

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 5th May 2011 at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillors D Howarth; Mrs S Glover.

Also present:- 2 members of the public.

In attendance:- PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

47/11 New Council arrangements.

- a) The Clerk confirmed that the 5 existing councillors, whose term of office would expire in 4 days' time i.e., 9th May 2011, had all been re-elected unopposed and would, therefore, remain in office for a further 4 years.
- b) Those councillors present all completed their Acceptance of Office form.
- c) The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the coming 12 months and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that Councillor Waite continue in this position. Carried unanimously.

48/11 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

49/11 Disclosure of interests.

None

50/11 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd March 2011.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th April, 2011, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord

SECONDED:- Councillor Waite. Carried unanimously.

51/11 Matters arising.

- a) 39/11 (b). Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to the problem of pot-holes and confirmed that those which had been reported had now been attended to.
- b) 45/11 (a). Councillor Lord confirmed that the grit by the War Memorial in Lindal had now been removed. Thanks were due to Councillor Howarth for arranging this.

52/11 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry indicated that there had been no progress regarding the burglaries which had been mentioned at the last (April) meeting. However, there had been no further reported crime.

53/11. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

54/11 Boundary Commission. Review of size of Cumbria County Council.

The Commission is of the opinion that the size of the County Council should remain at 84 members (*vide minute 127/10, November 2010*). Comments are being invited as to the size and shape of the various constituencies which individual councillors represent and these are required by 20th June 2011. It was noted that further recommendations will be published after the receipt of any proposals and it was AGREED that consideration of this matter be deferred until such recommendations are received.

55/11 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

There were no planning applications for consideration.

56/11 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Consultation re future of libraries. It was noted that comments could be submitted up to the 30th June 2011 and it was, therefore, AGREED that the matter be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.
- c) Planning application, wind turbine at Lindal Cricket Club (*vide minute 131/10 (d), November 2010*). This application, to South Lakeland District Council, had been refused and the applicant was now appealing against this decision. Whilst the site lies within South Lakeland's boundaries, the householders most likely to be affected by the proposed development all lived within the Parish boundary and as a consequence, the Parish Council had made representations on their behalf, to the effect that the application was opposed. It was noted that the Planning Inspector, in hearing the appeal, would have to hand the Council's objections and it was, therefore, AGREED that no further action was necessary

57/11 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account - £279.74. (NB The precept of £2,500 not yet received from Barrow Council.)
- b) The Clerk reported that he had had considerable problems with his new computer (*vide minute 44/11 (b) April 2011*) to the extent that it had been exchanged twice, but the difficulties also highlighted a software problem within his printer. Accordingly, he had purchased a new printer, total cost £61.48, and he was requesting a contribution from the Council of £30.

- c) The Clerk submitted a request for re-imbusement of petty cash in the sum of £17.98.
- d) Audit Commission. The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Audit Return relating to the Council's finances had been completed and awaited certification by the Council.
- e) The Clerk suggested that it was customary for the rent of £14 which would have been paid to the Buccleuch Hall on this evening to be paid to St Peter's Church, in recognition of the premises being used for the purposes of the meeting.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that

- Items (b) and (c) and (e) above be approved for payment.
- Item (d), the Annual Audit Return, be Approved and Certified.
Carried unanimously.

58/11 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that he had been advised by a member of the organising committee for the Royal Wedding festivities, held on Lindal village green on 29th April (*vide minute 33/11, March 2011*), that the day had been a huge success and the Parish Council was thanked for its financial assistance.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that a solitary duck appeared to have taken up residence on Lindal village green. No action was required unless and until the duck was joined by its extended family.

59/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 2nd June 2011, 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.)