

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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**; Councillor Mr R Lord..

**Also present**: 4 members of the public were present.

### **In attendance:-**

District Councillor Ann Thurlow; County Councillor Barry Doughty.

PCSO Louise Johns, Cumbria Constabulary.

### **55/15 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **56/15 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

### **57/15 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth: SECONDED:- Councillor Waite.  
Carried unanimously.

### **58/15 Matters arising from those minutes.**

- a) 47/15 (a) The Clerk reported that subsequent to the last meeting he had received revised quotations from Mossop Monumental Masons of Dalton regarding the

refurbishment of the war memorials in Lindal and Marton, with these now being £1252.50 and £1245.30, respectively, including VAT (a reduction of about £500 each). He also reported that Barrow Council might be able to contribute around £500 towards the costs. The Parish Council would be able to reclaim the VAT but this would still leave a balance of around £1500, an amount completely beyond the Council's budget at the present time.

However, the Clerk indicated that he would be pursuing with a charity, the War Memorials Trust, the possibility of securing some financial assistance and it was, therefore, AGREED that further consideration of this topic be deferred until further information was available.

- b) 25/15 (March, 2015) The Clerk advised that, following the report that the railings around the Green had been damaged, he had been pursuing with Barrow Borough Council the need to have appropriate repairs carried out. Such work would cost £500 and, after discussing it with the Chairman, it had been agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £150 towards the cost.

#### **59/15 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

PCSO Johns reported that there had been no recorded instances of crime or anti-social behaviour during the last two months. SID, the Speed Indicator Device, had been used in Lindal and data from this period would be produced at the August meeting.

#### **60/15 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

- a) *B18/2015/0292 Additional static caravan (retrospective) Henning Wood.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B18/2015/0296 Addition of external staircase to approved development, Scale Bank, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.

#### **61/15 Planning applications relating to County Council matters.**

*Levelling of field with inert material to facilitate growing of animal foodstuffs, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.*

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council confirms that it has no objection in principle to this application but it would not wish to see the footpath which crosses the land be in any way disrupted.. Carried unanimously.

#### **62/15 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Request for financial assistance from a local athlete. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had no authority to use its funds to help individuals, as opposed to voluntary organisations or charities where "the public good" was involved. NOTED.
- c) National Grid. Confirmation of preferred option re transmission network: a series of public meetings to discuss the proposals were planned, including one at the Buccleuch Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015. NOTED

*From the floor*, County Councillor Doughty said that he understood that the existing electricity pylons would be removed and that, broadly speaking, the replacement pylons would be erected in their place. He also indicated that he had been emphasising the importance of keeping local councils involved in each stage of the developments.

- d) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)  
1 Electricity NorthWest: community advice.  
2 Defibrillator training, Dalton Football Club. 16th July – 5-7 pm and  
24<sup>th</sup> July – 2-4 pm.  
(All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

### **63/15 Finance.**

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.84: *Reserve* - £4543.37.  
b) The Clerk referred to minute 47/15 (b) (May, 2015) when the purchase was authorised of two planters for Marton. These had been supplied and a cheque for £130, signed by the Chairman and Councillor Mrs Kelly, had been forwarded to the residents involved in this project.  
The Chairman also indicated that the residents were asking other villagers for any surplus plants they might have, or small cash donations, in order to stock the planters.  
c) The Clerk requested reimbursement of his petty cash, in the sum of £34.53.

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

- The payment of £130 be formally approved and
  - The Clerk's petty cash be reimbursed.
- Carried unanimously.

### **64/15 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk reported that an appeal had been lodged against Barrow Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the construction of a house in the plantation area on Pit Lane, Lindal. This application had not been supported by the Parish Council when it was considered at the meeting held in March, 2015.  
b) Reference was made to the road works planned for the A590, near to Low Field Bridge, commencing on July 6<sup>th</sup> and lasting about 3 weeks.  
c) Councillor Howarth commented on the need for the spraying of weeds in parts of Lindal and Marton and the Clerk undertook to raise this with Barrow Council.  
d) All councillors referred to the disappointment being expressed by many local residents about the way in which the wild-flower development on the Lindal village green had turned out. Most had been anticipating a less dense, and more colourful, display of wild flowers, rather than the very large and compact amount of foliage which had appeared. It was AGREED that the representative from Barrow's Parks Department who had overseen this project be invited to the next meeting to discuss the matter.  
e) Councillor Howarth mentioned the approved developments to the Candle Factory and, in particular, the plan to open up the footpath running alongside the railway bridge leading to the Factory. He had been asked by a resident why such footpath was still inaccessible with barriers placed across the entrance. Councillor Mrs Kelly undertook to pursue the matter.

**65/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The Date and Time of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 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.)*