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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd September 2015, at 7.00 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors Mr A Waite; Mr R Lord; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Mr D Howarth.

Also present: 5 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

District Councillor Ann Thurlow. (apologies from County Councillor Barry Doughty)
Robert Powell and Tim Reed, the National Grid.
PCSO Samantha Thomas, Cumbria Constabulary.

78/15 The National Grid. Proposed route of power lines

Mr Robert Powell, Project Manager for North West Coast Connections, the scheme to link the proposed new atomic power station at Sellafield with the National Grid, accompanied by his colleague Mr Tim Reed, gave an up-date on the plans to install the required high-voltage electricity transmission line. They gave a brief resume of the project and confirmed that the Grid's preferred option regarding the route of the pylons, after taking into account all the comments which had been forthcoming following the consultations in 2014, was as had been proposed ie., to broadly follow the line of existing pylons from Sellafield to Lindal, with a link to Rampside, where an undersea tunnel would be constructed across Morecambe Bay.

Public meetings would be held in the various parishes along the route to advise local residents of the current situation and for Lindal, this would be in the Buccleuch Hall on Wednesday, 16th September, between 2.00 pm and 8.00 pm. Mr Powell suggested that more information would be available at that time regarding the effect on the existing pylon network and how some of the transmission cables might be buried underground to reduce the overall number of pylons in the Lindal area.

Further discussions and meetings would take place in 2016 in order to clarify the exact siting of the new pylons and what steps would be needed to reduce their impact on local communities generally.

From the floor a local resident expressed her concerns over the impact the proposed route would have on her property and Mr Powell confirmed that he would look into her particular problems.

79/15 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

80/15 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

81/15 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th August, 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th August 2015 were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

82/15 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 69/15 (a) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on the wild-flower area on Lindal village green, being concerned that the area had not yet been cut, as agreed. The Clerk confirmed that instructions had been given by Barrow's parks department for the work to be carried out.
- b) 76/15 Reference was made to the problem of inappropriate car-parking. Nothing further had been heard and this would be followed up by the Clerk.
- c) 69/15 (a) Councillor Lord referred to the railings around Lindal village green and pointed out that the pedestrian gate on the westerly side was secured by string. The Clerk confirmed that he would look into the matter.
- d) *From the floor* a local resident advised that, despite there being notices banning the exercising of dogs on the green, he had seen such activities and had had to point out that this was forbidden. NOTED.

83/15 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

(PCSO Thomas was called away before being able to give her report but left details for the Clerk to read out.)

No information was available from SID, the Speed Indicator Device, because of technical difficulties.

There had been one reported instance of burglary, from a shed; one driving offence; two highways issues and one domestic issue.

84/15 Barrow Borough Council Development Plan, 2016-2031.

Discussion on this matter had been deferred from the August meeting to give councillors the opportunity to study the Plan in detail, particularly insofar as references to housing were concerned. The suggestion was noted that Lindal's residential cordon could be expanded to include land to the east of London Road and that the cordon for Marton could be removed entirely. *From the floor* it was suggested that the proposed removal of the residential cordon for Marton would be beneficial in that it would reduce the opportunities for additional dwellings to be created in a community which already had little in the way of facilities.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the suggestions within the Development Plan relating to housing for Lindal and Marton be NOTED. Carried unanimously.

85/15 Dalton Safari Park.

A wide-ranging discussion, *including the floor*, took place regarding the problems which had become apparent following the opening of the new entrance to Dalton's Safari Park. Such entrance was now at the top of Melton Terrace with visitors being directed off the A590 and past the houses on Melton Terrace to gain access to the new car-park.

Recent difficulties included traffic jams outside the houses as vehicles queued to enter the Park; the inability of residents to park outside their houses; confusion and congestion when vehicles were directed to the Park's original car-park when the new one was full; unacceptable behaviour from certain visitors caught in the traffic jams (eg., using a resident's garden as a toilet) and congestion and delays as departing visitors tried to re-join the A590. In addition, it had been reported that the stress affecting visitors themselves had left at least one party in tears.

The Clerk confirmed that several authorities were involved in trying to resolve the problems including Highways England (for the A590), Cumbria's Highways department and Barrow's planning department. The latter was concerned that the Park had not fulfilled a condition in the planning permission which required the submission of a Marshalling Plan before the opening of the new entrance. (Such Plan would cover the arrangements for directing traffic from the new car-park, when it was full, to the original car-park.).

The Clerk also read out a letter from a local resident highlighting several concerns and suggesting, in particular, that vehicles were trying to reach the Safari Park by going through Lindal village and past the Church and the abattoir and on occasions, vehicles were turning off the A590 to use the lane adjacent to Hempland Cottages.

Particular reference was made to the problems being experienced by a disabled resident of Melton Terrace who had been having great difficulty in using his car because of congestion outside his house.

Both the Clerk and District Councillor Thurlow emphasised that all appropriate bodies were being pressed to find a solution to the problems and that such efforts would continue. The Clerk would write as a matter of urgency to John Woodcock, MP, with a request that he intervene to bring some order to a situation which was getting out of hand.

86/15 Planning applications relating to the Parish. None.

87/15 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Appeal against refusal of planning permission. An appeal had been lodged against the refusal by Barrow Council of permission to create two houses in place of redundant farm buildings at Longlands Farm, Urswick Road, Dalton. The Clerk confirmed that, whilst the site of the proposed development was within the Parish, albeit very close to Dalton, the Council had not been notified of the original planning application, with Dalton Council unwittingly having responded instead. Discussions with Barrow's planning department suggest that recent changes in Government advice will mean that the appeal will most likely succeed.
- c) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.
 - 1 Fraud re sale of pets.
 - 2 Fraud involving delivering stolen goods
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

88/15 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.90: *Reserve* - £4732.97.
War Memorials:- £1,000
- b) The Clerk requested payment of his half-yearly honorarium in the sum of £300. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that such payment be made. Carried unanimously.

89/15 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk confirmed that Barrow Council would provide lights for the Christmas Tree for Marton which the Parish Council funded. However, the tree would need to be ordered earlier than in previous years so that the lighting contractors could attach the lights as and when this was done for the Lindal Christmas Tree. This latter work was done mid-November to allow for the official switch-on to coincide with the Christmas Fair in the Buccleuch Hall which, this year, would be on Friday, 27th November.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly drew attention to the fact there were still no "One-Way" signs at the bottom of the lane to the side of Hempland Cottages, despite it being more than two years since this development was approved. The Clerk would investigate.
- c) The Chairman reported that the residents of Marton had enquired as the possibility of the Parish Council being able to fund the purchase of bulbs to be planted in the Marton area. It was AGREED that this be placed on the Agenda for the November meeting.
- d) *From the floor* reference was made to the wind turbine at Maidenlands Farm being replaced by one which was much higher. The Chairman confirmed that this had been discussed by the Parish Council some time ago, with Barrow Council granting permission.

90/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting. The Date and Time of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 1st October 2015, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal. [NB Amended start-time of 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.*)

