

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

**Present:-** Councillors A Waite (Chairman); D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

**Apologies:-** Councillor Lord and Councillor Ms Rainbow..

**Also present:-** 7 members of the public.

**In attendance:-** No officer present from Cumbria Constabulary.

### **26/08 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **27/08 Disclosure of Interests.**

None.

### **28/08 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008.**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly. Carried unanimously.

### **29/08 Matters arising.**

- a) 20/08 The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Barrow Borough Council regarding the inoperative windmill(s) and had received a reply to the effect that the Borough Council was clear that the planning condition relating to removal only applied to the wind farm as a whole and not to individual windmills. It was AGREED that no further action be taken at the present time.
- b) 24/08 (a) The Clerk reported that there was nothing to add to the previously-stated views of the County Council and the Highways Agency on the traffic problems within Lindal and on the A590. However, he had received a further letter from the

author of the first letter repeating the complaint about HGV drivers ignoring the HGV restriction in Lindal, suggesting that some are travelling to and from the abattoir. In addition, there was a request for the white lines on the road by the Church to be re-painted. It was AGREED that the Clerk contact the Traffic Management Officer from Cumbria Constabulary with a request that the management of the abattoir be approached to see whether the HGV problem could be improved. The Clerk would also confirm to the complainant that the need for the re-painting of the white lines had been accepted by the County Council.

- c) 16/08 The Clerk referred to previous correspondence from the County Council and their highway repairs teams. Such a team had been scheduled to visit Lindal and Marton on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008, and would have been in the area for up to eight days. The Clerk had contacted the County Council officer concerned who had indicated that a team had visited on the day in question but had reported that there were no problems requiring their attention. They were then withdrawn, to be sent to another area. Councillors expressed their surprise at this, given that the team's remit was fairly widespread, encompassing matters like repairs to kerbs; removal of debris and obstructions such as stones, branches, broken signs; minor repairs – straightening, re-fixing etc.; cutting back vegetation; sign cleaning. It was then AGREED that the next scheduled visit should be highlighted i.e., 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, and that residents be reminded of the County Council's "Hotline" for reporting of maintenance problems i.e. 0845 609 6609. (For matters relating to the A590 the contact is Amey Mouchel - 0845 600 1627). *From the floor* reference was made to one particular pothole near to Vicarage Field and also to the problem of hedge clippings being left in the road after hedges had been cut. Damaged grass verges on Moor Road, towards Ireleth, were also mentioned. The Clerk undertook to pursue these matters.
- d) 24/08 (d) The Chairman reported that the New Inn, at Marton, had not reached its reserve price at the recent auction and was now to be offered for sale by private treaty.

### **30/08 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

There were no officers present..

### **31/08 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

There were no minutes for consideration.

### **32/08 Lindal Village Green.**

There was no further information.

### **33/08 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.**

Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that there had only been three forms returned to her hairdressing salon regarding the willingness of parishioners to attend a meeting to hear more about the concept of "Neighbourhood Watch" schemes. (*vide minute 144/07 (e), November 2007*). The provision of forms via "Aspects" had been arranged because only thirteen members of the public had previously called into her salon to sign a petition. It was suggested that this overall lack of interest was, perhaps, a reflection of the very low levels of crime, petty vandalism, etc., experienced by the Parish, with the majority of residents not normally having any concerns and, as a consequence, feeling that little would be gained by creating a Neighbourhood Watch scheme(s). It was, therefore, AGREED that no further action be taken at the present time.

### **34/08 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

None

### **35/08 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) "Friends of the Earth". Climate Change Legislation. NOTED.
- c) North West Regional Assembly. Planning Review. NOTED.

### **36/08 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £840.94
- b) The Clerk reported that he had received requests from the WRVS and the Great North Air Ambulance Service for donations towards their respective organisations. He confirmed that financial assistance had been provided in previous years, in the sum of £50 each, and that the current year's budget allowed for similar expenditure. Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that a similar amount be authorised for each organisation on this occasion. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk pointed out that a) the rent for the Council's use of the Buccleuch Hall (10 monthly meetings @ £12 per meeting = £120) was due to be paid and b) a petty cash reimbursement was required in the sum of £20.97. Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that these amounts be authorised for payment. Carried unanimously.

### **37/08 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk submitted an agenda for the next meeting of the Duddon Estuary Consultative Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. NOTED.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether anything further had been heard regarding the Keswick to Barrow Walk and the traffic problems associated with Marton. The Clerk confirmed that this matter had been left to the KBW Committee, the Police and the Highways officials to discuss amongst themselves and that there was nothing to report as yet.
- c) The Chairman reported that he had received an invitation to the Mayor's Spring Charity Event (Barrow) on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. This was passed to Councillor Mrs Kelly for her consideration.
- d) *From the floor* it was pointed out that there appeared to be fairly substantial alterations taking place on the land at Whittriggs, near to the Parish boundary. The Clerk undertook to investigate.
- e) *From the floor* came a question as to the attendance of Infinergy at the Parish Council's meeting to discuss windfarms. (*Vide minute 20/08 – February 2008.*) The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing further from Infinergy.

### **38/08 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

In accordance with minute 24/08 (b) (February 2008) it was confirmed that there would be *no meeting in April* and that the next meeting would take place on *Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008*. However, bearing in mind that the Buccleuch Hall would be in use for local election purposes it was AGREED that the meeting would take place at 7.30 pm in *St Peter's Church, Lindal*.

*All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.*