

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Thursday, 5th May, 2005, at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Lindal.**

**Present:-** Councillors A Waite; R Hickey; R Lord; Mrs D Morgan.

**Also present:-** 14 members of the public.

**In attendance:-** WPC Karen Harris from Cumbria Constabulary.

### **Election of Chairman:-**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

### **43/05 Vacancy for Councillor.**

The Clerk reported that he had received the resignation of Councillor Weall, effective from 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2005, and that the usual notice regarding the vacancy had been placed in the parish notice-boards. The Chairman paid tribute to the work done by his predecessor during a difficult period.

### **44/05 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Hickey  
SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

### **45/05 Matters arising.**

41/05 (d) The Clerk confirmed that the question of pot-holes in areas such as the road past the Church was receiving attention from the Highways Department.

#### **46/05 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

WPC Harris reported back on the subject of Special Constables and the recruitment drive being carried out at present. A minimum of 200 hours per annum was required but any new recruits could ask to be allocated specifically to Lindal and Marton. Their deployment would be the responsibility of the local sergeant but it was probable that such requirements could be met.

It was also confirmed that a missing Lindal and Marton street sign had been discovered in the Police Station and that arrangements would be made for its re-instatement as soon as practicable.

*From the floor*, it was reported that further damage had been experienced at the Buccleuch Hall and WPC Harris took appropriate details, emphasising the importance of such problems being reported to the police immediately.

#### **47/05 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

There were no minutes for assessment.

#### **48/05 Standards Board. Consultation paper.**

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the background to the Standards Board and the consultation paper inviting comments on the way in which the system worked. Councillor Lord suggested that the implications for the Parish Council were minimal and it was AGREED that no further action should be taken.

#### **49/05 Lindal Village Green.**

The Clerk reported that the results of the questionnaire indicated that there was a majority in favour of having new railings erected around the Green, with a new entrance by the Buccleuch Hall. The other options did not receive a majority in favour of implementation. A total of 604 questionnaires had been distributed and 293 had been returned.

The results had been assessed by the Borough Council's Executive Committee who agreed to support the improvements to the railings and the entrance. No further information had been received and it was AGREED that the Parish Council await further approaches from the Borough Council as to what might happen next.

*From the floor*, it was suggested that thanks were due to all those who had voted in favour of making improvements to the Green, notwithstanding the fact that some of the proposed developments had not received a majority in the questionnaire.

*From the floor*, came a query as to the possibility of seats being placed on the Green and the availability of funds for that purpose. The Buccleuch Hall Management Committee had earmarked funds for a bench as part of its Millennium celebrations but it was AGREED that the question of seats be deferred until such time as it became clear how Barrow Borough Council intended to implement the improvements approved via the questionnaire.

### **50/05 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

6/2005/0505 Conversion of outbuildings to form kitchen, 1 Lindal Moor Cottages.

NB Councillor Hickey declared an interest in that he lived next door to the property and took no part in the discussion.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Parish Council express no objection to the proposal so long as due regard was paid to the impact the development might have regarding the interruption of light to the adjoining property. Carried unanimously.

### **51/05 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Borough Council minutes, 18/1/05 to 20/4/05. NOTED.
- c) Friends of the Lake District newsletter. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria County Council. Notification of the making permanent of the width restriction to the B5281.

### **52/05 Finance.**

- a) The Clerk reported that the cash balances were:-  
Current account:- £90.58  
Reserve account:- £606.33
- b) The Clerk submitted an invoice re the new sign for the Marton notice-board in the sum of £21, together with an invoice from Allianz Cornhill insurance in the sum of £227.87, in connection with the Council's insurance liabilities. He also commented on the need for some financial recognition of the use of the Church for that evening's meeting, suggesting that the normal rent for the Buccleuch Hall - £10 – be paid to the Church instead. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the aforementioned items be approved for payment and cheques duly signed. Carried unanimously (Mrs Morgan left the meeting at this point.).
- c) The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return to the Audit Commission had been completed by himself and the internal auditor and was ready for approval by the Council. The Return was examined and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Statement of Assurance be approved and duly signed by the Chairman. Carried unanimously.
- d) The Clerk suggested that the Council's cheque signatories needed attention and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that Chairman and Councillor Mrs Morgan be added to the approved list. Carried unanimously.

**53/05 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk submitted the latest minutes from the Residents Association. NOTED.
- b) Councillor Hickey announced that he would be resigning as a councillor because of his continuing concerns about his state of health. Councillor Lord PROPOSED that a Vote of Thanks be expressed to Councillor Hickey for all the work he had done for the council and this was SECONDED by the Chairman. *From the floor* came similar sentiments.
- c) Following queries *from the floor* the Clerk outlined the procedure to be followed regarding vacancies for parish councillors.

**54/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

It was AGREED that the next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005.