

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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Councillors:-  
Mr A Waite (462922); Mr R Lord (464034). Ms S Rainbow (462383.) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

### **Present:-**

Councillors R Lord; Ms S Rainbow; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

**Apologies:-** Councillor A Waite.

**Also present:** - 2 members of the public.

### **In attendance:-**

PC Karen Harris, Cumbria Constabulary.

### **117/08 Election of Chairman.**

In the absence of Councillor Waite it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that Councillor Howarth act as Chairman for the duration of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

### **118/08 104/08 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **119/08 Disclosure of Interests.**

Councillor Howarth declared an interest in agenda item 12 (d) in that the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party was organised by the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee of which he was Treasurer.

### **120/08 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor. Mrs Kelly. Carried unanimously.

### **121/08 Matters arising.**

- a) 107/08 (a) Councillor Ms Rainbow enquired as to the latest position regarding the telephone kiosk which was still awaiting repair. The Clerk confirmed that he had had no reply to his email enquiries and had, therefore, written formally to BT to complain about the lack of action.
- b) 107/08 (b) Councillor Ms Rainbow asked whether there had been any progress regarding the complaint about speeding on London Road. The Clerk replied that the Traffic Management Officer had carried out a brief survey and had seen no evidence of speeding. No further action was proposed at the present time.
- c) 109/08 Councillor Ms Rainbow enquired as to progress with markings on the roadway outside the school. It was confirmed that Capita had the matter in hand.
- d) 112/08 Councillor Lord asked whether any decision had been reached regarding the application to fell a sycamore tree in the garden of 1, The Green, Lindal. The Clerk indicated that a decision on this matter was still outstanding. Councillor Lord also enquired about the application to site a field shelter to the rear of The Green. *vide minute 99/08 (a)*. The Clerk confirmed that this had now been approved.

### **122/08 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.**

PC Harris advised that she was following up a complaint about a trailer being parked long-term in the roadway opposite St Peter's Church and which constituted a potential hazard to road-users. She also confirmed that Police Community Support Officer Louise Perry had commenced and would, hopefully, be able to attend the next meeting.

PC Harris referred to a series of incidents which occurred in Pennington Lane, Lindal, during the early hours of Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October when several cars had had their wing mirrors knocked off. At the same time there was a theft of garden lights from a property on Ulverston Road. The culprits had not yet been apprehended and the Police were anxious to hear from anybody who could offer any information. This can be done anonymously, if necessary, and PC Harris can be reached on 0845 3300247.

Councillor Lord pointed out examples of inconsiderate, and potentially dangerous, parking on The Green immediately adjacent to the A590 crossroads. PC Harris indicated that she would pass this to her traffic colleagues in order that they might give this area more attention.

Councillor Mrs Kelly drew attention to vehicles parking on double yellow lines adjacent to the hairdressing salon on The Green. PC Harris confirmed that the enforcement body was now Barrow Borough Council although, because of their limited resources, it was unlikely that they would be able to monitor the area.

### **123/08 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.**

There were no minutes for consideration.

### **124/08 Lindal Village Green.**

There was nothing to report.

### **125/08 Prospective Wind Farm, Standish Cote.**

The last meeting of the Liaison Group was scheduled for Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. No representatives from the Council were in attendance and there was no confirmation as to whether the meeting had taken place. The latest correspondence from Infinergy appeared to be a "round-robin" directed to all those who had been complaining to the company and was clearly in place of individual responses to all those who had written to Infinergy.

The Parish Council was dissatisfied with both the methodology employed in responding and the contents therein, which did not answer the questions put. It was also noted that Infinergy

had declared their intention to use the Buccleuch Hall as one of their exhibition sites, from October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup>. It was clear from the absence of any exhibition material that this had not happened.

#### **126/08 “The making and enforcement of byelaws”.**

It was AGREED that no action was required regarding any response to this document.

#### **127/08 Remembrance Sunday. Services at War Memorials.**

It was AGREED that the service at the Lindal War Memorial, on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.15 am would be attended by Councillor Howarth and the Clerk, and the Marton service, at 2.00 pm, by Councillor Ms Rainbow.

#### **128/08 Planning applications relating to the Parish.**

2007/0382 *details re drainage and landscaping, 33 Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

#### **129/08 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Borough Council minutes, 15/7/08 to 26/9/08. NOTED.
- c) Codes of Conduct for councillors and employees. It was AGREED that this document be circulated with a view to further discussion at the next meeting.

#### **130/08 Finance.**

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2520.81
- b) Report from Councillor Howarth re internal audit service. It was confirmed that the internal audit service, currently the responsibility of Mr John Bentley, was being performed in a satisfactory manner. Mr Bentley was content that the Council’s finances were being managed competently; that records were kept accurately; that vat was reclaimed as appropriate; that all payments were made in accordance with decisions made by the Council. Councillor Howarth’s report was accepted.
- c) The Clerk submitted for payment an invoice from the British Legion in the sum of £33 in respect of the Poppy-Day wreaths. This was approved.
- d) A request was received from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee, the organisers of the Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party, for financial assistance, in line with previous years. (Councillor Howarth took no part in the discussions.) It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that a sum of £250 be approved on this occasion. Carried unanimously.

#### **131/08 Any Other Business.**

- a) Councillor Ms Rainbow drew attention to the Christingle service, scheduled for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, and it was AGREED that this would be further discussed at the December meeting.
- b) *from the floor* it was pointed out that the Residents’ Association was holding a meeting elsewhere at the same time as the Council meeting which made it difficult for those who might wish to attend both. It was AGREED that this was unfortunate, the Clerk pointing out that he had not been approached by anybody from the Residents’ Association to discuss the matter.

**132/08 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

*(All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.)*