

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

Chairman
A Waite
4 Silver Street
Marton
Nr Ulverston
Cumbria LA12 0NQ
Tel 01229 462922

Clerk
J Smith
7 East View
Lindal-in-Furness
Cumbria LA12 0LG
Tel 01229 467261

Councillors:-

Mr A Waite (462922) Mr R Lord (464034) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th August 2015, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors Mr A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mr D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Mr R Lord.

Also present: 1 member of the public was present.

In attendance:-

District Councillor Ann Thurlow.

Mrs Katy Millard, Playgrounds and Amenities Officer, Streetcare, Barrow Council.

66/15 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

67/15 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

68/15 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd July, 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd July 2015 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth: SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover.

Carried unanimously.

69/15 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 64/15(d) The Clerk introduced Mrs Katy Millard, from Barrow Council, who spoke about the wild-flower development around Lindal village green. It was accepted that the result of this project had been somewhat disappointing, with very few actual flowers on show amidst all the green stems and Mrs Millard gave explanations as to what might have happened.

A corn field mixture had been sown but it would appear that the ground in question was rather more rich and fertile than had been anticipated, such conditions being less than ideal for wild-flowers. The plants which *had* thrived, corncockles, were clearly more able to cope with the soil conditions as opposed to the other varieties of cornflowers and thus were able to swamp everything else. Unfortunately, the actual number of flowers produced by the corncockles was minimal, despite the mass of greenery on display.

After much discussion, it was AGREED that it would be better for this strip of land to be returned to grass for the time being, the only slight exception being a 3 – 4 metre strip immediately opposite the Buccleuch Hall, adjacent to the entrance to the green. Other flowers had bloomed in that area, this probably due to there being more trees, which had taken more of the nutrients out of the ground, thus creating more appropriate conditions for wild flowers.

Mrs Millard was requested to arrange for the strip to be mown as and when the green was cut, with the cuttings being removed. However, Mrs Millard would also give consideration to alternative ways in which the village green could be enhanced with plants and flowers.

64/15(c) Mrs Millard also reported on the request that the spraying of weeds on roadside verges be attended-to. She commented on the difficulties being experienced by the contractor in having to cope with enhanced legislation which governed the ways in which weed-killer chemicals could be used eg., in wet and windy weather, but confirmed that she would follow this up with the contractor.

58/15(b) Reference was made to the repairs required to the railings around Lindal village green with it being confirmed that this work was now complete.

- b) 64/15(e) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that she understood that the reason why the footpath running alongside the railway bridge was still unusable was because Network Rail required the boundary wall to be made higher and that final details were still outstanding.
- c) 63/15(b) The Chairman reported that the planters in Marton had now been commissioned and were in place at either end of the village.

70/15 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

No officer from Cumbria Constabulary was able to attend the meeting but details had been forwarded regarding the last use of SID, the Speed Indicator Device, which had been placed on the road leading from Lindal village green to the school from 1st – 7th June 2015. The average speed of 85% of the recorded vehicles was 23.6 mph although the maximum was 60 mph at 10.00 pm on Tuesday, 2nd June.

Crime figures were reported as “nil” although one example of violence was recorded (no details).

However, the Council considered that the data from SID was rather confusing, as was the suggestion that there were no details available regarding the example of violence and it was, therefore, agreed that the Clerk should ask for clarification of both issues.

71/15 Refurbishment of War Memorials, Lindal and Marton.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting a substantial donation towards the cost of refurbishing the War Memorials had been received, being a cheque for £1,000 from Mr Chris Rawlinson of the Lindal Business Park, the operator of the newly-erected wind turbine.

The revised quotation for the project was £2497.80, and because this included VAT of £416.30 which was reclaimable, and with Barrow Council contributing £500, this latest donation of £1,000 meant that the shortfall was now £581.50.

The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted a request to the charity, The War Memorials Trust, for assistance in securing the balance of funds required.

The Chairman referred to the donation from Mr Rawlinson and emphasised his delight that the War Memorials project had been recognized in this way and he PROPOSED that the Parish Council, on behalf of the community, should express its deep appreciation to Mr Rawlinson for such a generous gesture. This was SECONDED by Councillor Howarth and was carried unanimously.

72.15 Barrow Borough Council Development Plan, 2016-2031

The latest draft of the Plan was discussed with particular reference to the changes being suggested regarding the housing policy. The Plan recommended that the development cordon for Lindal be amended slightly to allow for land to the east of London Road, as previously identified, to be allocated as suitable for housing.

However, in the case of Marton it was suggested that the cordon be removed completely because the current cordon had “resulted in development cramming within its boundaries which has had a negative effect on its character”. In future, Marton would be classified as “open countryside” insofar as any applications for housing development were concerned, whereby development would be limited to providing for rural workers, replacement dwellings, or temporary accommodation to support a new rural enterprise.

It was NOTED that Barrow Council would be holding a “Drop-in Event” in the Buccleuch Hall, on Tuesday, 18th August 2015, between 4 pm and 7pm when residents could seek further information.

It was AGREED that the Plan be circulated to Councillors and that further consideration be deferred until the next meeting.

73/15 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

There were no planning applications to consider.

74/15 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 12/3/15 to 14/7/15. NOTED.
- c) ACT Gazette; newsletter. NOTED.
- d) A590, Lindal; footpath/pelican crossing improvements. NOTED.
- e) Bracken clearance, Birkrigg Common. Reference was made to work being undertaken by the Morecambe Bay Partnership in bracken clearance around heritage sites such as the stone circle on Birkrigg common. Any local residents who thought that they might have grazing rights on the common should contact the Clerk for further information. NOTED.
- f) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.
1 Fraud prevention: bogus telephone calls.
2 Thefts from vehicles parked in rural areas
(All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

75/15 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.87: *Reserve* - £4508.84.
War Memorials:- £1,000
- b) The Clerk submitted an invoice from Barrow Borough Council for £77.16 in respect of expenses incurred in advertising etc for the recent parish elections and also requested reimbursement of his petty cash, in the sum of £29.31.
- c) Reference was made to the Annual Audit Return which had been duly accepted and approved by the national auditors: this had been returned to the Council with no items requiring action.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that:-

- The invoice for £77.16 approved:
 - The Clerk's petty cash be reimbursed and
 - The receipt of the Annual Audit Return be formally confirmed.
- Carried unanimously.

76/15 Any Other Business.

Reference was made to a car belonging to a local resident occasionally creating an obstruction to both the pavement and also to a farm entrance, adjacent to Hempland Cottages on the A590. The Clerk would ask PCSO Johns to investigate.

77/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 3rd September 2015, at 7.45 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.)