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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th November at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors T Weall (Chairman); R Hickey; R Lord; A Waite; Mrs D Morgan.

In attendance:- P.C. Bill Livingston, Cumbria Police

Also present:- 5 Members of the public.

101/03 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd October 2003.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd October 2003 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Hickey

SECONDED:- Councillor Waite.

Carried unanimously.

102/03 Matters arising.

- 1) 95/03 Councillor Hickey enquired as to the situation regarding the planters and sponsorship. The Chairman reported that, during the recent six-monthly routine Liaison Committee meeting with Barrow Borough Council, Tom Campbell had indicated that the provision of the planters was to go ahead irrespective of the availability of sponsorship. The Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting a response from the Colony Gift Corporation on this subject.
- 2) 99/03 (b) Councillor Hickey reported that he had mentioned to Gary Thomas of Capita the problem of the missing sign. Mr Thomas had promised to investigate.
- 3) 91/03 (c) The Clerk reported that, following further representations to the County officials, arrangements were in hand to have the footpath adjacent to Lindal railway tunnel cleared of brambles and other materials blocking the path.
- 4) 96/03 (c) Councillor Waite referred to the planning application regarding the mobile telephone transmission mast. It was noted that the application had been refused on visual amenity grounds and it was accepted that the outcome (re an appeal or further application) was still unclear.

103/03 Attendance by Cumbria Police.

The Chairman deviated from the agenda by welcoming P.C. Bill Livingston, of Cumbria Police, who fortunately was able to attend the meeting after being unable to visit since his inaugural meeting earlier in the year. P.C. Livingston outlined various initiatives and developments within the police, viz:-

- A newsletter was now being produced – “Furness Rural Team Policing Newsletter” – every few months in which crime prevention hints, road safety issues etc., were highlighted. He issued a few samples and it was AGREED that the Clerk would confer with those responsible for “Aspects” with a view to the newsletter being distributed with the Parish magazine.
- A recent change in the police’s shift-pattern arrangements had meant that there were now slightly more hours available for rural policing, to the extent that it was reasonable to assume that there would be a foot-patrol through Lindal and Marton at least once per week.
- Local communities were becoming involved in the task of monitoring speeding motorists with selected individuals being trained in the use of speed detection “guns”. The instruments were able to take details of speeds and registration numbers and the police would then follow it up with the motorist concerned. It was AGREED that this should be an agenda item in December, when the police could expand on what was required and when more parishioners could be in attendance.
- Facilities for marking personal belongings with “data dots” were available through the police and it was AGREED that this would be discussed further at the next meeting.
- The mobile police station was still available in a limited way although it had not been possible to visit Lindal as yet. The future use of the facility was still somewhat unclear because of the change in shift-patterns, although experience so far suggested that very few people used the mobile police station when it actually visited villages in the locality. The use of civilian assistants to supplement police officers in manning the station was being explored.

The Chairman thanked PC Livingston for his attendance and for such useful information and it was AGREED that the attendance of a representative of Cumbria Police would remain a standing item on the agenda.

104/03 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for discussion.

105/03 Development of Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that he had recently attended a meeting in the Town Hall, Barrow, where he had discussed with the Director of Regeneration, Steve Warbrick, and the Resident Agent from Boughton Estates, Mr Alan Wordie, the current proposals regarding the Green. This had been a routine meeting for Mr Warbrick and Mr Wordie and the opportunity was taken to acquaint Mr Wordie with such proposals in order that he might be satisfied that these did not conflict with the covenants relating to the Green. Mr Wordie had subsequently written to Mr Warbrick to confirm that he

was satisfied that the proposals were “well thought out” and that there was no conflict.

The Chairman also reported on the recent Liaison Meeting when Tom Campbell had repeated that £20,000 had been provisionally allocated out of the Borough’s capital budget for 2004/05 to enable the Village Green development to commence. There was still no progress in persuading the Rural Regeneration Fund to contribute to the scheme although this avenue was still being pursued. It had also been decided to convene a meeting with the landscape architect who had devised the scheme with a view to seeing whether it could be broken into more manageable parts in order to facilitate funding the scheme over two or three years. The possibility of cheaper options for such things as the replacement boundary wall and railings would also be examined.

106/03 Village web-site.

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by a Mr Neil Fleming, of Mount Pleasant, Lindal, with information regarding a web-site which Mr Fleming was putting together and which would serve as a “notice-board” for the community as well as giving historical details about the village. This was simply a hobby and was not intended to be a commercial undertaking. *From the floor*, Mr Fleming gave further details, explaining that the Residents Association and School were helping him with information and that various individuals were submitting articles for publication.

It was AGREED that Mr Fleming should be supported in his efforts and that the Clerk should email on a routine basis the monthly agendas and minutes for inclusion on the web-site.

