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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 1st June 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors R Lord; Ms S Rainbow; Ms M Richards; D Howarth

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite

Also present:- 7 members of the public.

In attendance:- Representatives from United Utilities

Councillor Ms Richards in the Chair

58/06 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

59/06 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th May, 2006.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 4th May, 2006 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

60/06 Matters arising.

- a) 48/06 The representatives from United Utilities confirmed that the first of the road closures, on Moor Road, adjacent to the reservoir, had taken place over the preceding two days and that, so far as they were aware, there had been no undue problems. They confirmed that the next closure, near to Tytup, was on schedule for mid-June. It was agreed that there would be no need for them to attend the July meeting but it was accepted that attendance at the August meeting would be useful, given that there was a major disruption planned for September when the road from Melton would be closed for several weeks.
- b) Councillor Ms Richards pointed out that there appeared to be a water leak coming from the side road which runs from West Cumberland Farmers down to the A590 by Lowfield Bridge. The representatives from United Utilities confirmed that they would advise their colleagues of the leak.

- c) 34/06 The Clerk reported that he had now been advised by Gary Thomas, from Capita, that Mouchel Amey had not commented on the problems of the lane adjacent to Hempland Cottages, or the Parish Council's suggestion that one-way working would be useful. However, they have said that if the Parish Council wished to see the road closed (*sic*) the Council should approach the Highways Agency, in Manchester. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to the Highways Agency, pointing out the potential for accidents as and when vehicles tried to use this lane from both directions and suggesting that one-way working might be sensible.
- d) 53/06 (b) The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chief Executive of Barrow Borough Council to complain about lack of responses to letters, emails and phone calls but was still awaiting any comment. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Richards and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Clerk be instructed to write to the borough councillors representing the parish to advise them of the problems. There were three votes for the proposal and one abstention.
- e) 45/06 (a) Councillor Ms Richards confirmed that any further examples of black plastic being left in local fields should be reported immediately to the Environmental Health Department. She was aware of some suspicions that such activities were still taking place.

61/06 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There was no officer in attendance from Cumbria Constabulary. Apologies had been received from WPC Karen Harris who was going on maternity leave.

62/06 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of 21st March, 2006 were NOTED

63/06 Lindal Village Green.

There was nothing further to report regarding the re-development.

From the floor it was mentioned that the flooding which regularly occurs around the main entrance after heavy rain could possibly be because land drains in that area had collapsed.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to the Town Hall with a request that this be investigated.

64/06 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Dalton and District Neighbourhood Forum. 16th May, 2006. NOTED.
- c) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Minutes, 27.4.06. NOTED.
- d) Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. Minutes 6.4.06. NOTED.
- e) Barrow Borough Council. Minutes, 25.4.06 to 2.5.06. NOTED.
- f) Cumbria Community Foundation. Newsletter. NOTED.

65/06 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £543.18 Reserve account:- £1563.37
- b) The Clerk recommended that £10 be paid to St Peter's Church for the use of the Church for the AGM on 4th May last. AGREED.
- c) The Clerk reported that an appeal had been received from "Childline" for a donation to that organisation. The Council had supported them in the sum of £38 last year (the standard cost of a counselling session). A discussion took place as to the appropriateness of any such donation, with the donation not being specifically for the parish but it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that a sum of

£38 be granted on this occasion. There were three votes for the proposal and one against. The proposal was carried.

- d) Reference was made to a paper from the Clerk (previously circulated) in which increases were proposed to the honoraria for the Clerk and the internal auditor. The Clerk's honorarium was fixed at £525 per annum in 2003 and the internal auditor's was agreed as £30 per annum in 2002. The proposal was that the revised honoraria be £575 and £35 respectively, from 1st April, 2006. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the revised arrangements be approved. Carried unanimously.

66/06 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Ms Rainbow drew attention to the express bus service running between Barrow and Kendal and which did not stop at Lindal. It was noted that the bus company had been approached in the past about stopping in Lindal, to no avail, but Councillor Rainbow confirmed that she would contact the bus company again, possibly with the aid of a petition which some local residents were prepared to organise.
- b) Councillor Ms Rainbow commented on the possible provision of a "computer explorer" bus, to come into Lindal one afternoon per week to enable the basics of computers to be taught to, in particular, those over 55, for whom the tuition would be free. Persons interested should contact the secretary of the Residents Association, Sharon Thompson, on 466117. It was agreed that the editor of "Aspects" should be asked to highlight this as a separate item in the magazine.
- c) The Clerk reported that he had received, too late for the agenda, a planning application which required attention before the next meeting. Accordingly, the Chair decreed that, because this was a matter of urgency, in accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, it could be discussed and a decision reached, viz, *5/06/9006 installation of wastewater pumping station; land off A590, to the east of Bank Terrace, Lindal*. NB The application site is outside the parish and the Parish Council is being notified out of courtesy because of the proximity of the development to the parish. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council offer no objections. Carried unanimously.

67/06 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 6th July 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal