

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs D Morgan.

Also present:- Approximately 24 members of the public.

22/05 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd February 2005.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd February 2005, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord.

SECONDED:- Councillor Waite.

Carried unanimously.

23/05 Matters arising.

- a) 20/05 (a) Councillor Hickey asked whether any information was forthcoming regarding “green waste” wheelie bins. The Clerk reported that he had been advised that there was a shortfall in the number of vehicles available for collection of such waste but that Barrow Borough Council was exploring ways of extending the service.
- b) 12/05 (a) and (b) The Clerk reported that he had been advised that the requirements for advance HGV warning signs on the A590, together with one-way working etc on the lane to the side of Hempland Cottages, would be considered by the County Council later in the year. NOTED.
- c) 20/05 (c) Councillor Hickey enquired as to progress with the mirror at the foot of Snipe Ghyll. *From the floor* it was mentioned that the Residents Association, who had the mirror for this purpose, had decided since the last meeting to seek advice from the Highways officials before releasing the mirror for the landowner to affix on his property. NOTED.

24/05 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

No-one was present from Cumbria Constabulary and, given that this was the third month that this had happened, it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact the Police to see whether there had been a change of policy.

25/05 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2004 were NOTED.

26/05 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman confirmed that the long-awaited questionnaire to gauge the opinion of parishioners on the proposals for the Green was soon to be distributed by Barrow Borough Council. The latest plans illustrating the proposals were on display within the Buccleuch Hall and the Hall would be open for inspection of the plans on Sunday, 13 March, and Saturday, 19th March between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. Plans were also placed in The Anchor, The New Inn and Kurly's hairdressers. The plans were separated into five options and parishioners were asked to register their agreement/disagreement with each one, each option to be taken as a whole. The Borough Council's Executive Committee would decide what to approve regarding any development of the Green in the light of the opinions registered. It was anticipated that the questionnaires would need to be returned by Friday, 25th March. (to be confirmed)

27/05 Standards Board. Consultation regarding review.

The Clerk reported that the Standards Board for England and Wales, the body responsible for monitoring the conduct of local authorities, was intent in conducting a review of the processes involved. All authorities were being consulted and were invited to express their opinion. In the light of some concerns expressed by councillors, the Chairman invited Mr Alan Postlethwaite (Chairman of the Borough's Standards Committee), *from the floor*, to give a brief outline of the situation. It was AGREED that the matter would be an agenda item for the April meeting.

28/05 Discussion documents, "Why neighbourhoods matter" and "Vibrant local leadership".

The Clerk introduced correspondence from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as part of the on-going effort to improve and develop local government. It was AGREED that the documents would be circulated for information.

29/05 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) 6/05/127 variation of condition 9 of 04/722 to enable front garden to be enclosed with boundary wall – house planned for land adjacent to 33 Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Parish Council decline to support the application on the grounds that the wall would
- be visually intrusive in an area which hitherto had been a small open space:.

- be potentially hazardous as and when children or animals exited the property onto the road, by restricting visibility, with there being no footpath.
- Reduce the ability to park vehicles belonging to, or visiting, the applicant off the road.

Carried unanimously

b) 6/05/128 amendment to 04/722 to add additional kitchen and porch windows on house planned for land adjacent to 33 Marton. It was PROPOSED by the Chairman and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Parish Council express no opinion on this application. Carried unanimously.

c) 6/05/145. Outline application for residential development on land to rear of Marton Hall and Glebe Farm, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Parish Council express its concerns on this application regarding

- The narrowness of Moor Road and the potential for traffic hazards as and when vehicles from the proposed development came out onto Moor Road.
- The lack of any indication as to the overall number of properties envisaged for the site, with half-a-dozen being considered as not unreasonable and ten to twelve being judged as over-intensive
- The lack of any indication that the development would include a proportion of low-cost starter homes.

Carried unanimously.

d) 6/05/146. 2-storey rear extension, kitchen/diner with playroom and bathroom on top, 12 London Road, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by the Chairman and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council express no opinion on this application. Carried unanimously.

30/05 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill. Summary details. NOTED.
- c) Highways Agency. Summary of road works. NOTED.

31/05 Finance.

- a) The Clerk reported that the cash balances were:-
Current account:- £240.57
Reserve account:- £602.16
- b) The Clerk requested authorisation of payments to the Honorary Auditor (£30): rent for the Council's use of the Buccleuch Hall, from May, 2004 to March 2005 (£100): and petty cash (£13.08) It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that such payments be APPROVED.
Carried unanimously.

32/05 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman reported that he had been made aware of more problems regarding dog fouling on pavements, and that dogs were being exercised in the playing field. He indicated that he was seeking advice as to whether the Council could “name and shame” the individuals responsible, where the names of those concerned were known.
- b) *From the floor* it was pointed out that some areas in the Parish were suffering from plastic silage bales being left on the ground as and when such bales were opened. Reference was made to the new Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill which would give local authorities the power to penalise any landowners who created such waste without ensuring its appropriate removal.

33/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 7th April 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.