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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 5th March 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly

Also present: - 2 members of the public.

In attendance:-

PCSO John McVeigh from Cumbria Constabulary.

An apology was received from Borough Councillors Mrs Kath Unwin and Mrs G Heath.

17/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

Planning application 6/2009/0161, *Erection of boarding block and isolation unit, together with alterations to existing garage to form office and kitchen, for new cattery. Maidenlands Farm, Marton.* The Chairman confirmed that, because a decision on this application was required by Barrow Borough Council by 24th March 2009, (before the next Parish Council meeting) the matter could be debated, and a decision reached, under item 12 of the agenda "planning applications relating to the Parish", (see minute number 27/09 (b)).

18/09 Disclosure of Interests.

None. (see also minutes 25/09 and 29/09 (b))

19/09 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th February, 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th February 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor. D Howarth. Carried unanimously.

20/09 Matters arising.

4/09 (b) The Clerk reported that BT had agreed to clean and repaint the telephone kiosk at the end of the village green, Lindal.

21/09 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO McVeigh referred to the last meeting and confirmed that the question of road markings outside the school had been raised with the police's traffic management officer, Roger Mallett, and BT had been contacted regarding the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk. He also pointed out that the Neighbourhood Policing Week event, the open forum at the Buccleuch Hall on 20th February, had unfortunately attracted few visitors.

22/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of the Governors' meeting of 10th November 2008 were NOTED..

23/09 Local highways issues

The following highways issues were discussed with Mr Gary Thomas from Cumbria Highways (Capita).

The Council's concerns over the lack of any gritting to the roads of the Parish whenever there was icy weather was emphasised, with Mr Thomas confirming that none of the roads fell within the County Council's three categories of urgency. It was AGREED that Mr Thomas be asked to refer this matter to his County Council colleagues on the basis that this was totally unsatisfactory, there being two roads which required prompt attention in times of inclement weather, namely, Pit Lane, which ran up-hill past the school, and Henning Hill, which carried HGVs to and from the abattoir.

However, Mr Thomas was able to confirm that the local Highway Steward had carried out some hand-spreading of grit in some critical areas during the last icy spell. The Council expressed its appreciation for this assistance.

Considerable discussions took place over the long-standing problem of HGVs and the ignoring of the HGV-restricted area on the road to the abattoir. It was accepted that the numbers involved were small but equally, even limited numbers had the potential for causing accidents to both other vehicles on the narrow lanes, as well as pedestrians. The possibility of providing advance warning signs to advise drivers that there was a restricted area, as well as enlarging the area of the restriction, was considered together with the possibility of placing any such signs on the main road – the A590 – before vehicles entered the village. It was AGREED that, as a first step, Mr Thomas would discuss with his colleagues the desirability of initiating a further census of HGV traffic using the village.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the proprietor of the abattoir with a request that he consider a sign on his own premises advising drivers not to turn into the village when leaving the abattoir. *vide minute 5/09, February 2009*. He had not yet received any reply. It was AGREED that Mr Thomas, on behalf of Cumbria Highways, would discuss this matter with the proprietor and that Cumbria Highways could supply the sign, if necessary.

Mr Thomas gave an up-date on the latest position regarding the 20 mph speed limit for Lindal village, on Pit Lane, running past the school. The Parish Council had previously been advised that this scheme had been placed in the County Council's provisional capital programme for 2009/10, *vide minute 11/09, February 2009*, but Mr Thomas indicated that the latest thinking was that the restriction was not necessary, the evidence being insufficient (accident statistics; speeding statistics etc), to warrant such action. It appeared that the recommended course of action was to assess the stretch of road outside the school to see what, if anything, could be

done to control the speed of traffic, which would, no doubt, include suggestions such as additional signs. It was AGREED that Mr Thomas would be looking into this during the next few weeks and that he would have recommendations as to what might be helpful, by 30th April, with a view to appearing at the May meeting for the matter to be further discussed. (NB The deadline of 30th April was amended after the meeting from the original suggestion of 30th June 2009.)

Mr Thomas was able to say that a firm order had now been placed with a contractor for the installation of kerbs around the western side of Lindal village green.

It was confirmed that the outstanding requirement for renewing the road-markings outside the school had now been completed.

