

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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Mr A Waite (462922); Mr R Lord (464034). Ms S Rainbow (462383). Ms M Richards (588699) D Howarth (463304)

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

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

**Apologies:-** Councillors R Lord; Ms S Rainbow.

**Also present:-** 3 members of the public.

**In attendance:-** Mr Steve Caunt, United Utilities.

### **99/06 Disclosure of Interests.**

Councillor Ms Richards referred to item 9 on the agenda (minute 107/06), a planning application in respect of the demolition and rebuilding of a bungalow which was situated three houses away from her own property. The Clerk confirmed that his previously-offered advice, that she appeared to have a prejudicial interest, had been confirmed (twice) by the administrative staff at Barrow Borough Council. This was based on the fact that, due to the proximity of her property to the development site (30 – 40 yards), there was the potential for her property to increase in value should the application be given planning approval and a new bungalow be erected.

After considerable discussions regarding the Code of Conduct and the regulations governing the disclosure of interests, Councillor Ms Richards declared that she did not intend to make a disclosure of interest in respect of the item in question.

### **100/06 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2006.**

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite.

SECONDED:- Councillor Howarth.

Carried unanimously.

**101/06 Matters arising.**

85/06 (a) Councillor Howarth asked whether the grass verges and pavements had been attended-to in respect of weeds etc. The Clerk confirmed that he had been advised that the work had been scheduled for week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2006. However, whilst there were obvious indications that some work had been completed, this seemed to be rather haphazard and the Clerk was requested to raise the matter once more with the responsible body.

**102/06 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

There was no-one in attendance from Cumbria Constabulary.

**103/06 United Utilities. Closure of roads.**

The Clerk reported that he had received further information regarding the closure of local roads whilst United Utilities were involved in the installation of a new water pipe-line. It had been confirmed that a stretch of Urswick Road would be closed for about three days from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and that the road between Primrose Cottages and Melton Terrace would be closed from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September for about eight weeks.

Mr Steve Caunt, from United Utilities, was in attendance and he confirmed that, insofar as the latter work was concerned, direct discussions had taken place between United Utilities and some local residents in Lindal, in order to mitigate the impact of heavy lorries having to use the road from the abattoir, through the village, past the Church, to gain access to the A590. United Utilities had offered high-visibility vests for children going to school, together with funding for a “lollipop lady” and the installation of appropriate road signs.

In addition, the police had been asked to monitor the situation, and the proprietor of the abattoir had been asked to do what he could to limit the movement of vehicles so that they did not clash with school hours

Mr Caunt was asked whether the work could be done in stages, thus keeping some parts of the road open until the last minute. He replied that this had been considered but that it would be too difficult on health and safety grounds.

He was also asked about footpath closures and was able to confirm that no such closures had been necessary.

**104/06 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

There were no minutes to consider.

**105/06 Lindal Village Green.**

The Clerk reported that his initial approach to the Heritage Lottery Fund regarding financial assistance towards the railings’ renewal scheme had been unsuccessful because it did not fulfil the criteria regarding “heritage”.

However, he had been in touch with the South Lakeland Council for Voluntary Service (SLCSV) who had supplied an information pack regarding funding possibilities. He hoped to be able to complete their Project Information Form within the next few days to return to SLCV who had promised to let him have suggestions fairly quickly thereafter.

### **106/06 Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC).**

Reference was made to the suggestion that the Council should ask CALC to attend with their "Roadshow" (*vide minute 91/06*) and it was AGREED that, bearing in mind that CALC would be unable to attend until November or December, the matter be further deferred until the October meeting at which time Councillor Howarth could clarify the availability of the Buccleuch Hall.

### **107/06 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

6/06/1033. *Demolition of bungalow and re-build as dormer bungalow, The Bungalow, Snipe Ghyll, Marton* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council offer no objection to this application. Carried unanimously.

### **108/06 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria Rights of Way Improvement Plan. NOTED.
- c) Friends of the Lake District. Newsletter. NOTED.
- d) "Connexions". Mobile bus. NOTED.
- e) C.C.C. Decision on planning application. (Approval to construct wastewater pumping station, Bank Terrace, Lindal.) NOTED.

### **109/06 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1561.68
- b) The Clerk requested payment of the first part of his annual remuneration, i.e., £300. He also reported on a problem with his computer necessitating repairs in the sum of £130. On this occasion he was requesting financial assistance of £30. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that these items be approved and cheques signed accordingly. Carried unanimously.

### **110/06 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk reported that he had received Cumbria County Council's Delivery Report on their Local Transport Plan, 2001-06. It was agreed that this be circulated.
- b) Councillor Ms Richards drew attention to the removal of part of the boundary wall to the field on the corner of the T-junction of Pit Lane with Snipe Ghyll, the resultant widening of the corner facilitating the movement of cranes etc, to the wind turbines on Kirkby Moor. It was pointed out that whenever such alteration was carried out it was much easier and safer for ordinary traffic to join Pit Lane from Snipe Ghyll and, given that the wall was always re-instated, it might be appropriate to enquire whether the expanded corner could be left on a permanent basis. Accordingly, the Clerk would pursue the matter with Cumbria County Council highways department.

### **111/06 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal