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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 6th September 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillors Ms Rainbow: D Howarth.

Also present:- 2 members of the public.

In attendance:- District Councillor Mrs J Heath

106/07 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

The Chairman confirmed that a request from the Parent-Teachers Association of Lindal and Marton Primary School for financial assistance towards the cost of their Gala Day, because of the imminence of the Gala Day (29th September), could be discussed, and a decision reached, under item 14 of the agenda – Any Other Business. (minute no 117/07 (d))

107/07 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

108/07 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd August, 2007.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd August, 2007 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly. Carried unanimously.

109/07 Matters arising.

- a) 96/07 (a) Councillor Lord enquired as to the latest position regarding the collection times from Royal Mail collection boxes within the Parish. The Clerk reported that he had finally received confirmation that the collection time for the box on the A590, opposite the Anchor Inn, had now reverted to 3.15 pm. It was AGREED that the Clerk should arrange for this to be highlighted in “Aspects”.
- b) 96/07 (c) Councillor Lord asked whether there had been any developments regarding the question of warning signs banning HGVs from certain parts of Lindal. The Clerk

reported that Capita were willing to arrange a sample survey of HGV traffic going through the village, for two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon on one particular day. Capita were asking whether the Council could recommend a day and it was AGREED that this be left to the discretion of Capita, with the proviso that the sample take place during a full day and that it should attempt to identify whether the vehicles went through Lindal past the Buccleuch Hall or whether they went past St Peter's Church.

110/07 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There was no officer present.

111/07 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

112/07 Lindal Village Green.

It was NOTED that work of the renewal of the railings and the completion of hard-standing was nearing completion.

From the floor it was reported that one of the trees on the Green had suffered damage during a recent windy period when a large branch came loose and fell to the ground. This was viewed with some concern by the Council, bearing in mind their recent request to Barrow Borough Council's planning department for a more comprehensive assessment of the trees, including the use of decay detection equipment, as part of their strategy to prune and maintain the trees. Such request had been turned down, the Borough Council's agents advising them that such detailed assessment was unnecessary. It was AGREED that the Clerk write to Barrow Borough Council expressing its concern at this latest incident, pointing out that, on the face of it, it seemed to vindicate the Parish Council's request for a more detailed inspection and assessment of the trees and asking the Borough Council for their comments.

113/07. Barrow Port Area Action Plan

Barrow Council's proposals regarding the development of the docks were NOTED.

114/07 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

There were no plans for assessment.

115/07 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Local Transport Plan. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Council. Statement of Community Involvement. NOTED.
- d) Model Code of Conduct. The availability of training, arranged by Barrow Council, was NOTED. It was left to individual councillors to decide whether they would be attending. Reference was made to the need for the Parish Council's acceptance of the Model Code to be advertised in the local press. It was left to the Clerk to arrange.
- e) Barrow Council. Details of the Dog Control Orders, banning dogs from certain defined play areas, including those in Lindal and Marton, was NOTED, as was the Council's intention to incorporate Lindal Village Green in the next round of such Orders.
- f) DEFRA Coastal Access consultation. Draft response from Duddon Estuary Partnership. NOTED.
- g) Cumbria Police Authority. Annual Report. NOTED.

116/07 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2388.97
- b) The Clerk requested cheques for a) the Annual Audit fee (£58.75) and b) the first half of his honorarium (£300). It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such payments be approved and cheques signed accordingly. Carried unanimously.

117/07 Any Other Business.

a) The Clerk reported that the special article relating to the Keswick to Barrow Walk, and the arrangements for this to be discussed at the October meeting, had not yet been published in “Aspects”. However, it was hoped that the article would appear before the October meeting and thus the discussions at that time could go ahead.

b) The Clerk introduced correspondence from Barrow Council, recently received, asking for details of Gypsy or Traveller movements within the Parish. It was AGREED that, there being no knowledge of any such activity, no response was required.

c) Reference was made to problems identified by Councillor Howarth re 1) an allegation that there was a speed limit of 50 mph on Pennington Lane, in contrast to a limit of 40 mph on the main road which it joined, the A590; 2) the unkempt appearance of the “triangle” by St Peter’s Church, together with the confusion over whether traffic should treat it as a roundabout and 3) the untidy nature of the grass verges in many parts of Lindal. The Clerk confirmed that he had passed on these matters to the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

d) From the floor it was pointed out that the small patch of land surrounding the telegraph pole, half way along the car-parking area opposite Mount Pleasant, was neglected, with grass being left untrimmed. It was AGREED that the Clerk would liase with Barrow Council to see if this area could be attended to as and when the park grass was cut.

e) The Chairman referred to agenda item 2 – Urgent Items – the request from the PTA of Lindal school for financial assistance towards the cost of their Gala. This was scheduled for 29th September, with costs estimated at £350 to £400. The PTA was of the opinion that the presence of the St John’s Ambulance Brigade would be useful, their fee being anticipated at £50 to £60, and it was asking whether the Parish Council might help in meeting this particular expense. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the sum of £60 be donated to the PTA as a contribution towards their expenses. Carried unanimously. It was also pointed out *from the floor* that the first-aid team from BAE might be in a position to provide their services without charge and it was AGREED that the PTA be so advised.

NB Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk was advised that the PTA had had to cancel the Gala, and the contribution from the Parish Council was no longer required.

f) *From the floor* It was suggested that the reference to Neighbourhood Watch, in “Aspects”, was not very informative, with a request for further information, including clarification as to the numbers of parishioners who might have signed the request forms in “Kurly’s”. Councillor Mrs Kelly indicated that, whilst she had had several people expressing their interest verbally, only four persons had actually signed the forms to confirm their interest. She also re-iterated that WPC Karen Harris was reluctant to arrange for detailed information to be provided until there was clear evidence of a reasonable number of parishioners who were interested in such schemes and who would become actively involved.

118/07 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 4th October 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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