

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 6th May 2004, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal

Present:- Councillors T Weall; R Hickey; A Waite.

Apologies:- Councillors R Lord; Mrs D Morgan.

Also present:- 27 members of the public.

In attendance:- PC Tony Howson, Cumbria Constabulary.

Election of Chairman:-

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

33/04 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 11th March 2004.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 11th March 2004, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite

SECONDED:- Councillor Weall.

34/04 Matters arising.

- a) 23/04 The Clerk confirmed that the abandoned car had been removed.
- b) 31/04 The Clerk confirmed that the suggestions regarding dropped kerbs around the Green and a safety barrier outside Marton's playground had both been forwarded to the Highways authorities for their comments which were still outstanding. Similarly, the suggestion that the playground wall should be raised had been forwarded to the Parks Department.

34/04 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Police.

PC Howson reported that the inter-active speed signs placed on the A590 do not record data, contrary to what had been believed. However, the Police's own data suggested that the average speeds through Lindal on the A590 were within satisfactory limits, east-bound traffic averaging 37-38 mph and west-bound traffic averaging 30-31 mph.

35/04 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The Chairman read an extract from the latest minutes which commented on the apparent increase in dog excrement to be found on village pavements. The School Governors hoped that increased publicity regarding this topic would help to emphasise to dog-owners the importance of clearing away such offensive material.

36/04 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Committee of Barrow Borough Council had approved the submission of the Parish Council's planning application to the Borough's planning committee with the proviso that if and when permission was granted, the Borough would organise a consultation exercise to determine which elements of the scheme should be implemented. However, discussions were still ongoing with various consultees (e.g., Highways) to clarify certain aspects of the application and it was not known when the application would be formally considered by the planning committee.

37/04 Cumbria Local Transport Plan, 2006 – 2012. Consultation.

The Chairman reported that Cumbria County Council was preparing its Local Transport Plan for 2006-2012 and comments were invited from interested parties. It was AGREED that this would be on the June agenda when all concerned had had the chance to consider what might be recommended.

38/04 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) 6/04/388/123 Amendment to previous plan for agricultural residence, Tarn Flat, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Weall that the Parish Council make no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) 6/04/330/57 Conservatory, 22 Railway Terrace, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council make no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) 80/204/0455. Removal of agricultural occupancy condition, Primrose Farm, Tytup. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Parish Council make no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.

39/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Borough Council minutes, 23/1/04 – 21/4/04. NOTED.
- c) DTI and DEFRA. Newsletter re broadband phone lines. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria County Council – implementation of width restriction, B5281. NOTED.
- e) Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership minutes etc. NOTED.
- f) Hedgerow Survey – request for volunteers. NOTED.
- g) Furness Greenways Steering Group minutes etc. NOTED.

- h) Swarthmoor Post Office. Move from 49 to 56/58 Fox St. NOTED.
- i) Residents Association minutes. NOTED.

40/04 Finance.

- a) The cash balances were reported as follows:-
Current account:- £255.74.
Reserve account:- £233.19.
- b) The following payments were requested:-
The Council's insurance premium - £177.19
Rental for the Buccleuch Hall - £60.
Petty cash - £36.97.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Weall that the aforementioned items be approved for payment and cheques duly authorised and signed. Carried unanimously.

41/04 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman reported that he had been made aware by some of the residents of Marton that land at the rear of the Old Chapel in Marton was being advertised as a caravan site. The Borough Council's enforcement Officer was aware of the situation and steps were in hand to regularise the situation by official approval of any development following submission of an application for retrospective planning permission. Failure to secure such approval would require re-instatement of the land to its original condition
- b) Councillor Waite commented on suggestions that Marton's playground would benefit by upgrading similar to that recently carried out in Lindal. *From the floor* doubts were expressed about the need for any such improvements.
- c) Councillor Waite commented on the possibility that United Utilities might provide additional screening of the Waste Water Treatment Plant as part of its upgrading scheme.
- d) Reference was made to the usual problems associated with the grass verges in Marton with there being a need for clearance of grass, fallen stones etc. The Chairman indicated that he would contact the appropriate body (Capita) with a request for action.

42/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 3rd June 2004, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.