

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); R Lord; D Howarth.

Apologies:- Councillors Mrs Glover; Mrs Kelly.

Also present:- 2 members of the public.

In attendance:- PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.
(Apologies from Borough Councillor [Dalton North Ward] Barry Doughty)

36/11 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

37/11 Disclosure of interests.

None

38/11 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd March 2011.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd March, 2011, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord. Carried unanimously.

39/11 Matters arising.

- a) 34/11 (c) The Clerk reported that the mechanical road-sweeper attended Lindal and Marton every three weeks, on a Tuesday, and that the last occasion was Tuesday, 22nd March. The next scheduled visit would be on Tuesday, 12th April, and every three weeks thereafter. It was suggested that an item be prepared for "Aspects" to publicise this information, in case residents wished to move their cars on the days in question.
- b) 34/11 (b) Councillor Lord enquired whether the pot-holes in Marton had been reported. The Clerk confirmed that this had been passed on to the Highway Steward and certain work had been carried out. The Clerk would contact the Steward again to report other problems in Lindal.

40/11 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that there had been two instances of out-houses, or sheds, having been broken into recently, in Pennington Lane and at the abattoir. No culprits had yet been apprehended.

41/11. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of the Governors' meeting of 18th January were NOTED..

42/11 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *B12/2010/1376. Application re free-range chicken farm at Maidenlands Farm, Marton. Notification of Appeal against the refusal of planning permission.* The Clerk reported that, following the refusal by Barrow Council to grant planning permission for a chicken farm at Marton, the applicant had exercised his right of appeal. All those who were consulted, or made representations, regarding the planning application had the right to make their views known to the Planning Inspector and, as a consequence, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Clerk write to the Inspector in order to emphasise the Parish Council's support for Barrow Council's decision. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B28/2011/0206. Development of housing at site of Anchor Inn, Lindal. (already approved). Submission of Site Investigation Report.* The Site Investigation Report was in accordance with Condition 4 of the planning permission and was meant to determine the risk of soil contamination. The Report suggested that "no hazards to human health have been identified" and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that such Report be NOTED. Carried unanimously
- c) *B24/2011/0179. Listed Building consent. Demolition of wash-house etc to rear of 24, The Green, Lindal and erection of conservatory.*
- d) *6/2011/0180. Erection of rear conservatory, 24, The Green, Lindal.*
It was AGREED by the Chairman that items (c) and (d) could be considered together and after perusal of photographs of the buildings to be demolished etc., together with the plans for the conservatory, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council express "no comment" on both applications. Carried unanimously.

43/11 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 25/01/11 to 17/03/11. NOTED.
- c) Cumbria County Council voluntary car scheme. This enables volunteers to use their private cars (with expenses reimbursed) to provide transport for individuals who are unable to use either public or private transport to get to places such as hospitals, shops, libraries etc. It was AGREED that details of the scheme should be publicised in "Aspects".
- d) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Meeting 15th March. NOTED.
- e) Lindal Playgroup. The latest newsletter was NOTED, along with thanks for the Parish Council's financial assistance towards the cost of the gate. *Vide minute 21/11 (b) February, 2011.*

44/11 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account - £682.49. (NB The precept of £2,500 not yet received from Barrow Council.)
- b) The Clerk reported that his computer (used for the Parish Council's work) had recently required attention but that this had been inadequate and as a consequence, he had had to purchase a new computer tower. The total cost had come to £409.97 and he was requesting that the Parish Council contribute an amount of £109.97 towards this expenditure.
- c) The Clerk also confirmed that the Council's insurance with AON Limited was due for renewal and that the papers had just been received. He recommended that the premium of £292.94 (£271.19 last year) be accepted and that this amount be paid.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that items (b) and (c) be approved. Carried unanimously

NB. Following a query from Councillor Howarth as to the details of the insurance premium, the amount is made up as follows:- (more detailed information, if required, can be obtained from the Clerk.)

1	Mandatory Cover:- Public liability; employer's liability; money; fidelity guarantee	
	Section premium:	239.46
2	Not Covered. (Property damage; loss of revenue; officials indemnity; libel and slander; extra fidelity guarantee; personal accident;)	
3	Legal Expenses	Section premium: 32.18
		Sub-total: 271.64
		IPT (Tax) 16.30
		Admin Fee 5.00
		Total due: £292.94

45/11 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Lord drew attention to the salt/grit which had been left by the County Council by the War Memorial in Lindal for use by parishioners during the recent icy weather. Whilst some had been used, the remainder was now an eyesore and it would be more appropriate if it could be removed. Councillor Howarth suggested that he could possibly arrange for it to be removed.
- b) The Chairman referred to two events organised by Barrow's mayor, the first being a visit on 28th April to the Town Hall followed by, possibly, a trip to Piel Island, and the second being a "charity soiree" at the Town Hall (price £15) on 15th April. NOTED.

46/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting, which would be the Annual General Meeting, was AGREED as Thursday, 5th May 2011, at 7.30 pm. **This would be held in St Peter's Church** because of the elections due to be held in the Buccleuch Hall on that date.

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