

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd February 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present:- 12 members of the public.

11/05 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th January 2005.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th January 2005 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite
SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

12/05 Matters arising.

- a) 100/04 The Clerk reported that he had now received information about the inter-active speed signs on the A590. It seemed that these had only been used as an experiment and the Highways Agency had yet to decide whether they should be used permanently. NOTED.
- b) 2/05 (a) The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting information about the HGV signs for the A590. NOTED.
- c) 2/05 (b) Councillor Lord enquired about the lane to the side of Hempland Cottages and the Clerk reported that he was still waiting for a definitive answer. NOTED.
- d) 2/05 (c) Councillor Hickey drew attention to the problems of street lights which appeared to be prevalent throughout the Borough. NOTED.
- e) 9/05 (a) Councillor Waite asked whether the Marton residents had agreed upon the style of gate for the park at Marton. The Clerk confirmed that the decision had been passed over to the contractor responsible for the waste water treatment plant improvements for his attention.

13/05 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

No officer was in attendance.

14/05 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

No minutes were to hand.

15/05 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman reported that a routine meeting between the Parish Council and the Borough Council, which had been arranged for Monday, 31st January, had not taken place because the representatives from the Borough had not turned up. It had been hoped that the meeting would have clarified the situation regarding progress on the village green development and the questionnaire.

However, the Clerk was able to report that progress was apparently now being made on this matter and that he proposed to get in touch with the department concerned on Friday, 4th February. It was hoped that a meeting could then be organised to finalise the arrangements. NOTED.

16/05 Cumbria County Council. Draft Local Plan.

The Clerk introduced a document from the County Council which set out its draft transport proposals for the period 2006 to 2012. Comments were invited by 11 March and it was AGREED that the Clerk would circulate the document in order that councillors could make informed comments at the March meeting.

17/05 Cumbria Air Ambulance. Collection of clothes etc for re-cycling.

The Clerk submitted correspondence from the newly-formed Great North Air Ambulance Service indicating that a large part of its fund-raising was centred on the collection of items like clothing, surplus mobile phones, empty ink cartridges etc which could be re-cycled. The organisation was anxious to include all areas in its collection and the Parish Council was invited to suggest how this might be achieved.

It was AGREED that the Air Ambulance Service be advised that the Parish Council was willing to help and that one possible method might be to ask any residents with such surplus items to bring them to the Buccleuch Hall on a specific day for subsequent collection by the Service.

In addition, *from the floor* it was suggested that Lindal school might wish to assist by requesting pupils to bring such items to school on a set day.

18/05 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED
- b) Cumbria Association of Local Councils – questionnaire. It was AGREED that the Clerk, with the Chairman, would complete the questionnaire about the work and functions of the Council.
- c) Barrow Borough Council minutes, 25/10/04 to 13/1/05. NOTED.
- d) Furness Partnership minutes, 1/10/04. NOTED.

- e) Residents Association minutes, 13/1/05. NOTED.

19/05 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- current account - £503.57
Reserve account - £602.16
- b) Clerks remuneration. It was PROPOSED by the Chairman and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the balance of the Clerk's remuneration, in the sum of £250, be authorized and a cheque duly signed. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk requested permission to introduce a further item for payment, namely, the annual fee for the monthly magazine, "Local Council Review", in the sum of £13. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that this be authorized and a cheque signed. Carried unanimously.

20/05 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Hickey asked whether any news was forthcoming about the outstanding waste bins for garden refuse. The Clerk undertook to contact Barrow Borough Council to establish the current position.
- b) Councillor Waite asked about any proposed screening of the newly re-furbished waste water treatment plant at Marton by the planting of bushes and trees. The Clerk confirmed that he would establish what United Utilities plans were in this regard.
- c) *From the floor* it was asked whether a mirror could be erected at the foot of Snipe Ghyll in Marton to assist motorists wishing to pull out at that junction. It was AGREED that, as there was a mirror available to be used for this purpose, the Chairman would approach a local resident to discuss the possibility of mounting the mirror on, or adjacent to, his land.

21/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3rd March at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.