken farm at Marton had been withdrawn by the applicant at the last minute. It was not known what the next move might be.
- c) 77/10 (b) Proposed expansion to the Dalton Wild Life Park. The application was held up due to incomplete information being supplied by the applicant together with a “stop” order being imposed by the Highways Agency because of concerns over the traffic implications for the A590.

#### **86/10 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

Sergeant Flett commented on the arrangements for assessing the policing priorities for areas such as Lindal and Marton Parish, which was part of the Dalton North electoral ward. The requirements for the ward were normally discussed with the public at meetings of the Dalton Town Council, the next one being in Dalton Town Hall on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August. Any parishioner could attend if they had policing problems to discuss but it was emphasised that the police remained committed to attending the usual monthly Parish Council meetings in the Buccleuch Hall to enable local residents to raise any concerns.

Councillor Lord mentioned a problem of inconsiderate parking opposite St Peter’s Church and which was a potential traffic hazard.

Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to a recent incident involving youths who appeared to have been climbing onto a parked car and also seemed to have damaged the kiosk by the Green, scattering books on the floor.

Sgt Flett confirmed that these matters would be passed to PCSO Perry for her attention.

A general discussion ensued regarding speed limits, and speeding vehicles, in the vicinity of the school. The Clerk pointed out that a local resident had been in touch voicing his concerns at the speed some traffic went past the school and it had been agreed that the person involved would contact the school when it re-opened in September in order that any further action could be co-ordinated.

#### **87/10 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.**

The minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April were NOTED.

#### **88/10 Joint Rural Committee.**

The Chairman reported on his visit to the first meeting of the Joint Rural Committee, involving representatives of the County Council and Barrow Borough Council, together with councillors from Dalton, Askam and Lindal. Unfortunately, insufficient councillors were in attendance and the meeting could not take place because of the lack of a quorum. However, in the informal discussions which then took place, it became evident that there were funds available (providing that they were not withdrawn by central government) to enable various projects to take place. Examples given included improvements to the Community Hall and Duddon Road car park in Askam.

It was thought that, whilst there were no apparent requirements in Lindal or Marton at present, the management of the Buccleuch Hall might benefit by the knowledge that such funds could be available and Councillor Howarth (Treasurer of the Hall’s committee) confirmed that he would take the matter further.

The next meeting of the Rural Joint Committee had been scheduled for Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00 pm. A decision as to which councillor(s) could attend would be taken at the September meeting.

#### **89/10 Training re planning.**

The Clerk referred to the training sessions held in Barrow Town Hall over the two days of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010. These were designed primarily for Borough Councillors, particularly those

who might be members of the planning committee, together with any others who might be interested. No members of the Parish Council had attended.

### **90/10 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

- a) *B21/2010/0736 replacement of garage with 2-storey extension to provide ground-floor garage and living accommodation on top. 21 Railway Terrace, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B13/2010/0914 and 0915. Listed building consent and planning permission for conversion of part of Marton Hall, Marton.* The applicant, *from the floor*, gave details as to what was he was planning, including demolition of some redundant (although not historical) parts of the Hall and conversion of others. Reference was made to already-approved developments at the rear of the Hall, with four new houses to be built, and it was noted that the Parish Council had not been approached by any residents living near to the Hall with any objections to this latest initiative. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express “no comment” to both the application for listed building consent and to the application for planning consent. Carried unanimously.
- c) *BSO/2010/0940 Scoping Opinion, Furness Wind Farm – Standish Cote, Marton.*
  - NB 1) Councillor Lord took no part in the discussions nor the subsequent vote.
  - 2) A Scoping Opinion is NOT a planning application.
  - 3) The whole of the site is outside the Parish boundary.

The Clerk confirmed that this was an up-dated version of a previous document, last discussed in May 2008, and represented a summary of environmental considerations which would be addressed as and when the planning application for the wind farm was considered. (*vide minute 56/08, May 2008.*) The original plans envisaged a new wind farm of 5 turbines at Standish Cote, this site being next to next to the existing Harlock Hill wind farm. This latter site would have had its existing 5 turbines replaced by 3 bigger ones, giving a total on the combined site of 8. The latest document suggests that there will now only be 5 turbines in total, with 3 on the new site, and 2 on the Harlock hill site.

No planning application had been submitted and it would appear that the main reason for the delay had been a problem in connection with the potential for the proposed wind farm to interfere with Ministry of Defence radar installations. This has now been resolved and the applicants would be submitting a planning application as and when the Scoping Opinion stage was successfully completed.

It was noted that the Scoping Opinion Report included all the comments submitted by the various interested parties following consideration of the Report produced in 2008, including those from Lindal and Marton Parish Council. Specifically, and on a strategic level, the Council had expressed its concern over the lack of any reference to the requirement for base-load power generation to cope with unfavourable climatic conditions e.g. when the wind isn't blowing.

On a more local level, the Council had drawn attention to the need for appropriate consultation over the route to be used when moving the wind turbines to the site. The Council noted with some dismay that, despite assurances from Barrow Borough Council to the contrary, a decision had been taken over the route without any consultation with the Parish, such route being via School Terrace and Snipe Ghyll: this was confirmed to the developers by email on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (para 1.46, page 10 of the Report).

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Scoping Opinion Report be accepted and that further comment be reserved for when the formal planning application is submitted. Carried unanimously.

### **91/10 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Environment Agency. Newsletter re nuclear energy. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Council minutes, 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010. NOTED.
- d) Barrow Council. Licensing Act 2003. Review of Policy. NOTED.
- e) Barrow Council. Port Development Plan . NOTED.
- f) Barrow Council. Shopfront and Advertisement Design. NOTED.
- g) Cumbria County Council. Minerals and Waste Disposal. NOTED.
- h) Cumbria CC. Local Transport Strategy. NOTED.

### **92/10 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances:- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2666.73.
- b) The Clerk referred to the need for a new printer (details previously circulated) priced at £99, with a net cost, after vat is reclaimed, of £84.26. His contribution of half the cost, as on previous occasions, would be £42, to be deducted from his honorarium, leaving a net cost to the Council of £42.26. He also submitted a request for petty cash re-imburement of £55.87.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the following be approved:-

- 1. the purchase of a printer (gross cost £99);
- 2. the Clerk's part-honorarium - £258 (£300 less £42 contribution re the printer);
- 3. petty cash (£55.87);
- 4. the internal auditor's fee (Mr J Bentley, £35)

Carried unanimously.

### **93/10 Any Other Business.**

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly drew attention to the proliferation of weeds which was affecting Lindal in particular. *From the floor*, Borough Councillor Doughty indicated that he would be taking up this matter with the appropriate department at Barrow Town Hall. The Clerk also confirmed that he would pursue the matter.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to a recent incident whereby several coaches taking visitors to the Wild Life Park had turned into Lindal village in an attempt to reach the Park's entrance via the Black Dog road. It was understood that this was because of inaccurate "satnav" information. It was agreed that the position be monitored for future occurrences.
- c) The Clerk mentioned that he had been made aware of a problem relating to the local abattoir which involved offensive odours affecting several local residents. He had also been advised that there had been examples of effluent being deposited into disused mine-shafts. However, the Environment Agency was monitoring the situation and it was to be hoped that the matter would be satisfactorily resolved.
- d) Councillor Mrs Glover drew attention to the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of St Peter's Church, with there being an exhibition in the Church of documents, letters, leaflets etc illustrating the Church's history during this period. The Church was open on Sundays and Wednesdays between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm, up to 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- e) The Chairman referred to the forthcoming Mayor's Ball, at Barrow Town Hall, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. NOTED

### **94/10 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 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.)*