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

Present:- Councillors T Weall (Chairman); R Hickey; R Lord; A Waite.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs D Morgan.

Also present: approx. 20 members of the public.

In attendance:- Apologies were received from Cumbria Constabulary, who were unable to attend.

63/04 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th August, 2004.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th August 2004 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Hickey.

SECONDED:- Councillor Waite.

Carried unanimously.

64/04 Matters arising.

- a) 54/04 (c) Councillor Hickey asked for clarification on the “green” wheelie bin situation. The Clerk confirmed that he had received a response from Barrow Borough Council indicating that there was still a short-fall in the Borough regarding the number of bins which were available, with this tied in with the capacity of the collection service. At present, the Borough could not cope with an expansion of the service but it was pointed out that Lindal and Marton were not alone in this, with other parts of the Borough suffering from a similar deficiency in the collection service. An emergency service was available, however, with residents able to ring 894760 for a free collection of “green” waste, providing this was not unduly large.
- b) 54/04 (d) The Clerk reported that he had heard from the Borough regarding dog waste and the need for additional warning signs and bins. It was AGREED that the Clerk should ask the Borough to affix as many metal signs to lamp posts etc as was possible, with the distribution being left to Borough officials. Insofar as the sticky-back labels were concerned, which gave a similar warning sign regarding dog waste, it was AGREED that the Clerk should request a supply for

the next meeting, with residents then being able to collect any such signs for affixing to garden gates and the like. It was NOTED that there were no plans to increase the supply of bins throughout the Parish at the present time.

65/04 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

Apologies had been received regarding the inability of an officer to attend.

66/04 Report of School Governors.

There were no minutes for submission.

67/04 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman reported on a meeting recently held at the Town Hall with planning and highways officials when the broad outline of a revised scheme regarding improvements to the Green was agreed. Des Metcalfe, the landscape architect, would be preparing revised drawings which would eventually be placed on display in the Buccleuch Hall as part of the consultation with the residents of the Parish.

The various elements which would be put before the Parish for their consideration would be

- a) The War Memorial. This would not be moved but a small area of paving would be provided around it. The railings at the rear would be re-shaped to include a gate and two benches. The Memorial may be renovated at the same time, using separate funding (available for all Memorials).
- b) The railings would be renewed, using a similar design to the existing ones. Final decisions regarding drainage and some form of kerb on which to mount the railings are awaited.
- c) The entrance by the Buccleuch Hall would have a semi-circle of paving to counteract the development of a muddy patch.
- d) A small gate would be provided opposite the Church to facilitate walking to the Memorial through the trees.
- e) Vehicle access would be in the form of a new double gate near to the existing western pedestrian access, which would be removed. "Grasscrete" hard-standing for vehicles would be placed adjacent to the gate.
- f) Gate at the north end. Two options will be put to the Parish for consideration:-
 - If a gate is favoured, at the apex of the Green, the traffic-calming requirements will probably involve a speed-hump at the foot of the hill (bottom of Pit Lane) to slow down traffic going either side of the Green; one or two humps at the Memorial end of the Green (the "triangle" by the Church might be sufficient on that side of the Green): and road-narrowing (as opposed to humps) outside the Buccleuch Hall and also opposite, on the western side.
 - If a gate is not favoured, the traffic-calming may only be the hump at the bottom of the hill together with the road-narrowing suggestions. NB Final recommendations are still awaited from highways regarding the precise type of traffic-calming for both options.
- g) Paths. A path would be provided to link the Church gate, the Memorial, the Buccleuch Hall entrance and the north gate. (If this gate is not provided, the path would cease some yards before the apex.) The paths would have two or three

benches and would be designed to be as unobtrusive as possible regarding colour, shape and materials.

The Chairman confirmed that the revised drawings would not be available for assessment until the end of October because of holiday difficulties. The consultation was not anticipated before the end of November.

During discussions *involving the floor* the Clerk confirmed that he would be helping to compile a draft questionnaire, in order to help speed up the process, but that the Town Hall had the ultimate responsibility for this exercise, on behalf of the Borough Council's Executive Committee. Doubts were also expressed about the effectiveness of the traffic-calming suggestions.

Regarding the questionnaire, it was also suggested that the Chief Executive of the Borough, Tom Campbell, had mentioned in the past that the answers from residents living adjacent to the Green could be weighted so that they would count for more than answers given by other residents. The Clerk confirmed that he would refer the matter to Mr Campbell for clarification.

68/04 Proposed diversion of public footpath, Marton.

The Clerk reported on correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding the request by the landowner for a slight diversion of the footpath no 602046 which runs from Tarn Flat, near The Old Chapel, in an easterly direction across fields.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Weall and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council offer no objections to this proposal so long as there were appropriate signs to identify the footpath if any diversion was approved. Carried unanimously.

69/04 Cumbria County Council. Consultation re "Delivering priorities"

The Clerk introduced correspondence from C.C.C. inviting comments or recommendations on those matters which the County felt were their priorities in the delivering of services to the public. NOTED.

70/04 Barrow Borough Council. Draft Licensing Policy

The Clerk introduced correspondence from the Borough Council in the form of a draft of the Licensing Policy which the Borough had to produce prior to the implementation, from 7th February 2005, of the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 NOTED.

71/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) "Partners Against Crime" newsletter. NOTED.
- c) Cumbria and Lake District Joint Structure Plan. NOTED.
- d) Age Concern information leaflets. It was AGREED that these could be left in the Buccleuch Hall for public use.

72/04 Finance.

- a) The Clerk reported that the cash balances were as follows
Current account - £250.05
Reserve account - £1588.46
- b) The Clerk requested payment of the first part of his honorarium for 2004/5, in the sum of £275, together with a petty cash cheque for £16.66. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that these payments be approved and cheques duly authorised and signed. Carried unanimously.

73/04 Any Other Business

- a) The Clerk referred to correspondence received after the Agenda had been prepared, regarding a planning application, with a requirement for a decision on the matter before the next Parish Council meeting in October. Accordingly, the Chairman confirmed that, as the matter was urgent, it could be discussed and a decision given, viz:- 6/04/925/157 Ground floor extension forming study, with new porch – 22 London Road, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council express “no comment” on the application. Carried unanimously.
- b) The Clerk introduced correspondence from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister regarding draft Codes of Conduct for local government officials and political activity undertaken by such staff. NOTED.

74/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The Date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 7th October 2004, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.