

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7th December, 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

**Present:-** Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; Ms S Rainbow; Ms M Richards; D Howarth.

**Also present:-** 5 members of the public.

**In attendance:-** WPC Karen Harris, Cumbria Constabulary.

**138/06 Apologies** None.

### **139/06 Urgent business. Items received too late for the agenda.**

The Chairman decreed that the following item could be debated and discussed (under agenda item 9 – minute no 147/06 (c)) as an additional item on the agenda, on the grounds that an urgent decision was required. (Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972).

Planning application for 4 houses to the rear of Marton Hall, Marton.

### **140/06 Disclosure of Interests.**

Councillor Waite disclosed a personal interest in Agenda item 9 (b) – minute no 147/06 (b), in that the site of the proposed development was near to his house.

### **141/06 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2006.**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2006 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor. Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

#### **142/06 Matters arising.**

- a) 127/06 (a) The Clerk reported that information had been received from Barrow Borough Council to the effect that there were apparently 4 waste bins in Lindal. *From the floor*, came the comment that there were five – 2 on the main road; 2 on the Green and 1 on the park. It was noted that SITA were to assess the usage of the bins with a view to deciding whether any needed to be re-sited.
- b) 127/06 (b) Councillor Lord asked whether there was any further information re the express bus service and Councillor Ms Rainbow confirmed that she had now been advised that the request for Lindal to be included on the stopping list had been noted but that Cumbria County Council/Stagecoach were unable to accede to the request at the present time. They would keep the position under review.
- c) 127/06 (d) Councillor Lord enquired as to the position with the road-widening at the foot of Snipe Ghyll. The Clerk confirmed that nothing further had been heard.
- d) 131/06 Councillor Lord reminded members that the “Roadshow” meeting with CALC – the Cumbria Association of Local Councils – would take place in the Cricket Club, at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2007. (Reference was also made to a suggestion in “Aspects” that there would not be a Parish Council meeting in January. This was confirmed as inaccurate, a meeting being scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> January.)

#### **143/06 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

WPC Karen Harris confirmed that she had been able to follow-up the names of those young persons mentioned at the last meeting as being responsible for low-level vandalism and nuisance within the village. She was hopeful that those concerned, with their parents, would take note of the complaints, with improved behaviour in the future. Local schools had also been advised of the problems. It was accepted, however, that there were still occasional irritations within the village from one or two youngsters.

#### **144/06 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

The minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were NOTED.

#### **145/06 Lindal Village Green.**

The Clerk reported on recent developments regarding the scheme to renew the railings. Tenders were now being sought from three local steel fencing suppliers/installers – Urswick Engineering; Gilmour Fabrications and AK Fencing of Cartmel. The Clerk and the Chairman of the Residents’ Association had also met the scheme designer (Des Metcalfe) recently to assess the precise need for drainage, in the light of both the limited funds available and the flooding which had appeared after the recent heavy rain. An abridged scheme had been agreed. It was now hoped that tenders would be returned before Christmas to the Director of Regeneration at the Town Hall and that the submissions would be in line with the available finance.

It was also suggested that any undamaged railings out of the existing set might be re-used by local residents for their own purposes, should they be deemed to be not needed.

#### **146/06 Review of Electoral Boundaries – Barrow . (Boundary Commission)**

Reference was made to a change of mind on the part of the Boundary Commission. Following representations from the electorate, it was no longer being suggested that Barrow Island Ward should be absorbed into adjacent wards within the Borough but should remain as it is. NOTED.

### **147/06 .Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

- a) 6/06/1455 demolish garage, erect extension – study with bedroom over. Tarnside Cottage, Tarn Flatt, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) 6/06/1468 erection of stable block and garage, Lane End Barn, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Rainbow and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) 6/06/0085 Erection of 4 houses to the rear of Marton Hall, Marton. The Clerk reported that he had only received the papers regarding this application on the morning of the Parish Council meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2007. There were no explanatory notes but it was clearly in connection with, and amendments to, previous planning applications regarding a housing development on the site in question. The Parish Council had made known to Barrow Borough Council its reservations on the applications when they were considered in October 2005 and February 2006 but nothing had been heard as to the validity of such reservations. Accordingly, after discussion, it was AGREED that there appeared to be nothing different in the current application to change the stance previously taken by the council in declining to support the application because of its concerns about
  - the potential for additional traffic hazards because of the narrow road, lack of a footpath and 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 number of properties at a later date;
  - lack of any reference to the provision of low-cost, starter-homes

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the council reaffirm its unwillingness to support the application on the grounds as set out above. Carried unanimously.

### **148/06 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Residents’ Association minutes re meeting 12/10/06. To be placed in the circulation file
- c) Cumbria County Council. Winter road-gritting arrangements. NOTED..

### **149/06 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £731.05.
- b) The Clerk submitted invoices in respect of British Legion wreaths (£33) and the Society of Local Council Clerks, membership renewal (£40) and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that these items be approved and cheques signed accordingly. Carried unanimously.

### **150/06 Any Other Business.**

- a) Councillor Ms Richards drew attention to the condition of the gate giving access to the footpath running alongside the old abattoir at Marton. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the appropriate footpath officer at the County Council for him to follow-up.
- b) Councillor Ms Richards referred to the overflowing drains and overgrown grass verges in the Snipe Ghyll area and other parts of Marton. The Clerk confirmed that he would inform the appropriate officers at the County Council.

c) *From the floor*, it was pointed out that all the work associated with the new Christmas Tree in Marton park had now been completed and that the tree was installed and the lights switched on. The Clerk confirmed that he would write to United Utilities/Murphy's to express the Parish Council's appreciation for their generosity in funding this enterprise.

d) The Clerk introduced the latest news-letter from the County Council Highways Department. NOTED.

**151/06 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal