

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

**Present:-** Councillors A Waite; R Lord; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

**Also present:** 2 members of the public were present.

### **In attendance:-**

Apologies were received from Cumbria Constabulary.  
(No county or borough councillors were present.)

### **69/14 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **70/14 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

Councillor Mrs Glover declared an interest in agenda item 9 (b) (St Peter's Church flower festival: request for financial assistance) in that she was a member of the Parochial Church Council. The Chairman agreed that she would need to participate (but not vote) in the discussions to enable the Council to be appropriately advised as to what was proposed.

### **71/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. (No meeting in July)**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord, SECONDED:- Councillor Howarth.  
Carried unanimously.

### **72/14 Matters arising from those minutes.**

- a) 62/14 (b) Councillor Howarth asked whether there was any progress regarding the refurbishment of the Lindal kiosk. The Clerk confirmed there had been no response to the advert which had appeared in “Aspects” and that approaches to two particular individuals had not been successful. Councillor Lord repeated his previous offer to re-glaze the window panes with an appropriate sealant and this was accepted with thanks.
- b) 67/14 (b) Councillor Lord queried the mowing arrangements for Lindal village green and the Clerk agreed to seek further information regarding frequency etc.
- c) 62/14 (a) Councillor Lord commented on the need for litter-picking, particularly by the bus stops on the A590. The Clerk confirmed that this had been completed and that an additional litter-bin had been provided.
- d) 67/14 (d) Councillor Lord commented on the gate to the children’s playground in that it still required repair. The Clerk confirmed that this had been passed on to the appropriate officials and he would contact them again.

### **73/14 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

PCSO Perry had sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting but had forwarded information regarding events in the Parish during July. There had been no criminal activity but there were examples of anti-social behaviour relating to addresses in Ulverston Road and School Terrace.

Details were also supplied regarding the use of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on the A590 recently (on the outskirts of Lindal on the Ulverston side). The statistics supplied were somewhat confusing, suggesting an average vehicle speed of 38.2 mph, with a minimum of 37.7 mph and maximum of 39 mph, such figures seemingly at variance with speeds observed by local residents. Further queries from the Clerk established that the lowest speed might have been 29.1 mph with the highest being 65 mph.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should request PCSO Perry to provide, if possible, more detailed information in future, with a clear indication as to the minimum and maximum speeds, together with numbers of vehicles monitored as exceeding the 40 mph limit and when this occurred.

It was also noted that:-

- a) SID was due to be installed in the parish again during week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September and it was AGREED that it be requested that it be placed on the A590 on the Dalton side of the approach into Lindal.
- b) No information had been forwarded regarding the occasion in June when SID had been used in Marton and it was AGREED that PCSO Perry be asked to provide appropriate information in time for the next meeting.

### **74/14 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

*MS/B21/2014/0486. Dormer window to habitable room, 3 Queensberry Court, Lindal.*

It was PROPOSED By Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

### **75/14 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Aortic screening. Men aged 65+. It was NOTED that as men reach the age of 65 it was intended to invite them for aortic screening. Further details can be obtained from GPs.
- c) New electoral registration arrangements. It was NOTED that future electoral arrangements for all local and national elections would require individuals, rather than heads of households, to take personal responsibility in ensuring that they were on the electoral roll, and that this be done, where possible, via the internet.
- d) WW1 Commemoration – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. NOTED.
- e) ACT Gazette – newsletter. NOTED.
- f) Youth projects, summer programme. NOTED.
- g) Community Information and Safety. Product re-calls etc.
  - 1 Warnings re cold-callers and drive-cleaning offers.
  - 2 Discounted food-waste digesters. (To be used in gardens as composters)NOTED.

### **76/14 Finance.**

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.49: *Reserve* - £4391.93.
- b) Councillor Mrs Glover submitted a request on behalf of St Peter's parochial church council for financial assistance towards the Flower Festival and Organ Recital which the Church was planning to hold over the weekend of 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> September. The amount requested was £250, approximately 25% of the anticipated outlay, with other monies anticipated from sponsorship, donations and ticket sales.

Any grant from the Council would be looked upon as "pump-priming" money, for initial expenditure, to be paid back if income exceeded expenditure, as was expected.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that an amount of £250 be allocated from the Festivals Fund towards the Church's Flower Festival, on the basis that this would be repaid in whole or in part if financially possible. Carried unanimously (Councillor Mrs Glover abstained).
- c) The Clerk reported that the Annual Financial Return in respect of 2013/14 had been returned from the auditors who had pointed out that the amount shown as "precept" actually incorporated a small government grant which should have been declared as "other income". The Clerk confirmed that he had been aware of some change to the financing arrangements last year without being fully conversant with the details.

(He had been advised by the Borough Treasurer that for the current year, 2014/2015, the amount of £3,600 requested as "precept" [which is shared out as a small addition to parishioners' council tax] had been reduced to £3,335.12 with the balance of £264.88 being provided by central government.)

The Council was required to formally accept the Return and the auditors comments and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Return be duly accepted. Carried unanimously.

### **77/14 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk submitted information from the National Grid regarding plans to upgrade the grid in the county to cope with the proposed new nuclear power station in west Cumbria. Such developments would constitute major civil engineering works (one

proposed route was beneath Morecambe Bay) and the National Grid intended to brief local councils as to the broad outline of the plans. A local meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in the Coronation Hall, Ulverston.

Councillor Howarth indicated that the Buccleuch Hall had also been identified as a venue for a meeting for local residents and that further details were expected. It was AGREED that the matter be further considered at the September meeting.

- b) Reference was made to the finances relating to the production of “Aspects”, particularly in the light of the recent income from adverts, and Councillor Howarth confirmed that he would be able to supply the required information for the next meeting. This would then enable a more accurate assessment to be made of the need for financial support from the Council.
- c) Councillor Mrs Glover pointed out that dogs were being seen on the village green, despite this being an area where dogs were prohibited, with signs to this effect attached to the railings. It was AGREED that a paragraph reminding local residents of this problem be prepared for inclusion in “Aspects”.
- d) Councillor Mrs Glover reported that this year’s Christmas Fair would be held on the last Friday in November rather than the Thursday, the Clerk confirming that he would advise Barrow Town Hall of the change in order that the switching-on of the Christmas Tree lights could be organised correctly.
- e) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on further problems with illegal – and reckless – car-parking between her salon and the A590. It was hoped that the person(s) responsible had been appropriately advised.
- f) Reference was made to an accident involving a vehicle using the lane to the side of Hempland Cottages whilst it was attempting to join the A590. A pedestrian was slightly injured when crossing in front of the vehicle and it was pointed out that there was no “Stop” sign, or white line, where this lane joined the main road. The Clerk confirmed that this would be reported to Highways.
- g) It was confirmed that the defibrillator attached to the side of the Buccleuch Hall had now had its software upgraded and was fully operational.
- h) *From the floor* reference was made to the good-neighbourliness of a resident living adjacent to Lindal village green who had taken it upon herself to weed the area around the green before the recent village gala. The Council expressed its appreciation for this public-spirited gesture. (The Clerk confirmed that weed-spraying throughout the parish had taken place on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July.)

### **78/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting.7**

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

**NB The Council meetings will start at 7.45 pm for the foreseeable future during the period that the Hall is being used for other activities up to 7.30 pm.**

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