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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd December 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors T Weall (Chairman); R Hickey; A Waite; Mrs D Morgan.

Apologies:- Councillor R Lord.

Also present:- 11 members of the public.

In attendance:- WPC Karen Harris from Cumbria Constabulary.

98/04 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th November 2004.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th November 2004, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Morgan.

Carried unanimously.

99/04 Matters arising.

- a) 88/04 (a) The Clerk reported that he had written to Chief Executive of Barrow Borough Council regarding the Parish Council's concerns over the planning application relating to "The Railway". The Chief Executive had indicated that appropriate notification of the planning application had taken place, with the six adjacent houses being invited to comment and with an advert appearing in the Press and notices affixed to posts in the vicinity. Insofar as feedback to the Parish Council was concerned, as a means of ensuring that the Council was aware of the planning officers thoughts, further consideration was being given to the practicality of this suggestion. NOTED.
- b) 88/04 (d) The Clerk confirmed that Cumbria Highways had accepted the need for cleaning the restriction signs relating to HGVs and would forward to the Highway Agency (Amey Mouchel) the suggestion that advance warning signs should be placed on the A590. NOTED.
- c) 92/04 The Clerk reported that the County Council had responded to the Parish Council's request for the Express Bus Service to stop routinely in Lindal. Such request would be considered but it was unlikely that any change would be made to existing arrangements. NOTED.

- d) 96/04 (c) The Clerk confirmed that arrangements were in hand via the Residents Association for a Christmas Tree to be provided outside the New Inn at Marton. The Chairman had agreed that the Parish Council would provide financial assistance in respect of lights for the Tree up to a maximum of £50. NOTED. (see minute 106/04 (c) below).

100/04 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

WPC Harris reported that there had been a series of thefts from motor vehicles the previous night, 1st December, and that a vehicle on Pit Lane had been a target amongst others. She emphasised the need to report suspicious activities to the police as soon as possible.

Reference was made yet again to the problem of speeding vehicles on the A590 as they passed through Lindal. Speeding data collected by the police suggested that average speeds were still only 35 mph although some vehicles exceeded the 40 mph maximum.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Amey Mouchel to determine what had happened to the interactive speeding signs which used to be placed on the main road at regular intervals and which were thought to be a deterrent to speeding motorists.

101/04 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of the meeting of 20 September 2004 were NOTED and reference was made to the proposed extensions. *From the floor* a brief description was given of what was proposed.

The Chairman then commented on the wonderful results of the School as highlighted in the Press and it was AGREED that a letter congratulating the School should be sent to Mr Barlow, the Headmaster.

102/04 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman reported that there was no progress regarding the proposed questionnaire and that the Clerk had not been informed as to why the suggested time-scale had not been adhered to. NOTED.

103/04 Barrow Borough Council. Housing Plan.

The Clerk reported that the Borough's formal Alteration to the Housing Chapter of the Local plan had been published and was open to comment. The items previously emphasised by the Parish Council i.e., the need for development of new houses on brownfield sites before greenfields and the on-going requirement for low-cost starter homes had both been included and further information had been secured regarding the latter.

The Borough Council were aware of the recommendations for six to eight starter homes to be provided within Lindal and Marton and were proposing to commission a further study in the new year to determine whether such needs remained the same. NOTED.

104/04 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) 15/04/1265. Variation of planning consent to allow pebble dash instead of slate on dormers, 2 Bell Hill Cottages, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) 6/04/1294. Amendment to planning consent to change windows and doors, The Old Chapel, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

105/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Highways Agency. Route Management Strategy – A590. NOTED.
- c) Standards Board. Code of Conduct. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria County Council. Winter road gritting service. NOTED.
- e) Cumbria County Council. Teenage Health – publicity material. NOTED.
- f) Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership minutes. NOTED.

106/04 Finance.

- a) The Clerk reported the cash balances as follows:-
 - Current account:- £150.63
 - Deposit account:- £1088.46
- b) The Clerk requested payment of petty cash in the sum of £28.56. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the above payment be approved. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that the Residents Association had requested financial assistance in respect of a Christmas Tree at Marton, up to a maximum of £50. (see minute 99/04 (d) above). It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that such expenditure be approved. Carried unanimously.
- d) The Clerk reported that a request for financial assistance had been received on behalf of the North West Air Ambulance – the helicopter service. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that a sum of £50 be donated to this body. Carried unanimously.
- e) The Clerk submitted a letter from Barrow Borough Council regarding the amount of precept required for 2005/06. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Weall and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the precept remain the same as the current year i.e., £1800. Carried unanimously.

107/04 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Morgan referred to the problem of large vehicles (not necessarily HGVs) using the lane which runs from near to the Church and down past the side of Hempland Cottages to the A590. There had been examples of damage to the walls at the bottom of the lane and action should be taken to prevent similar occurrences. It was AGREED that the Clerk would

make enquiries as to the possibility of preventing such vehicles from using the lane and at the same time, determine what the situation was regarding the Council's request that this lane should be made one-way.

- b) Councillor Hickey commented on the apparent delays in getting defective street lights repaired. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to the County Council to ascertain that Council's policy regarding such repairs and the time-scale to be expected.
- c) The Clerk reported that he had received notification of a change of licensee for "The Anchor". NOTED.

108/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 6th January 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.