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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 1st October 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs Glover.

Also present: - 10 members of the public.

In attendance:- PC Karen Harris and PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

104/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

105/09 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

106/09 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd September 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd September 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite.

SECONDED:- Councillor Howarth.. Carried unanimously.

107/09 Matters arising.

99/09 The Clerk indicated that Mr Bryn Clark, the developer responsible for the proposals to demolish the Anchor Inn and to replace it with 7 terrace houses, was present and wished to talk informally to the Council regarding his application. With the Chairman's approval, Mr Clark spoke *from the floor* and reported that he had withdrawn his application and was intending to submit an amended design. This would encompass two pairs of semi-detached houses, together with one detached house (5 houses in total), grouped in the form of a horseshoe, the open side facing the main road.

It was confirmed that the Council could not comment until such time as the amended design was forwarded from Barrow Borough Council for formal assessment, when the details would be publicised via the agenda to enable interested parishioners to attend and pass comment.

N.B. Subsequent to the meeting it was learned that Mr Clark's latest plan was being considered by Barrow Council as merely an amendment to the original and that residents living adjacent to the site had been so advised, being given until around 12th October to respond. The Clerk confirmed that he was unaware of these developments and it was AGREED that he would contact Barrow Council to protest at the way in which this matter was being handled, in particular, because of the lack of any further information from Barrow Council.

108/09 Attendance of Officers from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Karen Harris and PCSO Louise Perry were in attendance and referred to the forthcoming Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations. It was intended to produce posters warning children (and parents) to be sensible and to avoid annoying other persons when participating in "trick-or-treat" activities and fireworks parties. It was also intended to help children fill their half-term break by organising sporting activities, centred on Dowdales school, with the details being circulated to local schools.

Councillor Mrs Kelly mentioned that she had had two wheelie-bins go missing from her premises but PC Harris replied that they had no knowledge of any thefts of that nature.

From the floor reference was made to the continuing problems of traffic congestion, and the potential for accidents, outside Lindal school, particularly as and when parents were delivering/collecting their children. PC Harris agreed to contact the school with a view to a letter being written to all parents (possibly drafted by the police) advising them of best practice in terms of car parking etc. She also agreed to discuss with them the idea of a "walking bus" to take children to and from the school.

109/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

110/09 BT telephone kiosk, The Green, Lindal.

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with BT in order to clarify the question of power supplies to the telephone kiosks and he had also spoken to the Clerk for Pennington Parish Council, given that the kiosk in Loppergarth had been adopted by that Parish Council.

Bt confirmed that the kiosks were illuminated by means of an 8 watt fluorescent tube which was permanently switched on and that the annual cost for the power supply would be around £20 per kiosk. (The Clerk had informed BT that the Lindal kiosk was currently unlit and that he had asked that this be checked in order to ascertain whether it was a tube failure or a problem with the power supply)

Disconnection of the power supply, once ownership had been transferred to the Parish Council could cost between £400 and £600 per kiosk.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Clerk continue with arrangements to have the kiosks in Lindal and Marton transferred to the Parish Council, complete with power supplies.

Carried unanimously.

NB Subsequent to the meeting doubts arose as to the wattage of the bulbs and the potential electricity charges, with this to be investigated further.

111/09 Cumbria County Council. Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

The Clerk reported that the information in relation to the Barrow Borough Council area was still not available. (*Vide minute 84/09, August 2009.*)

112/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

6/09/1564 Prior notification, erection of agricultural building, Lindal Cote Farm, Lindal.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council express “no comment” on this application.

Carried unanimously.

113/09 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Minerals extraction and waste disposal sites. Latest proposals. (none within the Parish) NOTED.

114/09 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2788.29.
- b) The Clerk submitted a petty cash cheque for £18.35. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that this be authorised and duly signed..
Carried unanimously.

115/09 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Infinergy advising that a Mr Matt Russell had succeeded Elwin Ter Horst as Project Manager for the Furness Wind Farm (Standish Cote) project. A formal planning application was not now anticipated before “mid 2010”. Mr Russell hoped to reinstate the Liaison Group in the near future.
- b) The Clerk referred to the need to assess the Parish Council’s Standing Orders; Risk Assessment and Management Policy; and the Internal Audit arrangements. Current details would be emailed to councillors and formal discussions regarding any necessary amendments etc would take place at the next meeting.
- c) The Clerk drew attention to the recent publicity surrounding the South Lakes Wild Animal Park and its proposals to extend the Park and to create a new entrance/exit from the road leading from Melton Terrace to Tytup/Primrose cottages. He pointed out that the Park had merely asked Barrow Borough Council for a “Scoping Opinion” at this stage, to determine whether any planning application would need to be accompanied by a full Environmental Impact Statement. Barrow Council had decided that this would not be needed and it was now up to the owner of the Park to decide whether to submit a formal planning application.

From the floor, came many expressions of concern about the implications for road safety and traffic hazards generally should the suggested new entrance/exit to the Park be implemented. It was pointed out that the parish boundary ran along the road (Melton Terrace to Tytup), with the Park – including the suggested extensions – remaining outside the Parish, the implication being that Lindal and Marton Parish Council would not necessarily be consulted as and when any planning application was submitted. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that, because the houses immediately adjacent to the proposed development (Melton Terrace) were within this parish, and because any changes to traffic movements in this area would clearly impinge on the lives of local residents, the Clerk contact Barrow Borough Council with a request that Lindal and Marton Parish Council be classed as official consultees regarding any such application. Carried unanimously.

- c) Councillor Waite drew attention to the need for the white lines to be repainted at the three-way junction in Marton village. This would be passed on to Cumbria Highways.
- d) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to recent difficulties at the main crossroads in Lindal during the Highways Agency's re-surfacing programme of the A590 whereby arrows on the road had been incorrectly placed. This had been rectified.

116/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was pointed out that the next meeting should fall on November 5th i.e., Bonfire Night, when other matters might interfere. In addition, the outstanding problems in relation to the planning application for the Anchor Hotel site (minute 107/09, above) might necessitate an urgent meeting before then and it was, therefore, AGREED that a decision as to the date and time of the next meeting be deferred until such time as the Clerk has clarified the above matters.

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