

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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Councillors:-

Mr A Waite (462922); Mr R Lord (464034). Ms S Rainbow (462383). Ms M Richards (588699) D Howarth (463304)

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

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

**Apologies:-** Councillor Ms Richards.

**Also present:-** 6 members of the public.

**In attendance:-** PC Sean Conway, Cumbria Constabulary.

### **68/06 Disclosure of Interests.**

Councillor Waite declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 11 (c) (minute 78/06 (c) in that the applicant was his daughter.

### **69/06 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2006.**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2006 were taken as read and APPROVED, with one amendment, as requested by Councillor Ms Richards in respect of minute 60/06 (e), to read, "Councillor Ms Richards confirmed that large numbers of discarded bags had been removed from various areas of the Parish. If there is any further evidence of illegal disposal the Environmental Health Department should be notified and the situation monitored".

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

Carried unanimously.

### **70/06 Matters arising.**

- a) 60/06 (c) The Clerk confirmed that the Highways Agency had responded on the subject of one-way working for the lane at the side of Hempland Cottages, their view being that this was the responsibility of Cumbria County Council, who had since intimated that, whilst the suggestion was on a "possible" list for 2007/08, it did not carry a high priority.
- b) 60/06 (d) The Clerk reported that he had received a response from the Assistant Director of Regeneration regarding the difficulties with planning applications which obviated the need to write to the Borough's ward councillors. An agreement had been reached whereby the Town Hall staff would telephone the Clerk as soon as a planning application

had been received, thus giving the maximum amount of notice. Should the preparation of the Parish Council agenda be imminent details could be taken down over the telephone, with email and written notification following as soon as practicable. However, there was still concern about the apparent lack of courtesy towards the Parish Council when communications from the Clerk were seemingly ignored and the situation would need to be monitored.

- c) 66/06 (a) Councillor Ms Rainbow reported that the attempts to have the express bus service call at Lindal might be better served if some direct evidence could be provided to demonstrate the level of support within the community. She was, therefore, proposing that a simple questionnaire be circulated to every household in the parish to establish the level of demand and it was AGREED that councillors would take responsibility for distribution and collection of these. It was also AGREED that the questionnaire would ask whether parishioners had any issues which they felt the Parish Council could help with.

#### **71/06 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

PC Sean Conway introduced himself as representing WPC Karen Harris who was currently on maternity leave. There were no particular issues to discuss.

#### **72/06 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

The minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 were NOTED

#### **73/06 Lindal Village Green.**

The Clerk reported that he had heard that a revised price had been submitted for a scheme limited to new railings, gates and a simple drainage system (i.e., without the dwarf wall) but that such price was still a considerable, five-figure, sum.. The question of the long time-scale associated with this project was discussed and much dissatisfaction was evident at the apparent lack of interest from Barrow Borough Council in ensuring that the scheme was progressed. It was AGREED that the Clerk should seek an urgent meeting with the Director of Regeneration in order that the Parish Council and the Residents Association could make their concerns known.

#### **74/06 Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. Consultation exercise.**

The minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June were tabled together with a questionnaire on the relationship between the Council and the Partnership. Both items were NOTED.

#### **75/06 Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework**

Reference was made to Cumbria County Council's consultation paper on Minerals and Waste, details of which previously having been circulated. NOTED.

#### **76/06 Barrow Council Draft Statement of Community Involvement.**

Details of Barrow Council's Draft Statement on Community Involvement had previously been circulated. The subject had been discussed in March (minute 36/06) and it was AGREED that there was nothing further to add.

#### **77/06 Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Roadshow.**

A discussion took place on the suggestion by the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) that they could host a meeting of the Council whereby the way in which the Council

works could be assessed with a view to determining whether anything should be changed. It was suggested that the Council might benefit by having a joint “roadshow” with other parish councils to be able to share experiences. Alternatively, it was thought that an individual meeting with the CALC officials would be the most appropriate way forward. It was then AGREED that Councillor Lord make contact with CALC to discuss the possibilities and that the matter be further discussed at the next meeting.

#### **78/06 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

- a) 6/06/0736. *Removal of screen to northern boundary, as shown in approved plan 02.0849, 17 Mount Pleasant, Lindal.* Some concerns were expressed at the lack of detailed information as to what the proposal involved but it was recognized that the immediate neighbour to the applicant, to the northern boundary, would be consulted by the planning department before any decision was taken. It was also recognized that the time-scale for the Council to reply had expired. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council offer “no comment” on this application. There were three votes in favour with one against. The proposal was carried
- b) 6/06/0723. *Listed building consent, installation of soil pipe, Marton Hall, Marton. (retrospective)* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council offer “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) 6/06/0848. *Replacement garage, rear of 5, Silver St. Marton.* **The Chairman, Councillor Waite, left the meeting for this item, Councillor Lord being temporarily in the Chair.** It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that the Council offer no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.
- d) 6/06/0859. *2-storey side extension and new porch, 4, Station Terrace, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council offer no objection to this application. Carried unanimously.

#### **79/06 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council. Notice re adoption of Housing Plan. NOTED.
- c) Cumbria CC. Waste prevention initiative. Grant availability. NOTED. (This was passed over to the Residents Association.)
- d) NW Regional Assembly. Best Practice Design Guide. NOTED.
- e) Highways Agency. Roadworks update. NOTED.
- f) Highways Agency. De-trunking of part of A590 in Barrow. NOTED.
- g) Commission for Rural Communities. Report on Rural Housing. NOTED.

#### **80/06 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £495.18 Reserve account:- £1563.37
- b) The Clerk submitted invoices from Barrow Borough Council totalling £431.93 in respect of the two adverts required for the last vacancy of parish councillor. He also summarised the situation regarding erroneous advice which had appeared in “Clerks and Councils Direct” which had suggested that councils could, in fact, co-opt if no candidate for any vacancy came forward. The author of that advice now accepted that, once 10 electors have requested an election, co-option is impossible in those circumstances, with constant re-advertising of the vacancy the only answer. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that this expenditure be approved and a cheque signed accordingly. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that the Audit Commission had given unqualified approval to the Council’s accounts for 2005/06. NOTED.

### **81/06 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk reported that he had received notification from Barrow Borough Council of their need to consult on the formulation of a Draft Statement of Licensing Policy, as part of the Gambling Act, 2005. It was AGREED that a copy of the Draft Statement be obtained with a view to this being discussed at the August meeting.
- b) The Clerk tabled a copy of Cumbria County Council's Transport Plan 2006/11 and it was AGREED that this be circulated.
- c) The agenda for the next meeting of the Duddon Estuary Consultative Committee was NOTED.
- d) The Clerk referred to correspondence (also received by individual councillors) regarding proposals to down-grade the status of the Westmorland General Hospital, Kendal, as part of a re-alignment of clinical services as well as a cost-cutting exercise. Whilst this seemed to be predominately the concern of those who normally utilise this hospital, it was AGREED that the document be perused in detail in order that any comments could be formulated by the Council at its next meeting in August.
- e) Councillor Howarth referred to the apparent water leak near to Bank Terrace on the A590 (*vide* minute 60/06 (b)) and it was AGREED that the Clerk should make further representations to United Utilities.
- f) Councillor Howarth drew attention to the proliferation of weeds on many of the footpaths in the village and it was AGREED that this be taken up with the Borough Council.
- g) Councillor Ms Rainbow suggested that being able to use the power supply which was in place on the village green (supplied specifically for the Christmas tree lights) for events such as the annual gala would mean that there would no longer be a need to run cables across the road from the Buccleuch Hall. The Clerk undertook to investigate the matter.

### **82/06 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal