

Lindal and Marton Residents' Association

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Thursday, 27th June 2002 at 6 Parkside Close, Lindal

Present: Mrs H Johnston (in the Chair)
Mr G Chapman
Mrs P Clarke
Mr J Collings
Mrs J Lloyd
Mr A J Postlethwaite

Prior to the meeting a **Site Visit** was made to the Lindal Play Field and a consultation held there with Mr Richard Goodson (Area Sales Manager, Playdale Playgrounds Ltd). The Meeting convened at 8.15 pm with the Chairperson welcoming members and thanking Mrs Lloyd for her hospitality.

- 1) **Apologies:** Mr R Quirk
- 2) **Minutes** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2002, having been circulated, were approved and signed as correct by the Chairperson.
- 3) **Matters arising:**

Minute 6: The Parish Clerk had supported the request for the Association's Minutes to be published on the Parish Notice Boards but for the present this was precluded by the size and design of the boards. It was hoped that more suitable boards might soon be provided.

Minute 8: The Secretary reported that he had now requested a meeting with the Barrow Borough Council officers regarding the present play equipment. It was anticipated that a meeting would be offered during the working day in mid-July. It was agreed that all members would be notified of the proposed date and time and that as many as were available would attend.
- 4) **Finance** The Treasurer, Mr Jim Collings, reported that he had still not received a reply to his application for a Start-Up Grant. He believed the decision would probably be made this week and he was intending to contact Karen Johnson at the Barrow Area Support Office of the County Council on Monday to seek confirmation of the outcome. He was also making tentative enquiries for some modest funding through the Bradford & Bingley Building Society.

- 5) **Play Field Development Plans** Mr Chapman was thanked for arranging the visit of Mr Richard Goodson. After a full discussion of the issues raised by the Site Visit it was agreed that the Secretary arrange to meet with Mr D Barlow, Head Teacher at Lindal & Marton Primary School, to explore the implications to the school's occupancy of the field of any enlargement or relocation of the play area and also to clarify the effects on the field and access to it of the proposed resiting of the road boundary wall/hedge to accommodate Phase 2 of the footpath scheme and provision of a setting-down lay-by in Pit Lane adjacent to the field.
- 6) **Correspondence** Minutes of the June Meeting of the Parish Council had been received. Mr Chapman had provided data on several sources of grant aid for play equipment.
- 7) **Grant-making Bodies** The Secretary reported that he was assembling a file of possible sources of funding. With difficulty details had been obtained of First Aid for Cumbria grants and it did appear that we were eligible to apply. He would be pursuing this possibility with Karen Johnson at Barrow Area Support Office. Details had been obtained of the Lottery New Opportunities Fund within which play facilities were dealt with in partnership with Barnardo's. Further information was being sought from them. Landfill Tax was also a possible source of grant-aid and Shanks First, operators of Bennett Bank Landfill Site, were to provide more particulars. Other funders were The Hatfield Trust, the Foundation for Sport & the Arts and a few more local charitable trusts. It was accepted that at some stage local fund-raising efforts would be necessary if anything was to be achieved. Some charities only gave grants on a pound-for-pound basis.
- 8) **Future plans**
- (1) Town End junction: There was general agreement that access on to A590 from the Green and London Road and the issue of safety at the Town End junction were major concerns to residents. The Secretary was asked to communicate this concern to the Area Roads Manager and invite his observations on steps that might be taken to ameliorate the problems, in particular the possibility of lights to control the junction.
- (2) The Green Heritage Zone: It was agreed that the area surrounding the Lindal War Memorial was entirely unworthy with uncoordinated fencing, grit and litter bins, phone box, telegraph pole and plastic flower troughs. This was the expression on the village's face that met visitors. It was agreed to suggest to the Parish Council that a competent architect/planner be invited to prepare a scheme for the opening up and enhancement of the area between the War Memorial and the sycamores at the south end of the Green, with a decent paved surface with planting spaces, surrounded perhaps by dwarf walls in local limestone to screen/embody

the service bins and phone box and to dignify the setting of the War Memorial. Seating might be provided beneath the trees and an appropriate piece of public art or village sign and an attractive interpretative panel/map could be commissioned to give information and commemorate the Parish's mining heritage which at present is virtually unacknowledged.

- 9) **Any other business** **The Hematite Trail**: Comment was made that the footpath waymarking on the local sections of the Trail was in places indistinct. Copies of the Trail leaflet (if still in print) would be obtained for the information of members should it be decided to take the matter further.
- 10) **Next Meeting** The next Meeting was arranged for Thursday, 25th July 2002 at 7.45 pm at 4 Parkside Close (by kind invitation of Mrs Pauline Clarke)

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