

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

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

**Also present:-** 5 members of the public.

### **In attendance:-**

Mr Keith Johnson, the Keswick to Barrow Walk Committee.  
WPC Karen Harris, Cumbria Constabulary

**76/07 Apologies:-** Councillor Mrs Kelly

**77/07 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda.**

None.

### **78/07 Disclosure of Interests.**

None.

### **79/07 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

Carried unanimously

### **80/07 Matters arising.**

- a) 66/07 (a) Councillor Lord enquired as to whether there had been any progress relating to post collection times in the Parish. The Clerk confirmed that, despite several phone calls and letters of complaint to Royal Mail, he was still waiting for an answer.
- b) 56/07 (c) (May) The Clerk reported that he had finally heard from Barrow Borough Council about the tree-pruning scheduled for The Green, following the Parish Council's expression of concern over an apparent disregard of potential rot and decay. Barrow Council had taken further advice from Capita and the consensus view was that no additional attention was required to the trees.
- c) 74/07 (c) The Clerk reported that he had written to the Highways Agency, with a reminder, regarding the A590 but he was still waiting for a reply.
- d) 67/07 Councillor Lord asked whether there had been any progress regarding the problem with HGVs having to go past the sign which banned them from part of Lindal. The Clerk confirmed that the problem had been referred to the appropriate authorities but that further discussions were being delayed because of the absence on holiday of the Traffic Management Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.
- e) 72/07 (c) Councillor Lord enquired as to the correspondence from South Lakeland District Council regarding the proposed development of the Kendal end of the Kendal-Lancaster canal, having a personal interest in such ideas. The Clerk undertook to pass the correspondence to Councillor Lord.

### **81/07 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

WPC Harris confirmed that she was also waiting for the Traffic Management Officer – Roger Mallett – to return from leave before she could follow up the HGV query.

She also referred to the recent vandalism (*vide minute 67/07 – June*), indicating that progress was being made in identifying the culprits. The majority were from outside the Parish and she was pleased to confirm that all appeared to be sorry for their actions, apologising for what had happened.

Reference was made to the Neighbourhood Watch proposals (*minute 67/07*) and it was confirmed that information was to be incorporated within the next edition of "Aspects" and that forms were available within "Kurly's" in Lindal for interested persons to give their details. (NB This will not now appear until the September edition.)

Councillor Lord reported that a cycle appeared to have been abandoned behind the Church wall and WPC Harris indicated that this had now been removed to the Police Station.

### **82/07 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

There were no minutes for consideration.

### **83/07 Lindal Village Green.**

The Clerk confirmed that approval had been given to increase the scope of the railings development by the installation of kerbs on the western side of the Green. This was planned to be done as a separate project after the railings scheme had been completed. The Council noted with pleasure that work had actually started on the installation of the railings.

### **84/07. Draft Standing Orders.**

The draft Standing Orders (previously circulated) were discussed and with there being agreement that these were appropriate for the Council it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that such Standing Orders be adopted by the Council and to take effect forthwith. Carried unanimously. (It was noted that the Orders

included a section on the Council's financial responsibilities and, accordingly, it was AGREED that the Orders be entitled Standing Orders and Financial Instructions.)

#### **85/07 Keswick to Barrow Walk. Traffic problems affecting Marton.**

Mr Johnson addressed the meeting on behalf of the Keswick to Barrow Walk Committee in relation to the increasing traffic congestion being experienced in Marton for the afternoon of this annual event. He explained that this year's event had been the busiest ever, with more than 2,000 competitors, and as a consequence, congestion on some parts of the route had been quite severe. His Committee was anxious to avoid too much disruption in villages like Marton, which had been particularly affected by the increase in the numbers of support vehicles and the like, and was looking for ideas as to what might be done to ameliorate the situation.

Accordingly, it was AGREED that this be placed on the Agenda for the October meeting and, in the meantime, arrangements be made for an article to be placed in "Aspects" highlighting the problem and inviting interested parties to attend the October meeting when any ideas and suggestions could be discussed.

#### **86/07 Cumbria County Council. (CCC). Community Waste Prevention Fund.**

The Clerk referred to the initiative by CCC whereby organisations could request financial assistance to help reduce, re-use or re-cycle waste. Ideas suggested by the County Council included a wood reuse scheme and a municipal composting scheme. Any organisation with ideas to help prevent unnecessary waste could apply for grants from £2.5K to £15K and the contact person was Claire Fyfe – 01228 607761 ([Claire.fyfe@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.fyfe@cumbriacc.gov.uk)) It was AGREED that the information would be passed over to the Residents Association and, in addition, an article would be prepared for inclusion in "Aspects".

#### **87/07 Planning training sessions – Borough Council.**

The Chairman reported on the first of the two sessions, held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Town Hall, Barrow, when he and Councillor Ms Rainbow had attended. The session was found to be useful. The second session was scheduled for Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, when other topics would be covered.

#### **88/07 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

None.

#### **89/07 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED. (to be circulated.)
- b) Furness Partnership. Minutes of meetings. NOTED. (to be circulated.)

#### **90/07 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2423.97
- b) The Clerk submitted a request for a contribution towards the cost of a replacement monitor for his computer installation. The cost had been £106 and he was requesting the sum of £35. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that this be approved and a cheque signed accordingly. Carried unanimously

**91/07 Any Other Business.**

a) The Clerk tabled the agenda for the next meeting of the Duddon Estuary Partnership (11th July) one of the subjects being Defra's proposals for Coastal Access. This was NOTED, as was the web-site for this item – [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coast-access/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coast-access/index.htm) and the telephone number for requesting copies of the documents - 0117 372 8427.

b) The Clerk submitted literature relating to the County Council's "Rights of Way Improvement Plan". It was NOTED that the Plan was a list of desirable objectives, e.g., improvements for walkers, cyclists and equestrians, with a list of specific proposals identified after previous consultation with organisations like the Parish Council. It was also noted that there would be no additional funding from central government for such proposals. (There were none in relation to Lindal and Marton) The web-site where full details can be seen is [www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/countrysideaccess/Countryside\\_Access.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/countrysideaccess/Countryside_Access.asp) NB – regarding the web-site address, there is an underscore between "Countryside" and "Access" which is partially hidden by the underlining.

**92/07 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 2nd August 2007, 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.*