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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 2nd August 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present:- 4 members of the public.

In attendance:-

Councillor Mrs K Unwin (Barrow Borough Council)

93/07 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) Local Government Act 1972)

The Chairman confirmed that the following planning application could be discussed and a decision reached as part of Agenda item 11, "planning applications relating to the Parish", viz:-

"06/2007/0902 – outline consent for the erection of a dwelling associated with nursery enterprise at Crooklands Nursery, Dalton." (Minute no. 101/07)

94/07 Disclosure of Interests.

Councillor Lord declared an interest in Agenda item 11, the planning application in respect of 1, The Green, Lindal, in that he knew the owner.

Councillor Howarth declared an interest in Agenda item 2, the planning application in respect of Crooklands nursery, in that he knew the owner.

95/07 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th July, 2007.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th July, 2007 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

96/07 Matters arising.

Councillor Lord queried the latest position on the following items, namely, 80/07, (a), (c) and (d).

The Clerk responded as follows:-

- a) He had written to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail to protest at the failure of that organisation to respond to queries and that he was still waiting for a satisfactory response.
- b) He had received a reply from the Highways Agency to say that they were unable to support the suggestion that traffic lights be installed at the A590/The Green crossroads but that they would investigate the idea of providing yellow cross-hatching at that junction.
- c) Comments had been received from Capita, on behalf of the County Highways department, confirming that, after a site visit, they were of the opinion that no action should be taken to change the siting of the HGV signs currently in place in Lindal. However, it was AGREED that the Clerk should contact Capita with a request that further consideration be given to having advance warning signs placed on the A590 to prevent HGVs from entering the village.

97/07 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There was no officer present.

98/07 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of Monday, 14th May 2007 were NOTED.

99/07 Lindal Village Green.

It was NOTED that work was proceeding with the renewal of the railings.

100/07. Cumbria Rural Infrastructure Support Programme (CRISP) and Community Initiative Fund.

The Chairman suggested that items 9 and 10 on the agenda could be discussed together because of their similarity.

CRISP is a scheme co-ordinated by Cumbria County Council “to encourage and support community-led projects that provide innovative ways of creating or securing services in rural areas”, whereby funding up to 50% of total costs of projects might be available, with a maximum of £25,000. Examples given included childcare places, community websites and assistance towards buying premises for a village shop.

The Community Initiative Fund is co-ordinated by Voluntary Action Cumbria and can provide grants up to £10,000 for projects such as the employment of a youth worker, or a community handyman.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that these schemes be publicised by means of the above references, with the Clerk making himself available to give advice and assistance to any interested persons. It was noted that the Residents Association had already been sent its own copies of the relevant correspondence.

101/07 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

a) 6/2007/0928 Extensions and new detached garage, 1 The Green, Lindal

It was NOTED from the plans that there was an intention to remove a tree, currently to be found in the front garden of the property. The Council looked at the site (immediately adjacent to the Buccleuch Hall) and it was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express no objection to the application in principle but that the strongest objections be made to the proposed removal of the tree, a wonderful, mature specimen, which contributes immensely to this Conservation Area. In addition, reservations were expressed regarding the style and design of the proposals which, it was suggested, was somewhat stark and unappealing. Carried unanimously.

b) 6/2007/0902. Outline consent, dwelling associated with nursery, Crooklands, Dalton.

The Clerk indicated that notification of this application had originally gone to Dalton Town Council, presumably because of confusion over the boundary between Dalton and the parish of Lindal and Marton, such boundary being on the footpath which forms the south-western edge of the nursery. He also suggested that it might be useful, and appropriate, if an opinion was forthcoming from Dalton Town Council, given the close proximity of the application site to other commercial and residential sites in that part of Dalton. Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Parish Council accept that Dalton Town Council should express their own views on the application and that this Parish Council, mindful of the extensive developments already in that area, including a motor-breaker's yard, confirm that it had no objection in principle to the proposal. Carried unanimously.

102/07 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Follow-up re proposals for a Unitary Authority. It was NOTED that this was a further attempt by the County Council to highlight the advantages of its plans for a unitary authority but it was also NOTED that the plans had since been rejected by the government.
- c) Barrow Council Minutes. 16/5/07 to 3.7/07. NOTED.
- d) De-trunking of the A590. Confirmation of the County Council's responsibility for the section of the road in question. NOTED.
- e) Cumbria Highways – newsletter. NOTED.

103/07 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2388.97
- b) The Clerk tabled the Annual Audit Return which he had recently received, confirming that the accounts had been approved.

104/07 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly indicated that she was aware of one or two examples of people being inconvenienced by the fact the express bus service, between Barrow and Kendal, did not stop at Lindal. Councillor Ms Rainbow pointed out that she had already raised the issue with the bus company, Stagecoach, without success but she would look at the matter again.
- b) Councillor Ms Rainbow expressed the thanks of the Gala Committee for Councillor Mrs Kelly's assistance on the occasion of the recent village annual gala.
- c) Councillor Waite asked whether any councillors had been able to attend the second of the training events at Barrow Town Hall. No-one had been able to attend.
- d) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether there had been any developments regarding the suggested Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. The Clerk confirmed that the article scheduled for "Aspects" would not now appear until September.

105/07 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 6th September 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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