107/03 Proposed prohibition of wide vehicles, Dalton to Grizebeck road and Ulverston to Gawthwaite road.

The Clerk introduced correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding proposals to restrict large vehicles from using the A595 – Dalton to Grizebeck Road – and the B5281 – Ulverston to Gawthwaite Road. This was because the roads in question were too narrow for the safe passage of vehicles over the recommended maximum width of 2.2 metres.

The Council was being asked to consider

- a) a ban on vehicles over 2.2m wide using both the A595 and the B5281 (other than for access)
- b) a ban on either one of the roads
- c) leaving matters as they are.

The various factors involved were mentioned including

- Diversions of vehicles would add to the time taken for the journeys, adding to costs.
- Economic growth would be discouraged because of restrictions to transport.
- The roads taking the diverted traffic will have added congestion and pollution.
- A ban would be difficult to monitor.
- The need to allow wide vehicles to use the roads in question for access purposes would mean that a total ban would be impossible
- Such restrictions would lessen the incentives needed to improve the roads at their most difficult sections, which are major problems for ordinary traffic, let alone

wide vehicles. This would also have a negative impact on the prospects for economic growth of the area.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council strongly protest at the suggestion that the A595 should have such width restrictions imposed, because of the reasons outlined above, and that the emphasis should be on having the road improved to appropriate standards. However, the Council would not oppose the suggestion that the B5281 should have width restrictions imposed. Carried unanimously.

108/03 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

The Clerk reported that further correspondence had been received regarding the piece of land adjacent to 27, Marton and the proposal to build a house(s) there.

- 1) 6/03/0832/102 Proposal for two houses. A revised drawing had been received indicating that a small portion of garden belonging to 27, Marton had been purchased by the prospective builder and two houses were proposed for the enlarged parcel of land. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Parish Council decline to support this application because of their concerns regarding access to the site for road vehicles off the narrow and congested main street through the village. The proposal was put to the vote and was CARRIED by three votes to two.
- 2) 6/03/0993/142 Proposal for the addition of an attic storey to the already approved (2002) drawing in relation to one house on this site. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Parish Council express ‘no comment’ on this application.

109/03 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Furness Greenways Steering Group. Councillor Hickey reported on his attendance at the most recent meeting of the Group
- c) Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership minutes – 4.9.03. NOTED.
- d) Barrow Borough Council minutes – 29.7.03 to 9.10.03. NOTED.

110/03 Finance

- a) The Clerk reported that the cash balances were as follows:-
 - Current account £208.51
 - Reserve account £1027.35
- b) The Clerk reported that an invoice had been received from the British Legion in respect of the Remembrance Day wreaths. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that such invoice be accepted. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk submitted a letter from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee requesting assistance, as in previous years, towards the cost of the Senior Citizens’ Christmas party. The Chairman declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED

by Councillor Waite that the sum of £150 be donated for this cause. Carried unanimously.

- d) The Clerk submitted a letter from the organisers of the Lindal and Marton Youth Club (Lindal Moor Cricket Club) for a donation towards the cost of games for their Play Station equipment. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Weall and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that a sum of £100 be donated for this cause. Carried unanimously.
- e) The Clerk submitted cheques for authorisation viz:-
- British Legion - £32
 - Buccleuch Hall Management Committee:- £150
 - Lindal Moor Cricket Club:- £100.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that such cheques be duly authorised and signed. Carried unanimously.

111/03 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Lord commented on a request for a second road sign for Guards Road. It was NOTED that Barrow Borough Council were looking at the possibilities of providing more signs made from re-cycled aluminium.
- b) Councillor Waite referred to the problem of debris being left on the roads after the hedges had been cut. It was AGREED that the Clerk would pursue this with the highways officials.
- c) The Clerk submitted the latest Cumbria-wide bus and train time-table. NOTED.
- d) The Clerk reported that the Christmas Tree was scheduled for installation on the Village Green before the end of the month and that Capita had agreed to repeat the arrangements from last year in that an official "switch-on" of the Christmas lights would coincide with Father Christmas's visit to the Christmas Fair in the Buccleuch Hall on Thursday, 27th November, at 6.00 pm. NOTED.
- e) The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from the Post Office indicating that two post offices were scheduled for closure in Barrow. NOTED.
- f) The Chairman reported that he had been advised of United Utilities plans to carry out certain improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Marton. Further details would be provided in due course. NOTED.
- g) The Chairman commented on recent vandalism to the new notice board outside the Buccleuch Hall whereby the plastic letters "Lindal and Marton Parish Council" had been ripped off. It was AGREED that the Clerk would seek quotations for a new sign with the name imprinted on it.
- h) The Chairman confirmed that the Remembrance Day services at the War Memorials in Lindal and Marton would be at 11.00 am and 2.30 pm respectively on Sunday, 9th November.

111/03 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The Day and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4th December 2003 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.