

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 1st March 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); Ms S Rainbow; D Howarth.

Apologies:- Councillors R Lord and Ms M Richards

Also present:- 7 members of the public.

In attendance:- WPC Karen Harris, Cumbria Constabulary.

27/07 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda.

None.

28/07 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

29/07 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st February, 2007.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 1st February, 2007 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow

SECONDED:- Councillor Howarth

Carried unanimously.

30/07 Matters arising.

- a) 18/07/(a). The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Graeme Wheelhouse of the County Council's Highways Department about the corner junction at Snipe Ghyll. Mr Wheelhouse had confirmed that the corner in question had been purchased by the wind farm company and that there was no intention of the County Council taking ownership of, or responsibility for, the piece of newly-tarmaced road. He noted the Parish Council's concern over the continuing difficulties faced by vehicles coming out of Snipe Ghyll and wishing to turn right to Marton and indicated that the white lines on the road-way would

be brought forward slightly in order to help with visibility. He felt that the current arrangements were the most appropriate under all the circumstances but offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter. *From the floor* came a suggestion that the line of the new fence around the corner seemed to be further forward than the original line of the hedge/wall, thus creating a worse situation than before. It was AGREED that further consideration of the matter be deferred until such time as the impact of any amended white lines could be assessed.

31/07 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

WPC Harris commented on the on-going problems in Dalton, with crowds of young people congregating at weekends, particularly on Friday nights, and the anxiety which this caused to some sections of the community. There were many cases of drunken behaviour and the Police strategy at present was one of breaking up the large crowds as well as ensuring that the parents of young people who were under the influence of alcohol were made aware of the problems. Whilst there were, as yet, no problems with youngsters from Lindal or Marton, it was accepted that all parents should take note of the current situation.

From the floor came a reference to minute 18/07 (a) (February) in which it was suggested that a car parked at the bottom of Snipe Ghyll might be a contributory factor to the problems experienced by vehicles trying use that junction. WPC Harris pointed out that a police officer had still to visit the vehicle owners who lived in that area in order to properly identify which vehicles – if any – were causing such difficulties.

32/07 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

33/07 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that the Director of Regeneration, Steve Warbrick, had recently been advised of the current situation regarding quotations for the work to replace the railings. It was hoped that he now had sufficient information to enable him to place an order for the work to be done.

34/07. Local Government Reorganisation.

Reference was made to the recent developments regarding the Government's requirement for an alternative system of Local Government to take the place of two-tier arrangements such as are found in Cumbria, where there is a County Council, with a defined range of functions and responsibilities, together with a number of District or Borough Councils, with their own responsibilities. Cumbria County Council were suggesting that one council for the whole of the county – a more comprehensive County Council, together with some form of enhanced Town or Parish Councils, but without District Councils – would be appropriate, whereas all the existing District Councils were opposed to this idea, although they were not yet in a position to make their own suggestions. It was AGREED that the Parish Council await further developments before making any comment.

35/07 Model Code of Conduct. Consultation on amendments.

Reference was made to the above document, details of which having previously been circulated to councillors, and it was AGREED that no comment was required at this stage.

36/07 CALC Roadshow. Matters for further discussion.

The Chairman lead a discussion on those matters which had been highlighted at the meeting with CALC on Tuesday, 30th January 2007, a summary of which having previously been circulated to councillors.

There was general agreement on all the recommendations, with particular action AGREED on the following:-

- The minutes would have appended a reminder to all local residents that Parish Council meetings were open to the public and that all were welcome.
- The Clerk would produce an abridged version of the Model Standing Orders as provided by CALC, appropriate for this Parish Council, and that this would be circulated for assessment by councillors.
- The District and County Councillors responsible for Lindal and Marton Parish would be routinely invited to the Parish Council meetings.

37/07 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

None.

38/07 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED. (It was AGREED that these be normally placed in the circulation file from now on.)
- b) Dog-Ban Control Orders. The recommendation from Barrow Borough Council to have Dog-Banning Orders introduced for the Borough's play-areas, including those in Lindal and Marton was NOTED. The Clerk undertook to enquire as to whether Lindal village green could be included.
- c) Post Office sub-branch – Lindal. The Clerk reported that the Post Office had not been able to find anyone to carry on with the sub-branch previously installed in the Anchor Inn. It was AGREED that the editor of "Aspects" be asked to place an article in the next magazine to determine whether there was anybody interested in this position.

39/07 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £335.13
- b) The Clerk reported that there had been ten meetings of the Parish Council in the Buccleuch Hall during 2006/07 (April's meeting was cancelled and the May meeting was held in St Peter's Church) and rent was now payable. Seven meetings were held in 2006 @ £10 per night, with three in 2007 @ £12 per night. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that a cheque for £106 be authorised and duly signed in respect of such expenditure. Carried unanimously

40/07 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk introduced correspondence from Cumbria County Council relating to the Minerals and Waste development framework. It was NOTED that the nearest minerals-producing area was suggested as being in Askam (material required for the brickworks) whilst the nearest waste-disposal site was Bennet Bank, between Thwaite Flat and Askam. It was AGREED that the correspondence be circulated to councillors.
- b) *From the floor* it was pointed out that the recently-introduced flashing speed signs in Marton had been provided by the contractor responsible for the pipe-line project, KMI, and not, as had been thought, the developer of the houses to the rear of Marton Hall.

41/07 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that **there would be no meeting in April** due to holiday commitments of some councillors.

It was further AGREED that the **May meeting, (3rd May)**, which will be the **Annual General Meeting**, will be held in **St Peter's Church** because the Buccleuch Hall would be being used for election purposes.

NB The members of the Parish Council (in addition to District Councillors) are also due for re-election on this date and the following will apply:-

- Should there be no more than five candidates for the five parish council seats, these will be elected unopposed and a meeting can take place in **St Peter's Church**, as arranged, on **Thursday, 3rd May 2007**.
- Should there be more than five candidates, an election will be necessary, and the meeting will, therefore, be held on the following **Thursday, 10th May 2007**, in **St Peter's Church**.

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All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.