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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th October 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); Mrs D Morgan; Ms S Rainbow; Ms M Richards.

Apologies:- Councillor R Lord.

Also present:- 20 members of the public.

104/05 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

105/05 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September, 2005.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September 2005, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Morgan.

SECONDED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow

Carried unanimously.

106/05 Matters arising.

- a) 102/05 (b) The Clerk reported that the Residents Association had arranged with Roger Mallet, the traffic officer from Cumbria Constabulary, for the loan of a movable speed warning sign, to be used alongside The Green. This was a battery-operated device which would be put in place every morning and removed in the evening and was intended to warn oncoming motorists of their speed. The Chairman expressed his appreciation of the work of the Association and it was AGREED that the subject would be discussed again at the November meeting when its effectiveness would be assessed.
- b) 102/05 (c) The Clerk confirmed that he had received quotations from Barrow Town Hall regarding the cost of installations at Marton Park to take an annual Christmas Tree, similar to The Green. United Utilities were prepared to provide a power supply, without cost, to a feeder pillar within the park whilst they were re-

routing electricity cables in that area. A feeder pillar would cost about £300 and the provision of a tree-pit, with connections to the pillar, together with a tree in the first year, would cost about £1500. There would then be electricity charges and the cost of an annual tree (possibly around £300 each.) After discussions *with the floor*, (including the Chairman of the Residents Association) it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that, as a first step, arrangements be made for the installation of a feeder pillar and that the Clerk discuss with the Residents Association the possibility of the sharing of the cost. Carried unanimously.

107/05 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

.No officer was in attendance.

108/05 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

109/05 Lindal Village Green.

There was nothing further to report.

110/05 The “Lost Ways” project. Survey of footpaths within the Parish.

The Clerk referred to previous correspondence regarding this initiative which was meant to survey the whole of the County’s footpaths in order to determine whether any action was needed to preserve ancient rights-of-way. He now had full details of the footpaths within the Parish (13 in total) and an appropriate number of questionnaires. Councillor Lord had already taken questionnaires for five footpaths and Councillor Ms Richards indicated that she would complete the remaining eight. AGREED.

111/05 A5 90 Roadworks.

The Clerk commented on a recent Public Notice in the Press whereby the Highways Agency were advising that proposed roadworks on the A590 through Lindal could result in temporary closures to certain side roads. He had been assured that these would be of limited duration and that inconvenience to residents would be kept to a minimum. He had also been assured that further information as to what was planned would be forwarded to the Parish Council in due course.

112/05 Barrow Borough Council. Review of electoral arrangements.

It was confirmed that Barrow Borough Council’s recommendations as to the revisions of the District’s ward arrangements had been received. It was apparent that the Dalton North ward, of which Lindal and Marton Parish was a part, would only experience a minor change in its boundary, in Dalton, and that the Parish generally would see no change. It was AGREED that Barrow Borough Council be advised that the Parish Council had no objections to what was being proposed.

113/05 Campaign for the “Sustainable Communities Bill”.

All councillors having assessed the relevant correspondence (ref. minute 98/05, September 2005) it was PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Richards and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Council support the aims and objectives embodied in the “Sustainable Communities Bill” and that the Member of Parliament for Barrow and District be so advised, with a request that he add his name to Early Day Motion no. 641 regarding such Bill. Carried unanimously.

114/05 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) 6/05/1437. *Creation of decking area within beer garden (retrospective). Railway Inn, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Council confirm that it had no objections to the application. Carried unanimously.
- b) 6/05/1521. *Outline consent, 5 dwellings to rear of Marton Hall and Glebe Hall, Marton (including siting and means of access.)* A prolonged discussion ensued, incorporating many comments *from the floor*, with references to road safety issues; intrusion into privacy of neighbours; possibility of further developments; lack of reference to low-cost, starter homes etc. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Parish Council decline to support the application because of its concerns about
 - the potential for additional traffic hazards because of the narrow road, lack of a footpath, difficult sight-lines;
 - reduction in privacy for neighbours on either side of the proposed development;
 - uncertainties regarding the exact siting of the proposed properties;
 - uncertainties regarding the ability of the developer to add to the proposed number of properties at a later date.
 - lack of any reference to the provision of low-cost, starter homes. Carried unanimously.
- c) 6/05/1522. *Listed Building Consent for demolition and re-siting of highway boundary wall to provide enhanced visibility splay. (for item (b) above.)* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Richards that the Council make no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.

115/05 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Voluntary Action Cumbria. Parish Plans.. NOTED.
- c) Commission for Rural Communities. Rural Housing Enquiry. NOTED.
- d) Morecambe Bay Partnership. Annual General Meeting. NOTED.
- e) Friends of the Lake District. Newsletter. NOTED.

116/05 Finance.

- . a) Cash balances :- Current account:- £234.09. Reserve account:- £1286.33.
- b) The Clerk requested payment of an invoice in respect of the audit fee, from the Audit Commission, in the sum of £58.75. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Richards and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that this be approved and a cheque duly signed. Carried unanimously.

117/05 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Ms Richards suggested that it would be useful for the minutes to incorporate names and telephone numbers of all councillors. AGREED.
- b) Councillor Richards pointed out that, as a newcomer to the area, she had noticed how busy the rural roads were and how important it was for everyone to drive carefully and responsibly, in the interests of road safety.
- c) The Chairman referred to the on-going problem of grass verges in the Parish being allowed to spill over onto the highway, with consequential difficulties with minor flooding. This was endorsed *by the floor* and it was AGREED that the Clerk would write yet again to the highways officials to ask that remedial work be undertaken.
- d) *From the floor* came a reminder that there was still a need for a barrier to be placed on the pavement outside the entrance to the children's playground at Marton. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to the highways department to remind them of this requirement.
- e) The Chairman commented on a letter from the planning department of Barrow Borough Council, addressed to a resident of Bell Hill, regarding fencing proposed for land at The Old Chapel, Marton. The Clerk confirmed that this was in connection with a previously-approved caravan and camping-site development and was submission of details of an intended fence, which was one of the conditions attached to the granting of planning consent. There appeared to be no statutory requirement for the Parish Council to be consulted in this instance. (NB, the plans in relation to the fence were endorsed with a suggestion that the applicant was no longer going to go ahead with the proposed caravan and camping site.) NOTED.
- f) The Clerk submitted correspondence in connection with the County Council Transport Plan; the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership; The Furness Partnership; and the Furness Greenways. NOTED.
- g) The Chairman referred to a meeting for clerks and councillors at the Town Hall at 5.30 pm on Tuesday, October 25th. NOTED.
- h) *From the floor* came a query as to the responsibility for the "triangle" at the road junction by St Peter's Church. It was AGREED that there seemed to be no reason why interested residents could not attend to the shrubs and plants themselves.

118/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3rd November, 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.