24/09 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk confirmed that he had approached the Chief Executive of Barrow Borough Council, Tom Campbell, regarding the delay with the provision of kerbs around Lindal village green. Mr Campbell had advised that he had very little influence over the workings of the County Council, who were responsible for highways issues, and he had suggested that an approach be made to the County Councillor whose responsibility included Lindal. As a consequence, Mr Peter Phizacklea, the councillor concerned, had been advised of the problem and he had given an assurance that he would do what he could to expedite matters. (See also minute 23/09 above, where Mr Thomas confirmed the current situation.)

25/09 Prospective Wind Farm, Standish Cote.

Councillor Lord declared an interest in that his wife is a shareholder in Baywind, the windfarm associated with the proposed development by Infinergy.

It was reported that the meeting of the Liaison Group, scheduled for March 3rd, had been postponed yet again, with the reason being that the planning application to Barrow Borough Council had also been deferred. No revised date had yet been specified for the meeting although the newsletter produced by Infinergy suggested April. It was also NOTED from the newsletter that Infinergy appeared to be suggesting that the access route for the delivery of the turbines had been agreed with the appropriate authorities. The Parish Council NOTED that it had not been included in such discussions although the route was probably the most reasonable under the circumstances avoiding, as it did, The Green, Pit Lane and the school.

26/09 Consultation re publicity policy for Local Authorities.

It was AGREED that there was no need for any comment from the Council.

27/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *6/09/0088 Replacement garage and new road access, Lindal Moor House, Lindal Moor Road.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) *6/09/0261 Erection of boarding block and isolation unit, together with alterations to existing garage to form office and kitchen, for new cattery. Maidenlands Farm, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Rainbow and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

28/09 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Publicity material, Spinal Injuries Association. It was NOTED that this organisation was requesting publicity for its fund-raising events via any local parish magazine and it was AGREED that the editor of "Aspects" be asked to include a suitable reference to the charity.
- c) Public meeting, 10th March 2009, at Morecambe, re new nuclear power station. NOTED.
- d) County Council. Minerals and Waste development programme. NOTED.
(All the above documents to be circulated for information.)

29/09 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1592.68.
- b) The Clerk reported that the rent for the use of the Buccleuch Hall, in respect of Parish Council meetings, was now due - 8 months @ £12 = £96. (June, August, September, October, November, December, February, March.). It was pointed out by Councillor Lord that, given that the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee (BHMC) reserved its premises for the Parish Council on the first Thursday of every month, consideration should be given to making a payment to the BHMC on those occasions when the Council had decided not to hold a meeting. (the exception being when the Hall was required by the Borough Council for election purposes.) Councillor Howarth then declared an interest in that he was treasurer for the BHMC.
It was AGREED that Councillor Howarth would discuss the matter with his colleagues on the BHMC and, in the meantime, the rent as advised by the Clerk be paid.
- c) The Clerk requested reimbursement of petty cash in the sum of £28.90. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that this amount, together with the amount referred to in item (b) above, be authorised and paid. Carried unanimously.

30/09 Any Other Business.

- a) Duddon Estuary Partnership meeting – 10th March. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council, survey on landscape issues. The Clerk distributed copies of the letter which gave details of a website on which any interested person could post their suggestions and thoughts about landscape issues.
- c) The Clerk reported that he had heard from Keith Johnson, from the Keswick-to-Barrow Walk committee, confirming that the arrangements for the walk, insofar as traffic control and parking in Marton village was concerned, would be the same as last year. NOTED.
- d) The latest newsletter from the Standards Board was NOTED. This would be placed in the circulation file.
- e) The latest schedule of the Highway Steward's visits to Lindal and Marton were NOTED as weeks-commencing 2nd March, 6th April, 18th May, 22nd June, 3rd August, 7th September and 23rd November. (NB. It was ascertained subsequent to the meeting that the dates were inaccurate, the Steward planning to visit the Parish during w/c 9th March.)
- f) Councillor Waite drew attention to the visit of the mechanical road-sweeper to Marton recently whereby much debris was left on the road because vehicle owners had not been given advance warning of the visit in order to move their vehicles. This difficulty had seemingly affected Lindal as well and the Clerk undertook to contact the Borough Council to determine what their schedule of visits might be.
- g) *From the floor*, reference was made to potholes which had appeared in the lane running down the side of Hempland Cottages. The Clerk confirmed that this would be referred to the Highway Steward.

h) Councillor Waite indicated that he would be unable to attend the April meeting because of holiday commitments.

31/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, 2nd April 2009 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.)