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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th February 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor R Hickey.

Also present:- 40 – 45 members of the public.

In Attendance:- Sgt Vicky Wilding and PC Steve Johnston of Cumbria Police.

11/04 Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 9th January 2004.

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 9th January 2004, were taken as read and APPROVED, with one amendment, viz:- Minute no 5/04, 5th line, should read “14th January 2004”

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs D Morgan.

SECONDED:- Councillor R Lord.

Carried unanimously.

12/04 Matters arising.

117/03 The Clerk reported that United Utilities had agreed to the suggestion that they fund the provision of new gates to the park at Marton, as part of their up-grading work to the waste water treatment plant. NOTED.

13/04 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

- a) The Clerk reported that Mr Roger Mallett, the Traffic Management Officer from Cumbria Police was unable to attend. The arrangements for showing the video presentation regarding the use of radar “speed guns” by the local community was postponed until the April meeting. NOTED.
 PC Johnston, a member of the Police Rural Team, who was in attendance with Sgt Wilding, gave a brief explanation as to how the system worked.
- b) Councillor Lord asked whether attention could be given to what appeared to be an abandoned car by St Peter’s Church. PC Johnston was able to explain that the matter was already in hand via his colleague PC Bill Livingston.
- c) PC Johnston indicated that the latest issue of the Furness Rural Team Policing Newsletter had been too late to be delivered to the Parish via “Aspects” but he had brought them with him for anyone to collect as they left the Hall. The

Chairman confirmed that the remainder would be issued along with the next “Aspects”. PC Johnston also suggested that parishioners who were concerned over any policing matters could contact him using email at steve.johnston@cumbria.police.uk

- d) A question was also raised about the effectiveness of the interactive speed sign on the A590 in Lindal and PC Johnston undertook to look into the matter.

14/04 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for assessment.

15/04 Development of Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman reported that 15 letters had been received complaining about the lack of consultation over the plans for the improvements to Lindal Village Green. In addition, several had been received confirming their support for what was being proposed. He referred to the occasions over the last couple of years when this subject had been discussed in open Parish Council meetings together with the two public meetings organised by the Residents Association when the consensus view was one of support for the general thrust of the proposals. It had always been said that a further meeting would be held (planned for the next night, 6th February) to enable interested parties to comment on the details embodied in the final drawings.

In discussions involving the floor it was apparent that there was still some disquiet, mainly amongst those residents living directly adjacent to the Green and specific reference was made to the War Memorial, the questionnaire from 1999 and vandalism or nuisance created by children. PC Johnston sought to reassure those who were concerned about such nuisance by assuring them that the police would do their best to give support and assistance so long as any problems were reported at the time they were occurring.

The Chairman repeated that the Council considered that sufficient consultation had taken place to enable a formal planning application to be submitted to Barrow Borough Council, given that funding appeared to be imminent. Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Weall and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that an application for outline planning permission be submitted to Barrow Council.

Carried unanimously.

16/04 Provision of lights – bus shelters on the A590.

The Clerk referred to the lack of any illumination in the bus shelters on the A590 as it passes through Lindal. It had been suggested that the shelters could be made more user-friendly, particularly for the very young and very old, when having to wait for buses at night, if they were illuminated and clearly visible to passers-by. It was AGREED that the Clerk should make enquiries to determine whether lighting could be provided.

17/04 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) 6/04/78/123 Reserved matters re agricultural worker’s dwelling, Tarn Flat, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs

Morgan that the Parish Council make no objections to this application. There were three votes for the proposal and one abstention. The PROPOSAL was carried.

b) 6/04/19/186. Listed building consent. Alterations to windows, with interior amendments, 33, The Green, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Parish Council make no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.

18/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 7.7.03 to 15.1.04 NOTED.

19/04 Finance.

- a) The Clerk confirmed the cash balances as follows:-
Current account £437.55
Reserve account £533.19
- b) The Clerk submitted the following cheques for authorisation and signing:-
 - Petty cash - £31.79
 - Renewal of subscription – “Local Council Review” - £12.50
 - Election expenses, Barrow Council - £112.52.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that such payments be authorised and cheques duly signed. Carried unanimously.

20/04 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that he had only just received correspondence from Barrow Borough Council, too late for the Agenda, regarding a planning application, as follows:-
6/04/106/86 Listed building consent re amended roof lights (rear elevation) 32, The Green, Lindal. A response was required by 20.02.04. Accordingly, the Chairman decreed that, as the matter was urgent, the matter could be debated and a decision reached. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that the Parish Council offer no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) The Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council had approved the application by Lindal and Marton school to develop their garden ground at the rear of the School, so long as appropriate screening, in the form of bushes etc, took place for the benefit of the adjoining private residence.
- c) Councillor Waite commented on the recent heavy rain and subsequent flooding of a culvert in Snipe Ghyll. The Chairman undertook to pursue the matter.

21/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the date and time of the next meeting should be Thursday, 4th March 2004, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.