

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 9th January 2004, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor R Hickey. (The Chairman drew attention to Councillor Hickey's absence through illness and, on behalf of the Council, wished him a speedy recovery)

In attendance. From Cumbria Constabulary, PC Dave Mogford.

Also present:- 9 members of the public.

1/04 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th December 2003.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th December 2003, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor T Weall.

SECONDED:- Councillor A Waite.

Carried unanimously, with the exception of Councillors R Lord and Mrs D Morgan who had not been present.

2/04 Matters arising.

- a) 113/03 (a) The Clerk reported that officials from Barrow Borough Council had expressed a wish to meet the Parish Council to discuss the Housing Chapter Review of the Local Plan and it was AGREED that Monday, 26th January or Monday, 2nd February be suggested as a suitable date for such a meeting, at 2.00 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.
- b) 113/03 (d) Councillor Lord asked whether anything had been done regarding the suggestion that the Clerk would write to Barrow Borough Council on a planning matter and the Clerk indicated that, on reflection, he thought that the subject be best left until the matter could be discussed in person. NOTED.

3/04 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

The Chairman welcomed PC Dave Mogford.

Reference was made to a few instances of vandalism which were a cause for concern, e.g. the Parish Council's notice board outside the Buccleuch Hall had been vandalised, with the letters which spelled out the Council's name being destroyed and papers being set alight within the board. It was also reported that the Christmas Tree on the Green had been interfered with, coloured bulbs being taken and the electricity supply control box opened, allowing water inside which ruined the transformer. PC Mogford stressed the importance of notifying the police as soon as possible so that patterns of crime could be monitored.

4/04 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for discussion. NOTED.

5/04 Development of Lindal Village Green.

From the floor, the Secretary of the Residents association reported that he had had no success as yet in his attempts at securing additional finance for the development scheme. The progress of the scheme was discussed and it was confirmed that there would be a further meeting with Steve Warbrick of Barrow Borough Council, and the landscape architect, Des Metcalfe, on 14th February 2004 when the latest drawings and the latest situation regarding funding, could be assessed.

The latest time-scale suggested that the Parish Council could submit a planning application in time for Barrow Borough Council's March Planning Committee and that prior to such submission there would be a final public meeting in the Buccleuch Hall to "fine-tune" the proposals. This meeting was planned for Friday, 6th February 2004.

The Chairman emphasised yet again that this meeting would be on the basis that the general principles associated with the development had already been agreed at a previous public meeting and that this final meeting was to enable interested parties to comment on the detail.

It was agreed that it would be helpful if a summary of the position could be inserted in "Aspects".

Planning applications relating to the Parish.

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding the development of the former allotment gardens at the rear of Lindal and Marton Primary School, Pit Lane. This was described as a "quiet garden/educational area, consisting of 2 paved seating areas connected by paths and surrounded by planted areas....."

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Parish Council make no objections to the proposed development. Carried unanimously.

7/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Furness Greenways. Minutes of meeting, 17.10.03. NOTED.
- c) DEFRA. Newsletter on "Equine Affairs". NOTED.
- d) Residents Association. Minutes of meeting, 3.12.03. NOTED.
- e) Residents Association. Plans re new playing field equipment. *From the floor*, the Secretary of the Association confirmed that the tender for the installation of the new equipment had been let and that the first year's guarantee for the installation would release enough money from Barrow Borough Council's maintenance budget to enable two seats and litter bins to be purchased. The Chairman congratulated the Association on the results of all their hard work.
- f) Cumbria Highways (Capita) Information leaflets. NOTED.
- g) Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Activity Survey. The Clerk was requested to complete the survey.
- h) Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. Minutes re 4.12.03. NOTED.

8/04 Finance.

- a) Cash balances. The Clerk reported the balances as follows:-
Current account:- £294.63
Reserve account:- £527.35
- b) The Clerk submitted an invoice from Chatsworth Signs for the new sign recently affixed to the Notice Board outside the Buccleuch Hall, in the sum of £21.15. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that such invoice be paid and a cheque be duly authorised and signed. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk advised that the Parish Council was required to confirm with Barrow Borough Council the amount of Council Tax precept it would need for 2004/5. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Weall and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the precept be the same as the current year i.e. £1,800. Carried unanimously.

9/04 Any Other Business.

From the floor, District Councillor Bill Crosthwaite asked whether the Parish Council was aware of, and had any interest in, the intruder alarm at the School having been the subject of a complaint by a local resident because it had been activated and the key-holder had seemingly been unavailable to silence it immediately. NOTED.

10/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 5th February 2004, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.